



The Little School at MDPC
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OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

After a delayed start to our school year, we are now in full swing! The children are adapting well (faster than I ever remember!) and the teachers are bonding and having so much fun!

October promises to be a busy month and will truly kick off all of the fun events we have planned for the rest of the year!

As always, if you have any concerns and questions, please let me know! I always have time for you!

Love, Candice

Picture Time!

On Tuesday, October 10th and Wednesday, October 11th, Jamie Miller from *In Focus Photography* will be here taking individual pictures of our children. For those of you who are new to Little School, Jamie is a great photographer and can usually get a great picture of almost every child here. You will bring your child to school as usual and they will go as a class to have their pictures taken. If your child is not registered on Tuesday or Wednesday, you may drop by at 9:30 on one of those days and we will work you in. The pictures will be available for purchase two weeks after picture day. If you have any questions, please let me know!

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### Upcoming Events and Special Days

- October 9<sup>th</sup> - TLS (The Little School), YS, and MDPC closed - Columbus Day
- October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - Individual pictures

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Mark your calendars!!!
The Little School Book Fair
November 7th - 9th

BABY DRIVE

From October 30th through November 10th, we will be collecting donations for our annual Baby Drive for the Spring Branch Teen Parent Program. This is our opportunity to donate diapers, wipes, food, and gently used or new clothes to this wonderful Spring Branch program! Our PAC Outreach Coordinator will let us know what they need most this year! Look for the flyers and bags at the end of the month!



Chapel Chat – October

Classes 105, 104, 112, 113, 114 and 115 have chapel on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Each month, the bible thought for chapel will be in the newsletter. October's Chapel Chat: During Chapel Time, your children will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive Bible lesson with elements of singing, praying, and even games while they learn about the love that God has for us. We have started the year learning about Creation, that God made it all, and we will continue with the promises that God kept with both Noah and Abraham. We look forward to spending the year with your children as we share the love of Christ with them!

BOOK ORDERS

A book order for October is coming home now! You may always order online at Scholastic.com (there are even more choices of books online!) – just use our code KPG3V. This is an awesome way to build your child's home library with inexpensive books and we realize points towards free books for our school! How awesome is that?

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- When signing up for snacks in your child's room, please check with the teachers about any allergies present in the classroom. It would be wonderful for all of us to avoid any potential reactions!
- PLEASE provide updated shot records after each visit to the doctor for immunizations

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### The Little School Book Fair

The Little School will have a Scholastic Book Fair November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in the Summit Room at the church. There will be an excellent selection of preschool books – including Christmas and gift books (think Christmas presents!).



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### Playground Update

As you may have noticed, The Little School is getting a new playground! As with every construction project, there have been some challenges that have affected the length of the project. As this is a complete redo, there have been many factors to consider (drainage, tree and tree root removal and construction of the structures).

We are being told that the children will be playing on the new playground by the end of October – I know that not only will the teachers be happy – you will all be happy as well! We are also in the process of ordering more cars and sand toys and are excited!

The children are watching and waiting and ready to play! In the meantime, our teachers are taking the children into the playroom (not my favorite option) and on lots of walks! So – by the time the weather cools down, we will be outside on our new playground!



## Church Events

### Parents' Night Out

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, there will be a Parents' Night Out. This program is for children 12 weeks to 10 years of age and costs \$20 per child (\$15 per sibling). Please check out the MDPC website for more information and to register!

### MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)

On the first and third Thursday of each month, from 9:30 to 11:15, Moms come together to connect, share, learn and have fun! Register online through the MDPC website – childcare is free and you will have fun connecting with other moms who are a lot like you!



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As a reminder, if you have not paid September tuition, the amount is half of your normal rate. For those of you who prepaid the school year, you will receive a refund check for one-half of the amount. Please be patient with me, this is not a small task but I promise that I will get it done!

Automatic withdrawal of tuition (for those of you who have chosen this option) will begin in October. As always, thank you for your patience and let me know if you have any questions!

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For those of you who utilize our extended day options, you may email Allie Frazier at [afrazier@mdpc.org](mailto:afrazier@mdpc.org) with your needs. She will then make sure that we are staffed and organized for the afternoon.

Kellie Finch handles billing and statements and may be reached at [kfinch@mdpc.org](mailto:kfinch@mdpc.org). Kellie also handles the records for our children and is in the process of contacting everyone if there is anything missing. This is especially important right now as the Health Department will be reviewing our records this month! Thanks for your help!