

# Willowbrook WEE



October 2023

<https://willowbrook.org/weekday-early-education/>

Verse of the Month:

God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1

## From the Director

What a great start to the school year it has been!! Thank you parents for all of your support and patience. Our school days are going great! ALL of the teachers and students are so excited to be in school with their friends. WEE loves your children. Each child is a blessing to all of us and I hope they all feel welcome and loved each day they come to school.

First I would like to share a quick insight into our September chapel. Our verse and character lessons were on kindness. We discussed what we called "thumbs up" kind choices and "thumbs down" unkind choices. The children have been working on showing kindness, making thumbs up choices and having thumbs up days!

My goal at the beginning of each year is always to learn each child's name so I can greet them each day with a personal good morning to start their day. And as I stand there watching these sweet faces come through our doors I reflect on how quickly time passes. I see sweet children come through our WEE doors that have changed so much in just the few months they have been away from school. Some of these sweet friends have been here for years and some are new but the time we get to spend with each one is precious. Since my own son is now at UA living away from home I think about all of the time we have spent together and memories we have made but it just never seems like enough. I can not encourage you enough to make the most of the time you are given with your children. It will be time you both will never forget.

I would like to share with you a song that a special friend who is lovingly known around WEE as Mr. Sunshine shared with us during Chapel a few years ago. As you read these words, think about them, and let them sink in. We are the biggest influence on our children's lives. Don't we all want to use this power of influence to make a mighty impact for the Lord?

He climbs in my lap for a goodnight hug  
He calls me Dad and I call him Bub  
With his faded old pillow and a bear named Pooh  
He snuggles up close and says, I want to be like you  
I tuck him in bed and I kiss him goodnight  
Trippin' over the toys as I turn out the light  
And I whisper a prayer that someday he'll see  
He's got a father in God 'cause he's seen Jesus in me  
Lord, I want to be just like You  
'Cause he wants to be just like me  
I want to be a holy example  
For his innocent eyes to see  
Help me be a living Bible, Lord  
That my little boy can read  
I want to be just like You  
'Cause he wants to be like me

## Monthly Reminders

### Dates to Remember

9/29-10/6: Fall Break, School Closed  
10/13: Tuition Due (Date extended due to Fall Break)  
11/10: Veteran's Day, School Closed  
11/20-11/24: Thanksgiving Break

### Tuition Reminder

Tuition is posted to Procure on the 1st of the month. If you are set up for ACH autopay, payment will process on the 8th.

### Procure Sign In/Out

Please wait for the sign in/out confirmation screen before closing the app. If your screen times out or your sign in is unsuccessful please know that every day after carline, we double check the electronic sign in against the classroom attendance taken by teachers.

### Stay Up to Date

Please make sure notifications are turned on in your Procure app.

### Carline Reminders

Please share all important carline information with whoever is doing drop off or pick up.

- Please snake through the front parking lot when the line backs up beyond the front of the church.
- Also if you are using carline and use a code to sign in/out, please stop by the person working carline and give them the code.
- If you arrive after 8:30 and the staff is not outside, carline has ended and you will need to walk your child up to the WEE doors.
- The same applies for the afternoon. If you arrive and the staff is no longer outside, you will need to walk up to the door to get your child.
- Also, if you are late in the morning or the afternoon, or if you come to check out your child, you are welcome to park under the pull through.

# Willowbrook

## WEE

<http://willowbrook.org/weekday-early-education-wee>



### From the Director, continued

Got to admit I've got so far to go  
Make so many mistakes and I'm sure that You know  
Sometimes it seems no matter how hard I try  
With all the pressures in life I just can't get it all right  
But I'm trying so hard to learn from the best  
Being patient and kind, filled with Your tenderness  
'Cause I know that he'll learn from the things that he sees  
And the Jesus he finds will be the Jesus in me  
Right now from where he stands I may seem mighty tall  
But it's only 'cause I'm learning from the best Father of them all

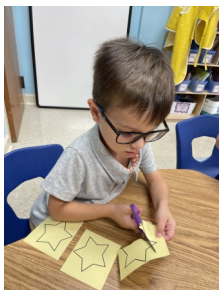
WOW!! What powerful words! Time spent together makes an impression on your children, and this will impact how they parent and how they love years down the road. Please take time this month and every chance you get to spend quality time with your children, enjoy the company of each other. Your children grow and change daily and when the time passes there is nothing that can bring it back. So enjoy your gift from God and show them your love for them in every way possible.

Thank you for allowing WEE to be a part of your children's and your family's lives. Our prayer is to always love your child with the love of Christ. I hope each family has a wonderful Fall Break full of quality time and special memories!

Happy Fall,  
Ashley Scott

### Scholastic Books

Scholastic offers a wide range of books for all ages. You can order using the flyers or for a larger selection, check out the website: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com). The classroom code is RRHQZ.

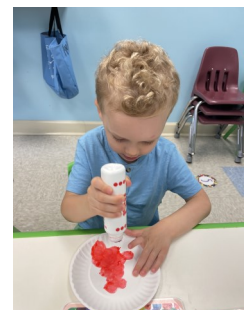


### Kindergarten

#### Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Vayda

Happy Fall Y'all! Fall is my favorite time of the year. This month in our kindergarten class we will be learning about all things fall. We will be learning about the lifecycle of a pumpkin, discussing the difference between bats & birds, and learning about spiders.

