



## **St. Mark Preschool**

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Dear All Saints by the Sea Families,

I'm Taundra Pitchford, the director of St. Mark Preschool. We share in the sadness and the loss in our community. Everyone is connected in one way or another. Somehow through the sadness, comes new opportunities. We're honored to be able to offer you a place to call home for a while.

Who are we? St. Mark Preschool has been around for more than 50 years and I have been here for nine of those years. Our philosophies are similar to All Saints. We are located in the San Roque neighborhood next to Hope School. We have a large fellowship hall, a huge outdoor play area with plenty of shade, a sandbox, climbing structure, playhouse, creek, labyrinth, swings, and three bunnies. We also partner with Hope School for our special education program – so along with our staff, you'll see speech therapists, adaptive PE and occupational therapists. We're all looking forward to having you here.

We're thankful to St. Mark United Methodist Church and Santa Barbara Church of Christ for their willingness to relocate to other parts of our campus in order to accommodate the new classrooms. Our Preschool Advisory Council, Community Care Licensing, Padric and I have worked diligently to see the process through. This afternoon, we began moving out of the rooms to make room for your supplies and equipment and to give the teachers a chance to start setting up their new classrooms.

The morning drop-off will be a little busy, so we're asking you to drop off and pick up in the front entry or you can park in the parking lot located on the right, once you enter the driveway. We'll have someone outside to direct you during the first couple of days. Please be courteous and safe with the other cars.

This is a tremendous opportunity to teach our children about the importance of community and we are thrilled to be able to help our neighbors. On Monday morning, we will be out front with hot coffee and open arms for our new family members. Welcome!

Taundra Pitchford,  
St. Mark Preschool Director