

Dear Parents,

As we look forward to the beginning of a new Sabbath School year, here are some reminders about the children's classes:

### **General**

- Please refer to the class list (separate attachment) for the **Fall quarter beginning Sunday, September 7**. Classes run from 11:10 AM – Noon
- Children are assigned to their classes based on their age on September 1. Children are eligible, but not required, to enter the Sabbath School program the quarter after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. They move into the Preschool class the quarter following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Otherwise, children remain in the same class for the entire school year.

### **Psalm Singing**

- Children in the **Toddler through Younger Elementary classes will meet in the Big Classroom between the morning worship service and Sabbath School for a time of Psalm singing**. Children will be escorted from there to their classes at 11:10 AM.

### **Safe Church Policy**

- To comply with our Safe Church Policy, all teachers and helpers must be members of the congregation and have completed a background check. In addition, all classes will have at least two adults present.
- **Parents are responsible for their children from the time the worship service ends to the time when Psalm Singing or Sabbath School begins. Children should not be left unsupervised in the classroom before the teacher and another adult arrive.**
- It will be a great help to our teachers/helpers if you **encourage your child to take care of any restroom needs before class begins**. If a child needs to leave the classroom to use the restroom or for any reason, two adult hall monitors (one male and one female) will be on duty to escort the child to the restroom. If the child needs assistance in the restroom, the hall monitor will contact the child's parent.
- At the end of class (Noon), children in the Toddler and Preschool classes should be picked up from their classroom by a parent or another designated person. Please be considerate of your child's teacher/helpers and pick up your child promptly when class is over.

### **Curriculum**

We use Great Commission Publications (GCP) material for children in the Toddler through Older Elementary classes. You may find an overview of the curriculum [here](#). (Please note: GCP refers to our Older Elementary Class as "Preteen/Young Teen; not to be confused with our Young Teen class!)

- The children will have "take home" papers each week so that parents may see what was taught in class. Incoming Toddlers will receive bags to help these items get home safely. If your child is absent, teachers are encouraged to put that week's papers in your church mailbox.
- Pastor Wise and Chris Eddy will select the topics and teachers for the older students in the Young Teen (ages 12-13) and High School classes (ages 14-18).

### **Bible Reading**

Please encourage the children as much as they are able to read their Bibles daily. Children in the Middle Elementary class will be bringing home a paper called "Soul Food," and in the Older Elementary class it is called, "Devo." These papers contain daily Scripture reading assignments that connect to each week's lesson. If additional guidance or resources are needed, please speak to your child's teacher or to a pastor or elder.

### **Scripture Memory**

- Each quarter, Rachel Rich will provide the students with a card with that quarter's Scripture memory passage on one side, and a chart to record progress on the other side.
- Children will recite memory work to their teacher or helper/observer during class time, and the teacher/helper/observer will keep a record of each student's progress. If you would like the chart on your card to match the teacher's record, please send it to class with your student.
- We want to encourage accurate memorization. The **listener may give students 2 hints per verse, or up to 6 hints for the recitation.**
- Students can memorize at any pace.
- **Turn verse cards into Rachel Rich** when you finish them.
- Awards: We want to celebrate and encourage students who work hard to memorize God's Word. At the end of the school year, we will recognize students who have reached these award levels:
  - Blue-Recited all verses for at least one quarter
  - Silver-Recited all verses for all quarters
  - Gold-Recited all verses for all quarters, plus full recitation for each quarter. (Younger Elementary and up are eligible.) These students will be allowed to select a book as their reward.

May God richly bless our children and our efforts as we teach them in this upcoming year, for His glory.

The Christian Education Committee:

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