

A Fly on the Wall...

Mrs. Barta's Pre-first

Pre-first is off to a great start this school year. We are adjusting to the new schedule, routines, rules, and expectations of Pre-first. We continue to build on our school rules, Be Kind, Be Safe and Have Fun! The students have added some new rules for our class to follow. I am confident that these children are ready to be the "Leaders" of Redeemer by setting good examples and helping the younger children when needed. We have enjoyed the first several weeks getting to know one another a little better through our "All About Me" unit. We have also jumped right into our language arts and math programs through reviewing letters, sounds, writing and number sense. It is going to be a terrific year and I am looking forward to watching your children grow, learn and explore!



Mrs. Wyatt & Mrs. Zuidema's 2s

The Twos are off to a terrific start! Everyone is settling in nicely and becoming comfortable with the routine. Mask wearing is still a challenge, but we will get there. We have spent the past week talking about feelings and emotions. One of our activities was to recognize how someone was feeling (happy, sad, or mad) by his/her facial expressions. We made a "Feelings Wheel" to help us share how we are feeling. Next week, we will start our unit on apples which will include tasting red, green, and yellow apples. We will also talk about the color red. We cannot express how happy we are to be spending our mornings with your children. It is a gift to be a part of their love for simple pleasures like painting with water on the concrete only to have it evaporate. We thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us.



Spanish with Mrs. Wyatt

¡Hola! Spanish class is off to a great start! We began our year talking about the Spanish language and where it is spoken. We learned how to tell someone our name, "Me llamo Señora Wyatt," and we are working on the numbers 1-10. We also learned the colors red and blue. Each week, we will review what we have already worked on, as well as learn some magnífico new things. Before you know it, we will be singing, "Cabeza, hombros, rodillas, pies (Head, shoulders, knees, and toes)!" I am looking forward to a fun year with your children! ¡Gracias!

Pre-k with Mrs. Arrup, Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Knott

Pre-K is off to a fantastic start at Redeemer! The children have settled in nicely to our school routines and we are all taking advantage of the sunshine and our beautiful campus. We accomplished quite a few fun projects with the letters A and B so far. Ants and alligators were a big hit, and we painted red apples for our alphabet books after we taste tested quite a few. B was a fun letter with bears, bean bags, balloons and eating bananas while balancing on a balance beam! Just kidding, we ate bananas sitting down while socially distanced from each other! C and D will allow us to practice lots of cutting, counting and doing our Dot to Dots and dancing! We are looking forward to all the changes that we will observe now that fall has officially arrived. The children will probably come home with leaves, pinecones, feathers and any other "treasures" they find while we are out investigating our grounds. We are all so glad that the classes are having fun and interacting with old and new friends seamlessly. Thank you for the gift of your children; we are enjoying their energy and smiles.



The 3s with Mrs. Blair, Miss Ball, Mrs. Hobson & Mrs. Schroeder

The 3's are off to a terrific start! They have all settled into their "Redeemer Routines" beautifully. We have completed our first two weeks of specials: Art, P.E., Music, and Chapel. September has been all about CIRCLES and the color RED as you can tell from the projects coming home. We have also been working on name recognition and getting to know each other. Our September Nursery Rhyme is "Mary Had a Little Lamb"...be on the lookout for this project coming home soon, as it kicks off our year long Nursery Rhyme book. Details to come!

Everyone has been doing a wonderful job with their mask wearing...it can be difficult for them to put back on by themselves after snack or when they fall off. Please help your little one practice putting their mask on all by themselves! It will be a huge help for all.

We have loved discovering our new playground and learning areas as we spend a lot of time outdoors. As the weather gets cooler, please send layers & watch the weather so your child can be dressed for comfort for the chilly mornings that turn into sunny or rainy afternoons. It feels like Fall is already here! As always, feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kindergarten with Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Vandenberg

September is just flying by in kindergarten! We have been so busy learning the letters/sounds, writing, and doing math. We have already done t, b, f, m, n, u, and i. We will be learning c and o next week. We are focusing on writing the lowercase letters and on the numbers 1-10 in math. We are learning about 5 and 10 frames and having fun playing number games. We are learning about the five senses this week and will be studying apples and colors in the upcoming weeks. We are so lucky to have your child in our class!



Enrichment with Mrs. Craig

The focus of our enrichment classes has been our raised bed garden. We explored what was down in the soil, and found it alive with all kinds of creatures from worms to beetles. Next we examined different types of seeds and planted all four beds. We are enjoying observing all the tiny growing sprouts! Each class created a collaborative stepping stone choosing beautiful beads and tiles to decorate them. The Kindergarten and Pre-first classes made beautiful seed mosaics as well. We have been learning about flowers and pollinators also and are so fortunate to have our rain garden for observation and exploration of both!

PE with Mrs. Craig

Our P.E. classes have been practicing all kinds of locomotor skills: skipping, galloping, jumping, running and walking. We love warm up activities with music playing and working on improving our balance with yoga poses. We have been playing simple cooperative games and are enjoying getting to know one another!



Library & Literacy with Mrs. Cummings

We are off to a wonderful start in library/literacy! I am grateful to be working with your children. This month I read a variety of friendship and Autumn stories. The children loved them! Feel free to ask you child what their favorite book was!



Lunch Bunch with Miss Ball, Mrs. Schroeder & Mrs. Wyatt

Lunch Bunch is off to a great start! The children have been playing get to know you games, and using various art materials to create and explore. The children have adjusted well to the new style of Lunch Bunch this year and are having fun in their smaller age level groups. We have used our beautiful grounds here at Redeemer to our advantage and have spent as much time outside as possible. The children are now comfortable with dining al fresco and as always get many reminders that they can talk to their friends and eat at the same time! Thank you all for sending your children in layers it is amazing how much the weather changes from 8:30am to 3:00! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are loving the time spent with your children!