



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S CENTER



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Director's Corner

It will be a good year at GCC!!

It is exciting to begin our seventh year at Geneva Children's Center. We welcome several new friends and we hope you all will enjoy the many new events and activities planned for the 2019-2020 school year. Students will also learn many new things that will help them prepare for Kindergarten in the future.

Each child develops at his/her own rate developmentally and may do less or more of the activities offered to children of the same age group. We recommend that if you have concerns about your child's development that you consult your physician and/or talk to your child's teacher.

At GCC we work with children individually, in small and in large group settings. Our teacher to child

ratios are lower so that we are able to give that extra needed help and attention to your child.

We are grateful for the education and experience that the GCC staff bring to enhance our program for your children. We encourage you to take time to meet with your child's teacher, share comments, ask questions so that they have a better understanding of your child and how to meet their needs.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in November, more information will follow regarding dates and times. Parent involvement is an essential part of your child's learning process.

We maintain an open door policy here at Geneva. Please contact me by phone at 949-581-2200 or email if you have questions, comments or concerns.

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Parent Orientation Meeting

Want to know more about GCC?

Join us for coffee and an informal 'Meet and Greet' with the Director

**Wed. & Thurs. Sept 11 & 12
8:30 am**

Chapel Time Begins

**Tues. Sept. 10
9:00 am**

Stories from the Bible will be this year's theme. Parents are always welcome to join us. Chapel meets on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9 am.

September Calendar of Events

8/26	2019-2020 School Year begins
9/1	September Tuition Due
9/2	School Closed - Labor Day Holiday
9/11 & 12	Parent Orientation 8:30 AM
10/5	GCC Harvest Festival 9 AM to 1 PM



Just Playing...

When I'm building in the block area, please don't say, I'm just playing. "For you see I'm learning as I play about balance and shapes."



When I'm getting all dressed up, setting the table, caring for the babies, don't get the idea I'm "just playing". For, I'm learning as I play. I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay, please don't let me hear you say, he's "just playing". For you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm expressing myself and being creative. I may be an artist or an inventor someday.



When you see me sitting and "reading" to an imaginary audience, please don't laugh and think I'm "just playing". For you see, I'm learning as I play. I may be a teacher someday.



When you see me engrossed in a puzzle, or some "plaything" at my school, please don't feel the time is wasted in "just play". For you see I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate. I may be in a business someday.



When you see me cooking or tasting foods, please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "just play". I'm learning to follow direction and see differences. I may be a chef someday.



When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and move my body, please don't say I'm "just playing". For, you see I'm learning as I play. I'm learning how my body works, I may be a doctor, nurse or athlete someday.



When you ask me what I've done at school today, and I say, "I played". Please don't misunderstand me. For you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in work. I'm preparing for tomorrow.



Today, I'm a child and "my work is play".

By Anita Wadley

Welcome to...



Here are a few reminders to help you get a great start...

New Student Registration Packet: Please return all completed registration forms to school prior to your students first day of school. This includes required immunization records.

Chapel is held weekly on Tuesday or Wednesday at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary. Families and friends are welcome to attend. Please come join us.



Lunch is provided by parents and served everyday at noon. Please send your child's lunch in a labeled container. Please send nutritious lunches that do not need to be heated, use containers that keep food warm or send cold packs to keep foods cool as needed. Please limit sweets. **We are a PEANUT BUTTER FREE school. Please do not send any products that contain peanut butter i.e. granola bars, cookies, candy etc.**

Diapers and Wipes: Please check your child's supply of diapers and wipes weekly in the classroom. You can also check the daily note if additional supplies are needed. Please send only diapers that have side tabs.

Toilet Training and Diaper Changing: Please have children wear clothing (pants/shorts) that the child is able to manage. Clothing without belts, zippers, buttons or snaps are preferred, please no Onesies. Children are encouraged to wear pants/shorts/leggings under dresses or skirts.

Extra Clothing: Please send one extra change of clothes, labeled and in a Ziploc bag, in the event of a spill, accident, etc. Soiled clothing will be returned in the Ziploc bag for laundering. During cool weather please label all jackets, sweat shirts and sweaters with child's name.



Earthquake Kits are required for each student. Kits from "Be Ready" may be purchased for \$15. If an ordering form is needed please see Mrs. Sherry. All kits are due by your child's first day of school.

Sign-in and Sign-out sheets are very important. Please make sure you sign your child in every morning and sign them out when you pick them up. These are legal documents for the school and must have a full signature.



Shoes: For your child's safety, children should wear closed toed shoes, i.e. tennis shoes.

Tuition is due on the first of each month. Statements go out about one/two weeks prior to the start of the month. A late fee of \$30.00 will be assessed for all payments made after the 5th of the month. If your child is absent from school due to sickness, vacation or holiday there is no tuition reduction. Full tuition is due for each month. All holiday and school closure reductions have been prorated in the monthly tuition for the entire year. Please see the Director if you have any questions.



Nappers: It is a licensing requirement that children have a sheet and blanket at rest time. This is a parent responsibility to provide. Please label each item and put them in a bag that is clearly labeled. Bedding must go home at the end of each week to be laundered and **RETURNED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING WEEK.** Optional: You may send a small cozy item for resting.

Program Hours are:

Half Day Program	8:30-12:30
Extended Day Program	8:30-3:00
Full Day Program	6:30-6:30

Our preschool day begins at 8:30 with circle time instruction and program activities. It is important your child arrives on time each day. If your child will be absent due to illness, vacation or personal reason, please call the school.



Sun Screen: Please send sunscreen to school with your child. On sunny days please apply sunscreen to your child before school begins.