

OCTOBER 2025

Grace ECC News

GRACE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER

- 2 - Preschool Field Trip to Lehner's Pumpkin Farm & the
- ECC PRESCHOOL is CLOSED.**
- 9-10 - Infant/Toddler Fall Fun Days
- 16 - Low-level Lockdown
- 16-17 - Scarecrow Days Dressup
- 26 - Trunk or Treat (4-6 pm)
- 27 - ECC Food Drive Begins
- 27-31 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER

- 24-25 - Thanksgiving class parties
- 24-25 - Preschool Thanksgiving Village
- 26-28 - **ECC CLOSED** - Thanksgiving



Trunk or Treat

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The ECC will hand out lots of candy at Grace Polaris' Trunk or Treat. We'd love for you to bring your entire family out for this fun event on **Sunday, October 26 from 4-6pm**. Besides all the candy, there will be hot dogs available. Last year's Trunk or Treat had over 1200 kids, so **we are accepting candy donations**. If you would like to donate, please drop off a bag of individually wrapped candy near the ECC office by Friday, October 24.



Paperwork Updates

WATCH FOR NOTICES

Every fall, we kindly ask all parents to take a moment to review and update their child's enrollment paperwork. This ensures that we have the most accurate information, including addresses, medication details, and authorized drop-off or pick-up individuals. This small step is crucial for your child's safety and well-being, and we truly appreciate your attention to detail! When you find a notice in your child's box, we invite you to stop by the office. Thank you for partnering with us to create a safe and nurturing environment for your child!



We're Hiring!

The Grace ECC is seeking a qualified individual to join our **Kitchen** team for 3 hours a day, (10:00-1:00) for 15 hours per week. Go to **Grace-ecc.com** and look under the Careers tab to find more information and to apply.

ECC PARKING LOT SAFETY



Parking Lot Safety Reminders

USE CAUTION, PLEASE

We truly care about the safety of all our families in our parking lot, and together, we can create a secure environment! As you back out of parking spots, please take a moment to check your surroundings – look behind you and side to side. Remember to keep your speed in check, too! To help keep traffic flowing smoothly, we kindly request that you avoid using the parking lot as a shortcut between Worthington-Galena Road and Lazelle Road. When dropping off or picking up your child, pull into a parking spot. **Please note that the area in front of the overhang isn't a designated drop-off/pick-up zone.** We also want you to walk your child from the parking lot to their classroom, teaching them the importance of staying close by. Lastly, for their safety, please never leave children unattended in your vehicle and be sure to secure or hide any valuables. Thank you so much for your cooperation and support in making our parking lot a safe, friendly place for everyone!



JACKETS & SHOES Fall Weather is Here!

We're excited to embrace the cooler weather and make the most of our outdoor playtime! Please ensure your child has a cozy jacket to keep them warm while they enjoy the fresh air. As the days shorten, we'll make the most of our morning and afternoon outdoor times! Warm socks and shoes with enclosed toes and heels will also help keep them comfy. Thank you for helping us have a fantastic season of outdoor fun!



Online Food Menus

At ECC, we provide a nutritious full lunch for our students attending the full-day program. To make meal planning easier, you can find our weekly menu on our website under the FOOD MENU tab. We also have printed copies available on the table across from the office, making it simple to grab one and stick it on your refrigerator for easy reference.

If you anticipate that your child may not enjoy the menu options, feel free to pack a lunch that you know they'll love, ensuring it includes a serving of meat or a meat alternative, a grain, a fruit or a vegetable, and fluid milk, as per ODJFS 5101:2-12-22 guidelines. Please note we cannot microwave your child's lunch. In the Infant rooms, please inform the teachers if you have provided a lunch for your child.

For those interested in learning more about our menu items and their ingredients, we invite you to visit the ECC Office and check out our Menu Binder. We're here to support you and your child's nutritional needs while making lunchtime a positive experience!

In the Classroom

PRESCHOOL

- **The 3s** will learn about Transportation, Fall, Fitness, and Nutrition. *The Bible quality for October:* Listening – paying attention with my ears, eyes, and heart. During **Bible time**, we will learn about Young Samuel, Elijah, Mary and Martha, and Philip. **Key Verses:** Deuteronomy 6:4-5, I Samuel 3, 1 Kings 19:11-13, Luke 10:38-42, Acts 8:26-40, James 1:19, 22. **Memory Verse:** John 10:27.
- **The 4s** will learn about Transportation, Fall, Fitness, and Nutrition. *The Bible quality for October:* Fortitude/Courage - To be courageous, even when things are scary or hard. During **Bible time**, we will learn about Moses, Joshua, Samson and Delilah, Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. **Key Verses:** Joshua 1:9, Exodus 1-4, 7-32, Numbers 13-14:38, 20:2-13, 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 34, Joshua 1-3, 5:13-6:27, Judges 13-16, and Ruth 1-4. **Memory Verse:** Joshua 1:9
- **The Enrich 4/5s** will learn about Transportation, Fall, Fitness, and Nutrition. During **Bible time**, we will learn "Who is God?" We will read about Joseph, Moses, Joshua, and Ruth. **Key Verses:** Genesis 37, 39-45, Exodus 2-12, Joshua 5:13, 6, and Ruth 1-4. **Memory Verse:** Luke 11:28 and Matthew 7:7.

TODDLERS

- The Toddler classes this month will focus on the **themes** of Fall and Harvest. During **Bible time**, we will learn the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. The **Key Bible concept** we will explore is "God provides for me," and the **Bible Verse** for the month is Philippians 4:19: "God will give me what I need."
- **Please remember to bring wipes and diapers for October!**

INFANTS

- In October, the Infants will be learning about Fall and Harvest. The **Bible story** will focus on Daniel and the Lion's Den. The **Key Bible concept** is "God provides for me," and the **Bible Verse** for the month is Philippians 4:19: "God will give me what I need."
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