



# Welcome to the Forest Room!

July 14, 2023

Dear CCS Families!

My name is Amanda Hoxie-Sheldon and I will be your child's teacher this year in the Forest classroom. I know my last name is a mouthful, so for simplicity I go by Mrs. Sheldon. This will be my third year in this classroom (my 2<sup>nd</sup> as the lead teacher). I have a diverse background with teaching from Dance Teacher to Sunday School Teacher to Elementary and Middle School Substitute Teaching to College Instructor. I truly enjoy working with little children and helping to foster a love not only for learning, but more importantly Jesus! CCS is like family to me. My son started at CCS as a kindergartener and will be a sixth grader this year. I look forward to having your child in my class this year.

My assistant teacher is Jill Damon. This will be her second year in our classroom. Her family has also been a part of CCS for many years. She currently has three children attending CCS.

Our first day of school is fast approaching and we are so excited! One of our many goals is to make learning fun for your child. They will be making lots of new friends, learning about Jesus, learning socialization skills and their ABC's and numbers!

## Here is a list of things needed for preschool:

**1) Extra clothes:** Accidents do occur at this age. Please place weather appropriate clothing in a Ziploc baggie with your child's name on it. This will stay in their locker to have on hand. Please switch these out as accidents occur or weather changes.

**2) Backpack:** While the little ones are cute, they tend to ruin papers that come home, so a regular size one is best. The first week, we will place a plastic folder in their backpacks to keep papers tidy. Please remove papers daily but keep the folder in their backpack. They will bring these into the class each day to help them get papers home.

**3) Family picture:** We will hang this in our classroom after showing all of our new friends in class (a copy, not the original is preferred).

**4) A water bottle:** Please label with their name it. It will go back and forth each day. When being brought into the classroom, it will need your child's name and current date on it.

**5) Naptime things:** A small pillow (one that will fit in their backpack) and ONE small stuffed animal, if needed/wanted. Cots and a blanket will be provided to rest on. Please do not send a stuffed animal that your child cannot sleep at night without as we only send pillows and stuffed animals home at the end of the week. You may consider purchasing a special one just for school! Children use the same cot all year, we **sanitize** cots and wash blankets weekly.

**6) Cold lunch and drink:** Hot lunch will be available to order monthly for a cost. If your child does not want hot lunch, please provide a cold lunch each day.

**7) A daily afternoon snack:** Please mark “snack” on it and keep it in their lunchbox or backpack.

**8) New Tennis shoes:** These will stay in their lockers and be used for gym class only. Even if they wear tennis shoes to school each day, they will need separate ones to keep in their locker for gym.

**9) Facebook Page:** Please ask to join our private Facebook page **CCS Preschool Forest 2023-2024**. This page is only for family members of current students. We will post updates, reminders and pictures.

**10) Parent Survey:** Please complete the enclosed parent survey. This helps me to get to know a little bit about your child right away.

**11) A big smile!** We sure hope you are as excited as we are!

\* Note: No art supplies are needed; we purchase these as needed as part of the Supply Fee you paid at the time of enrollment.

Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. The doors will open at 7:45 a.m. Please enter and exit through our preschool entrance on the north side of the building for drop off. Your child will need to be signed in and out daily. Pick up time is 2:40pm each day in the parking lot. We will bring the children outside and line up against the wall by the parking lot. You can either park and walk up to pick them up or come through the pick-up line. We will bring your child to your car in the afternoons. *We ask that once your child is in his/her car seat, you pull ahead, out of the line to buckle them up.*

**Our first day of school is Monday, August 21, 2023 with dismissal at 11:20 a.m. (half day)**

Snack is provided the first week. After that, we will begin rotating through our class list enabling each student to be the snack helper for the entire week. This list will be sent home the first week of school. Please email me at [amanda.hoxiesheldon@calhounchristian.org](mailto:amanda.hoxiesheldon@calhounchristian.org) AND touch base with me at the **Back to School Bash** (or on the first day of school) if your child has any food allergies.

We invite you to our **Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 7:30pm**. This is a drop in event. You will get to see the classroom, meet the teachers and staff, and take home a small treat! You can bring the things listed above that night if you would like.

Please note that any missing forms from your child’s file will need to be turned in **PRIOR** to the first day of school. Forms include Health appraisals, Birth Certificates and Immunization forms. Unfortunately, they may not start school without these forms on file.

Feel free to contact me anytime if you ever have any questions, concerns or even prayer requests. Thank you in advance for your support as well. I am honored and feel very blessed to be a part of your family’s lives. I look forward to getting to know you and working with you to “train up a (your) child in the way he should go so when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

In His Service,

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