

Little Bridges News

October 2018



Calendar of Events

Book Fair

10/1 – 10/5

School Age Min. Days

10/8 – 10/12

Pumpkin Patch Field Trips

Ducks: Fri 10/5

Giraffes/Jaguars: Fri 10/12

Koalas/Pandas: Fri 10/19

Costume Parade

Wed. 10/31 9:30 AM

Food Drive

11/1 – 11/30

CLOSED – Veteran's Day

Monday 11/12

School Age All Day Camp

Friday 11/2

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11/19 – 11/21

CLOSED – Thanksgiving

11/22 & 11/23

Enrichment Classes

Soccer Shots (3-5 yrs)

Mondays

Tuff Tumblers (2-4 yrs)

Thursdays

Art & Soul Music (SA)

Wednesday

Book Fair 10/1– 10/5

The Book Fair is coming! This year we will have two separate areas for the book fair. The Little Bridges Office will be set up with Infant/Toddler Board Books, Preschool Picture Books and Adult Books. Easy Readers, Chapter Books and Posters will be set up in the Gathering Hall. Both areas will have registers that take credit cards for easy purchase. Check out both areas – it's not too early to start Christmas shopping!

Every classroom will also have a "wishlist" bin filled with books the teachers would like to add to their classroom library. This is a great way to contribute to your child's education here and say "thanks" to our teachers.

Little Bridges Costume Parade

On Wednesday, October 31st, all preschool children will parade around in their costumes at 9:30 a.m. We will rope off an area in the parking lot for the parade route.

It is easiest to send your child to school in their costume with a bag of clothes to change into. Please label everything and remember that anything scary or violent (including masks and weapons) are not appropriate for a school setting.

Little Bridges Spirit Wear

We have a limited supply of Little Bridges t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale in the preschool office. These are different than our orange fieldtrip shirts. Sizes range from onesie infant shirts to adult sweatshirts. You have probably seen a few teachers and students wearing these lately – come get a shirt and show your Little Bridges pride!

Operation Christmas Child

Every fall, Canyon Creek Church participates in Operation Christmas Child - a special project led by Samaritans Purse. We put together shoeboxes filled with toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, and hygiene products and send them around the world to kids in need. These children are impacted by poverty, famine, war, or natural disaster. The gifts bring Christmas joy and introduce the kids to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 28th at 2:00pm for a OCC Packing Party!

Snuggle Up and Read!

The Book Fair is here! The following are some tips to help encourage children to fall in love with reading.

Tips for reading to Infants through Preschool

- Snuggle, snuggle snuggle! Reading books together is a special time to bond and enjoy each other.
- Read with expression using different voices for different characters.
- Emphasize rhythms and rhymes in stories. Give your preschooler opportunities to repeat rhyming phrases. I often pause right before the next rhyming word in the story and have kids "read" it to me.
- Use pictures to develop vocabulary by talking about what is shown.
- Encourage your child to ask questions. Provide models of interesting questions and examples of possible answers. "I wonder what is going to happen next? I bet David is going to get in trouble because he broke the vase. What do you think?"
- Look for books that are about things that interest your young child. For example, does your child like cars, insects, or animals?
- Make reading a habit - before bedtime, after lunch...
- Give your child a chance to choose his own books for reading. If your child chooses a book that is too long to hold his attention, read some and skip some, discussing the pictures and how they relate to the story.
- Read stories again and again. Children enjoy repetition and it helps them become familiar with the way stories are organized.

Tips for reading to and with children in K through 3rd grade

- Snuggle, snuggle snuggle! Keep reading aloud to your child even when he can read.
- Try reading books with chapters and talk about what is happening in the story. Encourage your child to make predictions about what will happen next and connect characters or events to those in other books and stories.
- Be a good role model and read for enjoyment– books, newspapers, magazines - and then share your reading experiences with others. My children know that I love going to my monthly book club meetings and even ask what we talk about!
- Talk with your child about favorite authors and help him find additional books by those authors.
- Take turns reading a story with your child. Don't interrupt to correct mistakes that do not change the meaning.
- Enjoy yourself and have fun when you're reading together. The most important thing you can do to help your child become a successful reader is to let him know that you enjoy and value reading.
- Talk with your child about stories using the notions of the beginning, middle, and end of the story to organize thinking and discussion.

Tips for reading to and with children in grades four through six

- Snuggle, snuggle, snuggle! Take turns reading a book with your child. I remember reading the Harry Potter books aloud to my boys when they were in middle school. They were old enough to read it on their own, but what a nice memory we all have of that time as we went through the adventures of the series together.
- Ask your child to compare a book to another familiar book. How are the characters alike or different? Do the stories take place in similar settings? How are the illustrations the same or different?
- Ask if your child liked the ending of the story. Why or why not?
- Talk about the mood the story or chapter in a book creates. Ask how the author created that mood. Was it with words? Pictures? Drawings?
- If your child has read more than one book by the same author, ask how the books are similar or different.

Whatever you do, make it fun and enjoyable. A perfect place to start is by bringing your child to next weeks book fair and finding special pieces of literature together – then take those books home and snuggle, snuggle, snuggle!