In reading, we will continue to practice our letters and sounds. We are also beginning to learn new sight words and we are practicing using them in their decodable readers. Our new readers are doing a fabulous job and I'm so proud of them all! In math this month, we will continue learning about numbers 0-10. We will also begin learning to recognize number words. Our kindergarteners have also been learning to skip count by 10's. I hope you and your family have a wonderful October!



# Willowbrook

## WEE

<http://willowbrook.org/weekday-early-education-wee>



### 4's Classes

#### Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. Stratton

Fall is my favorite season of the year, so I am thrilled to finally be able to officially welcome it! Cool crisp weather, spicy apple cider, cuddly sweaters, campfires, pumpkin spice lattes, amazing fall foliage, and of course, college football, are things I look forward to all year long! October will usher in even more fall fun with studies of autumn leaves, life on the farm, and of course, pumpkins! We will also learn about our five senses! Can you see the leaves? Feel the breeze? Hear the crunch of them under your feet? Can you smell the pumpkin and taste the spice? These are the reasons that fall is so nice!

In addition to name writing, our class literacy studies have focused on the letters C, O, and G. October's focus will be on letters: A, D, S, and L. In math, we are working on numbers and have thus far concentrated on zero. In October, we will focus on one and two, spending two weeks on each numeral.

Please refer to our class newsletter, which goes out each Thursday, for upcoming events, reminders, and our monthly Bible verse!

#### Mrs. Keel and Mrs. Brown

October is here and Fall is in the air! College football, camping, and trips to the pumpkin patch all signal this wonderful time of the year. A new month brings with it a new unit, a new Bible verse, and so many new things to learn and discover. This month our units will be Fall, Farms, and 5 Senses. We will discuss all of the changes Fall will bring. Pumpkins, leaves, and our favorite farm animals will all be a part of our learning fun in October. Our letters for the month will be A, D, S, and L.



### 4's Classes

#### Mrs. McCurdy and Mrs. Spencer

The growth from August to September and now into October has been monumental in our Pre-K classroom. We have witnessed your children begin to see themselves as readers and writers. We have had many opportunities for storytelling and playful writing experiences in our dramatic play center. For the past few weeks, that area has been the "Cookie & Cake Cafe". The children have learned how to order (with polite manners), "write" down orders and "read" the menu. In the month of October, we will change this center over to an Apple Orchard/Farmers Market and then into a Pumpkin Patch. We will begin to working with numbers and counting objects during the month of October. I'm looking forward for another month with your amazing children.

### 3's Classes

- Mrs. Herceg, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Hopper
- Mrs. McCraw and Mrs. Boothby
- Mrs. Dolph and Mrs. Address

Happy October! Fall is in the air. This month we will be learning about life on the farm as we celebrate fall. We will talk all about goats, horses, pigs, chickens, and cows! We will find out who takes care of these animals and how they do it. We will also learn about fall crops, who harvests them, and what they taste like! We will have fun learning with our senses.



# Willowbrook

## WEE



<http://willowbrook.org/weekday-early-education-wee>

### 2's Classes

#### Mrs. Angie and Mrs. Chelsey

We have had such a great start to our school year! I think they remember our schedule better than me! October brings fall fun and we will be enjoying it all. We will collect leaves, taste different apples, and cut open a pumpkin to see what is inside! Fall also brings cooler temperatures, so watch the weather and start sending in a light jacket for playground time.

#### Mrs. Sarah and Mrs. B

This year is going great! The kids get along very well and they are so much fun to be around! It is such a treat to watch them learn and practice classroom procedures so quickly.

As we enter the month of October, we will be collecting various types of leaves, tasting green and red apples, and cutting open a pumpkin to see what is on the inside! We are looking forward to a fun-filled fall!

As temperatures get cooler, please remember to pack a light jacket for your child! Thank you for sharing your precious little ones with us this school year!

#### Mrs. Misty and Mrs. Kari

Welcome to October! What a fun time we are having with our 2's. Everyone is doing such a super job learning our daily routine and getting to know everyone's name. We are so excited about this great season of fall and all of the fun activities and learning opportunities it brings.

Keep your eyes open and watch for all the exciting art work that will be coming home this month. Please remember that when weather permits, we will be playing outside. As temperatures get cooler, be sure to send a light jacket with your child.

Your children are such a joy! We really enjoy teaching them and watching them learn, grow, and make new friends. Thank you for sharing them with us!!

### Ducks and Lambs Classes

#### Ducks

- Mrs. Alison & Miss Phoebe
- Mrs. Rebekah & Mrs. Wanda

We have had a great start to our school year! Our ducks are adjusting very well to their new class. We love going on our bye bye buggy rides and look forward to seeing all the beautiful colors as the leaves begin to change. As temperatures get cooler, please send a light jacket with your child. Thank you for sharing your sweet little ones with us this school year!

#### Lambs

#### Mrs. Trisha, Mrs. Debbie and Mrs. Tosha

We have had a great start to this school year! Our little Lambs are adjusting to their new surroundings very well and enjoy playing with new toys and new friends. This month, we will enjoy strolling outside in the bye-bye buggy and noticing the changing colors and cooler weather of Fall. Thanks for sharing your sweet children with us!

