

Our Lady's Little Christians Preschool

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.htm>

July, 2019 Newsletter

FYI: We still have a few openings for fall. Please let your relatives, friends, and neighbors know if you think they will love OLLC!!

July dates to remember:

Mon-Fri, July 8-12 - SUMMER PROGRAM (registration required)
Mon-Fri, July 15-19 - SUMMER PROGRAM (registration required)
Mon-Fri, July 22-26 - OLHOC Vacation Bible School – register at www.olhoc.org
Wed, August 1 - One month's tuition and all paperwork due

Gratitude:

-**Thank-you** to everyone who has referred students to us at OLLC!!

-**Thank-you** to everyone who has already completed their child's paperwork for fall!!

Reminders:

OLLC participates in Amazon Smile. Please click through the following link so that we will receive a contribution from your qualifying purchases:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0341419>

-We encourage all preschool parents and family members who will be coming to the school/church to complete the **Child Protection process**. The Archdiocese of Washington is now requiring *all* volunteers be compliant, not just those who work with children. If you are willing/able, please let Ms. Nieda know so you can obtain the necessary information to get started! There will be many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. We would like to have some family members volunteer in our classrooms. There are also opportunities to make posters, sell shirts, set up or clean up an event, prepare projects, serve on the Advisory Board, work at the Book Fair, and more. We are sure we can find a match to your schedule and talent!

-The **2019-2020 School Year** will be here before we know it! All paperwork must be completed and turned in by August 1. Please make an appointment to complete your child's file. For returning students, this appointment usually takes no more than 15 minutes. Call 301-645-7112 or email preschool@olhoc.org for an appointment.

Uniform information

Children are required to wear a red or blue OLLC logo polo shirt daily. They may wear either an OLLC logo polo shirt OR an OLLC logo T-shirt on Fridays. (Note: 2-day students may choose to wear either an OLLC logo polo shirt or an OLLC logo T-shirt on Thursdays, since they do not attend on Fridays.)

Any pants, shorts, or skirts may be worn with the following conditions: Children must be able to fasten and unfasten any buttons, snaps, or belts when using the bathroom or changing clothes. Shorts or leggings must be worn under skirts.

Shoes should have flat soles and should fasten to the child's foot. No flip-flops, crocs, or heels. Keep in mind that our playground surface is mulch.

Exceptions to this policy may be made on school photo days and during Spirit weeks.

-Tuition – One month’s tuition is due by August 1. The next tuition payment will be due no later than September 9. There will be a \$50 discount if the full year’s tuition is paid in full by September 30, 2019.

-Our license does not allow for diapers or pull-ups. If your child is not confidently potty trained by late summer, please let the director know.

Classroom News

Mrs. Salt’s and Ms. Hunt’s classes

Please provide your child with many opportunities to cut with safety scissors and use writing instruments (pencil, marker, crayon, etc.)! Children should also be encouraged to take care of as many personal care items as possible. This increases self-esteem and makes the transition to school much easier. 3- and 4-year-old children can learn to button, zip, snap, open their own snacks and drinks, and wipe themselves after using the bathroom.

Will this summer or fall be your child’s first school experience? If so, it will be helpful if you can model asking for help and expressing needs and requests.

For example:

“I need to go to the bathroom/potty.”

“Will you please tie my shoe?”

“I’m having trouble with _____. Will you please help me?”

Does your child separate from you without too much distress? Practice this over the summer. Don’t let the first day of school be the first day he or she has ever been away from you. Get a babysitter, or arrange a play date where you can leave your child with another trusted adult for a short time. It will be good for both of you! Build the trust that Mommy/Daddy comes back!

If you have a job, career, hobby or talent that you could share with one of our classes, please let us know!

Looking forward . . . Look for a (snail) mailing from OLLC containing details about student interviews and the schedule for the first week of school! Please send an email to preschool@olhoc.org if your child is registered for the 2019-2020 school year and you have not received this by July 8.

If at any time you decide that you do not want to receive email from OLLC, please send an email to: preschool@olhoc.org