

# Our Savior's Lutheran Preschool

2015 September Newsletter



## Developing 21st Century Problem solvers...

During the 2014 TED conference, National Teacher of the Year Award winner Rob Stephenson gave his compelling speech on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in today's classroom. Stephenson's strategies gave teachers across the country and even here at Our Savior's the inspiration to continue to strive for excellence in the classroom as well as empowering our students to be complex problem solvers.

Allowing a child to solve problems is sometimes a challenge for us adults for a typical child will solve problems with busy hands, energetic minds, and messy spaces. This challenge when looked through the

eyes of exploration and discovery can equip children to not only solve their immediate problem but empower them to persevere into world wide solutions. Bringing STEM into our Early Childhood Education environments only allow for empowerment of children asking more questions, making more hypotheses, creating results, and implementing solutions in their day to day interactions. STEM is not something that is meant for just the classroom-STEM can be proposed to children at home, in the grocery store, walking on the beach trail or even going to Grandma's house-STEM stimulation for children is as simple as allowing children to find curiosity when ever possible and giving them the tools to excel in supporting superior problem solvers with our

conversations and interactions to our surroundings.

This year ahead at Our Savior's, may you find and appreciate the many learning moments of your children-the questions and curiosity will begin starting the first day! It is our hope and prayer that once your child discovers that they are important and valued members of their education community-their natural curiosity of learning will only be fostered and gain beautiful growth!

Here's to a year of superb learning and fostering love and may you find many moments to grasp curiosity and allow your child to be the next generation of problem solvers!

*Take care and Blessings to you all,  
Katherine Yeakel  
OSLS Preschool Director*

## Message of the Month:

Love is Patient

Genesis 17:1-56 & 17

The story of Abraham and Sarah

Chapel Offering for  
September will be given to  
the Semper Fi Fund



Service Project of the  
Month:

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Rally Day Event on 9-13-15

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think-  
Albert Einstein

## A Note from our Teachers:

**Mrs. Hardison:** Welcome to Preschool! This is such an exciting time for you and your child here at OSLS. During the year the children will have so many opportunities to learn new skills, as well as strengthen those skills they already have. This is a time for growth and exploration, for learning social skills and making friends, and I feel so blessed to be a part of this special time in your child's life! During this first month of school, our unit is "All About Me". We will be getting to know each other, learning classroom rules, and our daily routine, along with concepts such as colors, shapes and sizes. The preschoolers will be sharing about what makes them special, along with their family, home, and pets. This is a fun and engaging unit that helps us all get to know each other.

**Mrs. Waugh:** Welcome to Our Saviors Lutheran School! I feel blessed and excited to be able to provide your children with many new opportunities to learn, explore, and grow in the coming year. I especially look forward to getting to know each of you and your child. September will be a busy month, so please remember that Picture Day is Wednesday, Sept. 9th for all classes. Also, for those who could not attend, or want to retake a picture, Tuesday, Sept. 29th is makeup day. We are also holding the OSLC Rally Day on Sept. 13th. Finally, our Back To School Night will be on September 17th. Please put these dates on your calendar!

**Mrs. Micallef:**

*SEPTEMBER THEME: "I'M SPECIAL"*

*BIG IDEA: "What makes me special?"*

During the Pre-K years children begin to develop a sense of self – of their special and separate identities. They develop their own interests, and they learn that language is an important tool for expressing those interests. Thus the first month of the new school year we will focus on helping the students think about and explore the things that make them unique and special. We will listen to selections and engage in activities that focus on what makes each and every one of us special. Simultaneously, we will learn that, in spite of differences, people are the same in many ways.

**Mrs. Wohlfarth:**

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Preschool! I am so excited about meeting each of you and letting you each see how we have transformed our Outside Classroom!

Everyday our students will have an opportunity to have hands on learning experiences with daily lessons and daily fun! Be on the look out creative minds and energetic learning! God bless each of you-you are loved dearly.....

## September Dates:

**8/30: Teddy Bear Picnic  
from 2pm-4pm @ Linda  
Lane Park**

**9/1: "Meet Your Teacher  
Day" from 9am-11am**

**9/3: First day of school  
for T/TH and PreK \*No  
day care or lunch bunch!**

**9/4: First day of school  
for MWF AM & PM \*No  
day care or lunch bunch!**

**9/7: CLOSED in honor of  
Labor Day**

**9/9: Picture Day!**

**9/13: OSLC Rally Day**

**9/17: Back to School  
Night from 6pm-7pm**

**9/28: First Day of  
Enrichment**