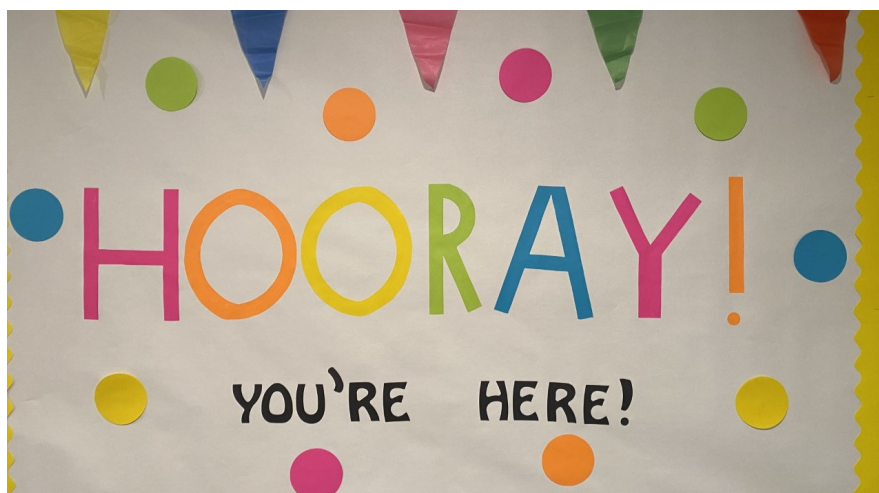


## Preschool News 9/16



### A Note from Ms. Jess

Congratulations, everyone! We just finished up our first FULL week of preschool this year. We are rolling into fall quickly and I have been fortunate to see so many fun things happening in the classroom - name decorating, new books being read, graphing eye colors, painting (for the first time!), and even activities for National Dot Day. The weather has been gorgeous this week and the kids have enjoyed some great time on the playground, too.

The beginning of the year is always interesting - we learn about each child and we watch them grow and develop throughout the year. Something that is joyous for us to see are the friendships and connections these kiddos make with each other that last during their preschool years and beyond. Connections are so important, especially with little ones, and I dedicated this week's blog to just that. Please read more about my feelings about connections in my most recent "A Note from Ms. Jess", found here: <https://soapstoneumc.org/a-note-from-ms-jess-14/>

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy this amazing weather! We will see you all back again on Monday for another exciting week of teaching and learning at the preschool.

### Carpool Helpful Hints

Thank you to our families for doing an amazing job rolling through the carpool line every day. I love seeing everyone when I collect numbers! We are beginning to move through afternoon carpool a little faster, and we wanted to offer a few helpful hints to allow our carpool line to continue moving in a steady and efficient manner.

- 1) If you need to help your child buckle in, please hop out of your car as soon as you pull into your spot (#1-#8).
- 2) Practice with your children (4's & TK) how to buckle into their car seat. It's never too early to start and it will give them much needed experience when they start Kindergarten.
- 3) Friday carpool is MUCH faster than any other day of the week. Please be sure to arrive at the school in time to pick up your child before late fees incur.

We appreciate your continued patience with dismissal! Thank you so much!

## Soapstone Preschool Fundraisers

There are several ways you can support Soapstone Preschool! We will kick off our **GoPlaySave** book sale in the next week. More information will be going out shortly, including a fundraising flyer and collection envelopes. This is one of our big fundraisers each year and we are grateful for your support! Our GoPlaySave fundraiser will wrap up on Wednesday, October 5.

**Scholastic Books** is another way to help support the preschool and your child's love for learning. We are moving our book orders to an online format this year. Books can be shipped directly to your home. You can shop online here:

Shop Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/XN447>

## SUMC Phase Event for Parents

Soapstone United Methodist Church is hosting a "The Phase Event" for parents on Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Come join other parents who are raising children in the same age and stage as you, get to know another leader who can be a voice in your child's life, and understand more about where your child is now and where they're likely to grow this year. There will be breakout sessions for preschool parenting, elementary parenting, and parenting older kiddos. Visit <https://soapstoneumc.org/the-phase-event/> for more information and to register for this event. Ms. Jess will be leading the preschool-aged breakout session!



## Preschool Chapel

Preschool Chapel is BACK! It felt awesome to be in the sanctuary with our 3's - TK classes so we could again sing a song, read a Bible story, and say a prayer.

This week, Mr. Danny told the story of Creation. In the beginning, God made light and the sky, and it was good. God made water and land, plants and trees, and it was good. God made the sun, the moon, and the stars, and it was good. God made animals, living creatures, and people. And it was good.

We are all part of God's creation. Look around you at home. What things do you see that are part of God's creation, too?

## Soapstone Science

We are still in need of a few volunteers for **this Monday's** Science day. If you are able to help out, even for an hour or two, we would love to welcome you into the preschool. Please be sure to visit the sign-up [HERE!](#)

## Speech & Language Screenings

We are thrilled to welcome Dogwood Pediatric Therapy back to the preschool for speech and language screenings. These screenings are open to children in the 2's - TK classes and will be held on October 3 & 4. An information and parent consent form went home earlier this week. We ask that all families return the forms to the preschool office no later than Tuesday, September 27. The form is attached to the newsletter in case you need a new one!

## Soapstone UMC Connections!

Soapstone United Methodist Church offers opportunities for in-person and virtual worship, along with children's activities, as we celebrate God's Word. We would love you to join us!

- Kids Rock!: Sundays from 5:00pm-6:30pm (ages 4-5th grade)
- 8:30 & 11:00: In-person service in the Sanctuary
- Online Worship: One services will be livestreamed on Sunday mornings - be sure to check it out on (and subscribe to!) the [SUMC You Tube Page](#).
- Children's Sunday School: 9:45 am (in the preschool wing)
- Nursery Services are offered for children 5 and under during Sunday School and the worship services.

For a full listing of ALL the children's events at church, please visit [SUMC's website](#).

## Dates to Remember

**September 19 & 20:** Science Days

**September 26:** WCPSS Workday, Preschool Closed

**September 27:** Deadline for Speech & Language Screening Forms

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