

Growing Years School

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Fall Poem:

"Fall Leaves"

Down, down, yellow and brown,
Fall the leaves over the ground.
Rake them up in a pile so high,
Until they reach up to the sky.

-Adapted Traditional

Fall Song:

"Dancing Leaves"

(Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Let's join hands and circle round
As we watch the leaves fall down.
See them twirling, here and there.
See them dancing, everywhere.
Move your hands like falling
leaves,
Watch them twirling, in the
breeze.

- Jean Warren

General Updates & Information



Hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful fall days.

Our new teacher, Chris Tedstone will be starting on Monday, October 7th. He will be working in the preschool and pre-k room for the next two months. In December he will become a full time pre-k teacher.

We are very happy to have him at GYS.

We are working on a winter fundraising event for GYS and will let you know as soon as we have more information.

I am in touch with Shaun Gabbard Photography to set up fall photo's. We will make sure to get a date to parents asap!

We will be making beautiful art work with your children again this year to be turned into great holiday gifts for families and friends through KidsKreations. Please check in with your child's teacher to learn more. Ordering forms will be available by Friday.

We also want to congratulate Ms. Marlo in our pre-k classroom with her upcoming wedding on Saturday, October 12th, we wish her lots of happiness in her marriage.

Please check below for some important!



What We are Exploring:

Our preschool classroom is focusing on the beginning of the year study in creative curriculum. They are exploring recognizing their names as well as feelings and classroom rules. The pre-k classroom is focusing on Fall in creative curriculum. Our other classrooms are all working on their KidsKreations art work as well as fall related activities.



Upcoming Events



- October 12: Midvalley Health Fair- <http://business.basaltchamber.org/events/>
- October 12: ACES Annual Harvest Party- <http://business.basaltchamber.org/events/>
- October 21: Board meeting
- October 24th: School Closed for teacher in service day
- October 31st: Halloween parade through downtown Basalt

I was born and raised in Massachusetts, but moved out here to Colorado with my best friend when we were in our early 20's. I met my wife Nilda here over ten years ago and we got married within a few months of dating. Our son Brayden is almost five, and we have another baby boy on the way. We also have a sweet dog named Lucy. When I am not spending my time with my family, I like to play basketball, snowboard, hike, travel, gardening, and trying out new things.



Meet our Staff:

- Adele Melnick- Director
- Marlo Dean- Pre-K
- Stephanie Ayala- Pre-K
- Christ Tedstone
- Ana Carbajal- Preschool
- Susie Arbaney-Preschool
- Betty Morales-Toddler
- Lupita Esparza-Waddler
- Erika Thorne-Keziah-Waddler
- Rosie Robinson- Infant
- JoJo Burcholder-Infant
- Gigi Salvatierre – Infant
- Patty Lopez-Floater
- Sue Hankinson – Pre-K/ Office
- Jenna Powell- Infant/Waddler



Parent Participation Opportunities: October 2019

Here are ways which families can earn Parent Participation hours for the month of October. If you have a participation opportunity idea which is not on the list, please speak with Adele.

In class participation:

- Come in any day between 8 and 9:30AM to do a project with the kids! Cooking, art, and science experiments are all encouraged. If you are having trouble coming up with an idea, ask your child's teacher!
- Clean sleeping mats
- Clean chairs and tables
- Take home stuffed animals or dress up clothes to wash (ask teachers)

Classrooms:

- Trash bags
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher soap
- Kleenex

Food items:

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| • Cheerios | Bagels |
| • sun butter | Grapes |
| • Apples | Cream Cheese |
| • Strawberries | Applesauce |
| • Bananas | Raisin Bread |
| • Cereal bars | Pretzels |
| • Milk | Mini carrots |
| • String Cheese | Goldfish |
| • Yogurt | Animal Crackers |
| • Eggs | Crackers |
| • Waffles | Flour, Oil & salt for Playdough |

