



# September 2020

The Butterfly Room

Mrs. Morgridge & Ms. Emily

Welcome to the new school year! While this year looks a bit different, some things remain the same- the love, support, education, and community at Zion ECEC! We are so excited to be back in the classroom and are very proud of the resilience the children are showing us with the new and enhanced procedures (specifically mask wearing and hand washing). Thank you families, for collaborating with us to make sure health and safety are at the forefront.

The last few weeks I have had the opportunity to observe and assess each student and am excited about the many strengths and attributes each child brings to our classroom community. I am enjoying seeing their personalities come through as they start to share stories, get silly, and see their sweet smiles while on a "mask break" on the playground.

**Morning Routine:** Our day begins in a similar fashion each day... put backpack and jacket in cubby, wash your hands, do attendance, practice writing your name, and then join your friends on the classroom rug where Circle Time will take place. During Circle Time we sing the *Hello Song*, do calendar, recite The Pledge of Allegiance, and read a book. We have started talking about the role of an author (writes the words in the book) and try to identify it on the front cover of the book.

**Free Choice:** This is a favorite time of the day for many of the children. Specific activities (ie: counting game, writing names, play dough, building challenge, pattern making, etc.) are set up at the tables and the students can choose to participate in those as well as the usual centers that are always open (light table, art easel, block center, dramatic play, lego table). It's exciting to see that during this time lots of friendships are being formed!

**Jesus Time:** We are focusing on "Jesus Loves the Children" and reading stories from the bible to showcase Jesus' love for each of us. We have been practicing our snack time prayer and talked about how through prayer we can easily talk to God. Prayer doesn't always need to be formal, we can also talk, ask questions and ask for help, and listen as God displays his love for us in many ways.

We're off to a fantastic start of the school year and we're excited for what's to come!  
Mrs. Morgridge





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