



## First Covenant Treehouse Preschool & TK

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**Date:** September 13, 2022  
**To:** Treehouse Parents  
**From:** Jan E. Nienu, Director  
**Re:** Important events

Welcome to Treehouse Preschool. We look forward to an amazing year together with your family.

It is a privilege to have your family here with us at Treehouse. We are enjoying getting to know the children. It is also a real joy to have our students back from last year all grown up and much taller. The children are making friends with each other and we are enjoying teaching them. We still experience some crying in the Little Angels and Preschool classes, but it will get better each day as they feel more comfortable. Please know that your children are in good hands. The staff at Treehouse are experts in what they do. They are kind, caring and conscientious. The majority of the Treehouse staff have served here for many years and they know the drill. They are here to love, support and teach your children. They are all loving teachers and may I say “exceptionally” gifted teachers. As parents, it is difficult to leave our crying children behind but know that your children are so loved. Say a prayer for your child and for the teachers when you feel a little sad. On a brighter note, after they settle down and make friends, they will not want to come home. Some of the children who cried the first few days are now smiling at each other. Good job parents for hanging in there. Things will get better, we promise.

### **The following are a few important reminders:**

#### **School Pictures: Thursday, September 22 and Friday, September 23.**

Leah Sims from Teddy Bear Portrait will come and take pictures of our children.

The background will be green so dress your child accordingly. To avoid distractions, we ask that parents do not stay for the picture taking.

The Little Angels and Preschool Classes will take their pictures on Thursday, September 22, and the Pre-K and Transitional Kindergarten students will have their pictures taken on Friday, September 23. Pictures will be available for viewing online that same evening. There is no obligation to purchase the pictures. To participate you can fill out the form that was included in your back to school packet and return it to the office by tomorrow Wednesday, September 14.

#### **Tuition Fees Are Due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of Each Month**

Beginning with November tuition which is due October 1<sup>st</sup>, payments received after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month will be charged a late fee of \$15. If you have not paid for the month of October, which was due September 1<sup>st</sup>, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, payments are due one month ahead.

#### **Sign-In and Sign-Out**

It is very important that you sign your child in and out when you drop off and pick up. Please use your full signature, not just your initials, and always indicate the exact time. If you forget to sign in, you will be called to come back and sign your child in.

**Tuition Checks**

Checks can be made payable to “**Treehouse First Covenant Church**” or “**First Covenant Church Treehouse**”. Both are accepted by the bank. Please use the memo line for your child’s name.

**Change of Clothes**

Please bring a change of clothes for your child to be kept at school for emergency use. They will be returned to you at the end of the school year.

**Treehouse Family Connection**

We will be creating a school directory for Treehouse families. This will be released the end of October and each family will receive a copy. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year together! It is our sincere prayer that the Lord will bless and keep you and give your family much joy and happiness this coming year and always.

**Parking Lot**

Please be careful when backing out of parking spaces. We have many small children that are hard to see. Remember to drive slowly.

**Spanish Curriculum in PK & TK**

Teacher Carmen will be teaching basic Spanish to the PK students and Teacher Lorena do the same in the TK classroom.

**Lunch Preparation**

When preparing lunch for your child, please be sure to have all items bite size. Food such as **grapes** and **cherry tomatoes** need to be cut in quarters or smaller as to not be a choking hazard.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I will be very happy to meet with you and comfort you in any way I can as we make this transition together. Remember that children are not the only ones going through separation anxiety. The grown-ups are also experiencing separation anxiety as you enter a new chapter in your lives. Sending your little ones to a new school is huge. It is an adjustment for the entire family. May you be blessed and find joy as you celebrate this new season in your lives. I am here to support you, pray with you and hold your hand during this exciting new season. You are welcome to email me at [jan@treehousepreschool.org](mailto:jan@treehousepreschool.org).