

October 2026

Parent Newsletter



Dear Families,

I'm sure you have heard the words "change is difficult." It's a constant part of our lives that brings both challenges and ways for us to grow. We fear losing what is familiar or safe. It can be uncomfortable and messy. Staying the same seems easier than doing the hard work of change. I have to admit, the older I get the more comfy I want to be. I confess to keeping a jacket or sweater with me no matter where I go! The truth is that life doesn't get better by chance, it gets better with change!

October brings a season of change! Summer moving into Fall almost always seems a welcome change to everyone I know! Beautiful colors we haven't seen for awhile appear in the trees around us. The wind picks up and the air feels crisp and cool. The sound and smell of crunchy, dried leaves awakens our senses. It's even kind of fun to think cozily of our warm weather clothes and Uggs ready and waiting in the closet!

At CCP, we talk a lot about having a growth mind-set. We have to be ready for anything! Things change rapidly here as we watch your littles grow from infants to PreK kiddos. We see the excitement they have to learn that brightens our lives and encourages us to grow into new ideas as well. It's true, we don't just watch them grow but as parents, grandparents and teachers we grow alongside them! We are blessed! Peace, Ren



Individual & Class Pictures
Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2

Gary Martin Photography

*You should find an order envelope
in your child's school bag! We
have extras in the office!*



Winter Warmth

We are collecting donations of new or gently used coats to be delivered to families in November! Look for the blue bin at the top of the stairs! Thank you!

Fall Break—CCP Closed
10/8 & 10/9



PS3 & PK Pumpkin
Carving Night
Tuesday, October 20th
6:30-7:30pm
Watch for details from your
child's teacher!



For Kids!

What's Up With That?

This month, we get to dress up for trick or treat!

Are you going to be a superhero? Maybe a unicorn?

Do you know there is an animal that wears a mask all year?

It's a raccoon!

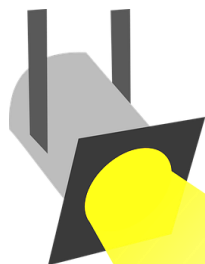
Raccoons are excellent climbers and swimmers! They mostly come out at night but sometimes, they work during the day. Work to them is finding food!

They are very smart!

A raccoon is an omnivore. That means they eat almost everything!

I wonder if they like trick or treat candy?





October Spotlight!

Music & Movement

Preschool 3s and Pre-K Parents: Don't forget Pumpkin Carving Night on October 20th. Watch for details from your child's teacher!

Mr. Pumpkin

Mr. Pumpkin, Mr. Pumpkin
Look at me, Look at me.
I can see your eyes.
I can see your nose.
Smile for me! Smile for Me!



Halloween Pumpkin (*I'm a Little Teapot*)

I'm a little pumpkin short and stout
Here are my eyes and here is my mouth
When it's Halloween and I am out
See me glow and hear me shout! BOO!

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate
The first one said "My, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are ghosts in the air!"
The third one said, "Who goes there?"
The fourth one said, "We'd better run!"
The fifth one said, "It's just Halloween fun!"
Then *whooo* went the wind and out went the lights
and the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!



Grey Squirrel

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel swish your bushy tail
Grey squirrel, grey squirrel
swish your bushy tail
Wrinkle up your tiny nose,
hold a nut between your toes
Grey squirrel, grey squirrel



The Goodbye Poem

See you later, Alligator,
in awhile, crocodile,
give a hug, ladybug,
blow a kiss, jellyfish
See you soon, Big baboon
Out the door, dinosaur
Take care, polar bear
Wave goodbye, butterfly!



Important Dates!

Oct. 8 & 9
Nov. 25, 26 & 27
Dec. 21-January 1
January 4
January 5
January 18
February 15
March 26
March 29-April 2
Mon.-Fri. May 10-14

Fall Break - *Closed*
Thanksgiving- *Closed*
Christmas Break- *Closed*
Staff only-no students
School Resumes
M.L. King Day- *Closed*
President's Day- *Closed*
Good Friday-*Closed*
Spring Break - *Closed*
Last Week of School



Sunday Mornings at Second

Your family is welcome at either of our Sunday services: 8:15 a.m. in the chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary (*Word with children included @ 10am service.*)

Nursery care is available for children 3 years and younger, while children age 4 through grade 5 can worship with their families or attend *Sunday mornings for children*.

For more information go to <https://www.secondchurch.org/Children>

Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives.

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