



St. John Preschool  
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# Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

## Welcome!

Welcome to our wonderful preschool class. We are so excited about the year ahead of us. The main focus of our next few weeks is to help our students get comfortable in their new surroundings, help them make new friends and help them learn the routines that keep our classroom humming. We are very grateful for the time we get to spend with your children. Know that they are in for a lot of fun and an amazing amount of growth this year!



## Prayer for our school year

Dear Lord,  
Grant our children ready and teachable hearts. Bless us in faith, hope and love. And, may we train up our children in the way you have taught us, so that even when they are old they will not depart from it. We ask this in your name.  
Amen

## Circle Learning

Our preschool friends will be having a great time this week learning all about what it means to be a preschooler. We will practice our Good Friend Fred's rules for how we are to use our hands, eyes, ears, and mouths. We will also be working on becoming familiar with all of our new routines and new friends in preschool! The foundations we set in the next few weeks make our days run so smoothly as the year goes by.

## Jesus Time

Our Jesus time will be right where it all began with God creating the world. We have so much we can learn from this story in Genesis! We will especially be focusing on the following lessons:

God made the whole world and everything in it!

God's Creation is beautiful and amazing!

We are part of God's creation and so are special to Him.

We must help to take care of the world He made for us.

## Music and Movement

Music and Movement are two of our favorite things about being in preschool. There is nothing quite like shaking our little bodies to a beat! See the next page for the lyrics to some of the songs your little one will be singing this year in school.

We also hope to get our little ones outside to work out our muscles and explore our wonderful little play land. Check with your child to see what part of the day was their favorite this week.

## Sing Along Fun

### Table Blessing

Come Lord Jesus.  
Come Lord Jesus.  
Be our guest. Be our guest.  
Let all these gifts be blessed.  
Let all these gifts be blessed.  
Amen. Amen.

### He's Got the Whole World

He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,

He's got the little bitty babies in his hands .

He's got you and me brother . . .

He's got you and me sister . . .

He's got everybody here . . .

He's got the wind and the rain . . .

He's got the sun and the moon . . .

He's got the whole world . . .

### Good Bye Song

We're so glad you're in our classroom,  
our classroom, our classroom. We're  
so glad you're in our classroom at St.  
John Preschool. We're glad to have  
(name) and (name) and (name). We're  
so glad you're in our classroom at St.  
John Preschool.

We'll see you all on \_day, on \_day, on  
\_day.

We'll see you all on \_day at St. John  
Preschool.



## This Month's Birthdays

August 4 - Kira

August 31 - Mrs. Rosenwinkle

September 8 - Audrey



## Parent Corner

Thank you all for the wonderful home visits and orientation. These little visits really do help our children to ease into preschool feeling much more confident and comfortable.

Just a few quick reminders. We will be providing water for snack time. If your child would prefer a different drink feel free to send one labeled with his/her name. Also we would love to have you all attend the St John Family picnic on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. A flier with RSVP form has been sent home. This is another wonderful opportunity for our children to build their friendships and for our parents to get to know each other better as well.

I am really looking forward to a wonderful year with your children!

Joy,

Mrs. Gretchen Scheel