



Bulletin

Weekly Announcements

News and Information for Our Families

February 23, 2022

MEET OUR TEACHERS

Over the next few editions of the "Bulletin," we will be profiling our teachers. In addition to learning a bit about their background, experience and talents, you will also gain a glimpse into their hearts as they talk about why they do that they do.

Alexander Tuck

Originally from Forrestville, Md., Alex has lived in Virginia since 2003. He holds an associate's degree in business from Bob Jones University.

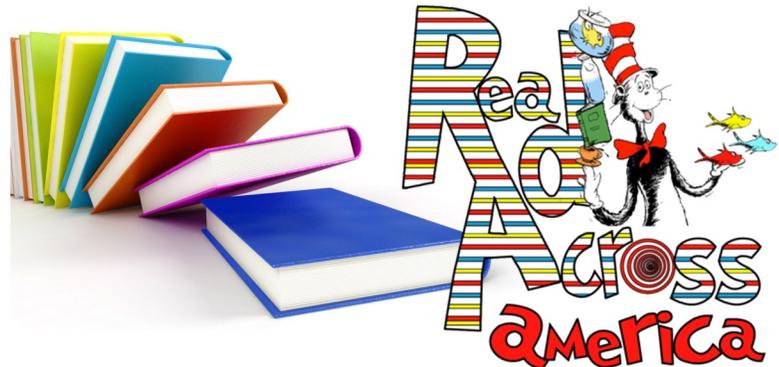
Alex has worked as a preschool and school-age teacher since 2014. He has also taught youth since the age of 17 through Royal Rangers, a Christian mentoring ministry for boys, and he served for two years as a summer camp counselor at Camp Red Arrow in Stevensburg, Va. He also enjoys playing and coaching soccer and playing the saxophone in his spare time.



Alex accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at a very young age. He compares the experience to the story of "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan. "In the story, the main character carried a giant boulder on his back," relates Alex. "When he knelt before the cross, the boulder rolled off his back.

"When I accepted Christ, I felt like a weight fell off my back, literally," he says.

"I came to The Good Shepherd Preschool because I feel like I am impacting young lives for Christ. Preschool is the most important stage of learning to mold young minds, and teaching children about God is important in mental development."



The Good Shepherd Preschool is celebrating "Read Across America Week" February 28 - March 4

Each day of "Read Across America Week" at The Good Shepherd Preschool will feature a special theme and activity based on one of Dr. Seuss's books.

Monday, Feb. 28 "Green Eggs & Ham"
Wear green & enjoy a "green eggs and ham" snack!

Tuesday, March 1 "Hop on Pop"
Bring a family photo to share with your class.

Wednesday, March 2 "Daisy Head Mayzie"
Crazy hair day; wear your hair in some unusual fashion.

Thursday, March 3 "Cat in the Hat"
Wear a favorite hat to school.

Friday, March 4 "Sleep Book"
Wear your pajamas to school.



Spring Picture Day

Wednesday
March 9

\$20 per child

Package price includes 1 individual pose and a class photo (All photos will be delivered as digital images via Google drive for your personal use and sharing)





February

28 "Read Across America"
Week (*through March 4*)

March

2 Chapel, 11:30 a.m.
9 Spring Picture Day
11 National Preschoolers Day
11 End of Grading Period
(*Early Dismissal, 12 noon*)
14-18 Spring Break
(*School Closed*)
20 Open House



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The Good Shepherd Preschool is a religiously exempt educational ministry of Highway Assembly of God. Our mission is to provide a quality, Christ-centered education to develop the whole child - mentally, physically, socially and spiritually - in establishing a strong learning foundation to prepare children for kindergarten.

Parents provide feedback **Family Survey Results**



Communication is critical to the success of most organizations. And especially for the staff at The Good Shepherd Preschool, maintaining open lines of communication and feedback with our students' families will always remain a priority.

The 2021 Family Survey we recently conducted was intended to be a tool to help us gauge how well our preschool is meeting the needs of your student. We greatly appreciate the feedback we received, and we would like to share the survey results with you.

We received responses from 14 families; 10 of the respondents were new to our preschool this year. Ages of the students represented were 43% three-year-olds, 36% four-year-olds and 21% five-year-olds.

Overall Satisfaction. 86% strongly agreed that they feel welcome at the preschool, and 71% strongly agreed and 21% agreed their child enjoys The Good Shepherd Preschool and benefits from being enrolled with the preschool. 43% strongly agreed and 57% agreed their child will be better prepared for kindergarten because of their preschool experience.

Communication. 71% strongly agreed that our preschool proactively communicates with their families. 64% strongly agreed that our weekly "Bulletin" newsletter is informative and helpful. The majority of respondents (62%) said they most prefer to hear about

events and special activities at the preschool via the brightwheel message app.

Teacher. Most parents strongly agreed that they have a good relationship with their child's teacher (79%) and are confident their child's teacher takes good care of their child (79%). 71% of respondents strongly agreed that their child's teacher is helping their student grow and develop in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Facilities/Operations/Food. Respondents strongly agreed that the preschool facility is clean (77%), that the gym and outdoor play areas are safe and inviting to children (71%), and that the facility has more than enough age-appropriate learning toys and books (71%). A total of 86% strongly agreed or agreed that snacks being served are healthy.

Family Relations. 79% strongly agreed that preschool staff did a good job to orient them to the preschool facility and explain program policies, and 71% strongly agreed that preschool policies are clear and consistently applied. 43% strongly agreed and 29% agreed they had opportunities to participate in the preschool through volunteering or participating in events or fundraisers.

Copies of the family survey with detailed statistics for all questions and responses are available to interested parents, and can be picked up in the preschool office.