



Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

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Children in a Christian context and gentle living environment
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From the Director

I recently asked kindergarten parents if they felt their child had been adequately prepared for school and what their greatest asset was after learning through play. Below is one family's feedback and sums up what I heard from most.

"Without answering your questions in a linear fashion, Molly and I talked about how much we appreciated Easter's strategy of balancing out activities with academics while developing routines and behaviors that prepared the kiddos for kindergarten.

For our family, it was the right mix. I am not sure why, but some parents may feel pressured to push the academics/skills earlier, I think that misses the point of the PRE in preschool.

At the same time, I always felt like there was an underlying strategy or progression to the activities during the school year. At conference time, I was always amazed with just how much info the teachers had related to baseline skill averages, where our kids were, what (if anything) needed to be worked on, etc.

Finally, we were truly blessed to have such caring people to take care of our children. I know that you as a staff build those relationships each year with multiple families, but you should never underestimate the impact you have on so many parents and children. We drive by Easter numerous times each day. We constantly talk about our experiences. Coincidentally, just yesterday when Sebi saw the kids playing on the newly repainted ark he said he wished he was still at Easter, no joke!"

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."
—Mr. Rogers

I love this quote from Mr. Rogers. It sums up our philosophy at Easter Preschool.

- Alicia

Small Group Assignment

The teachers have divided the children into small groups for small group activities. Your child's small group teacher will conduct your child's conference in November and March. Please remember to sign-up with your child's small group teacher when signing up for conferences.

Easter by the Lake Field Trip

Please drop your children off at Easter by the Lake, 4545 Pilot Knob Road (Cliff Road & Pilot Knob), during their regular preschool time on Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17. The 4-day class will have their field trip on Wednesday, October 17. The children should be dressed in layers, as they will spend a significant amount of time outside. Science Made Fun will be presenting a lesson on static electricity. There won't be lunch bunch on these two days.

Lifetouch Pictures

Lifetouch will be here on Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24, to photograph the students. I will send a separate flier providing more information about the pictures, in the next few weeks. Siblings are welcome! We provide this as a service to you. There is no obligation to buy!

Costume Parade

Families are invited to watch the children's costume parade on Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, October 31. The 4-day parade will be on Wednesday, October 31. The children should come dressed in their costume and will parade through the hallway at 9:30 and 1:45. They will stop for a photo opportunity and sing a few songs for you. The children can wear their costume for the entire class time but they will go outside (weather permitting) and have an active finish to their day.

Scholastic Books

Scholastic Book Orders are available on a monthly basis. Order forms are available from Alicia's desk, or you may order online. Orders are typically due a week after you get the newsletter but I can place them just about any time through-out the month. Scholastic does a great job of offering quality products at a good price. Watch for our Scholastic Book Fair in November.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:45 - 1:45 and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12:30. Sign-up is done through SignUp Genius.



Lunch Bunch costs \$12 per session with punch cards available for \$60 & \$120. Parents provide lunch and the teachers provide more time for free play, large motor activity and a story in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Please remember to sign up one week in advance so we can provide adequate staffing.

Handwashing

The children should be washing their hands upon entering the preschool building. This will help limit the transfer of germs in the classroom and helps keep the children with allergies safe.



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom of a child ages birth to Kindergarten who is searching for support and new conversation? Easter on the Hill is now offering a new MOPS group! We will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, October through May, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Childcare is available. Food will be served. Ahhhh. A meal with your children in another room. Picture it...

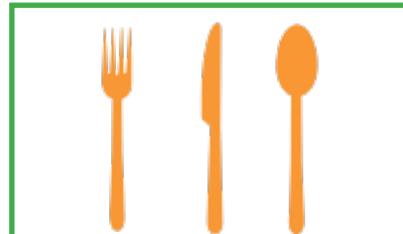
Find us on Facebook at **MOPS at Easter on the Hill** or contact Janean at Janeanlukes@gmail.com



MOMMING IS HARD.
YOU DESERVE A BREAK.



Join us at this big event! New this year is a HOT DOG EATING CONTEST! Enjoy root beer, games and activities for the kids (including Giant Jenga), hammerschlagen (if you don't know, Google it), face painting, and music. There will be delicious burgers and brats. And, what's an Oktoberfest without warm pretzels?! Of course we are having warm pretzels!



Eat with Easter Church! Free Community Meals Four Nights a Week!

5:30-6:30 p.m.
Monday through Thursdays
Easter by the Lake
4545 Pilot Knob Road
(Pilot Knob & Cliff)

Join us and invite others!

Preschool Phone Number

Easter Preschool is using Google Voice to direct preschool texts and phone calls. Please use the number **651.217.8277** to contact Easter Preschool. Text is most convenient, but use what is most comfortable for you. When calling the preschool, please leave a voicemail and someone will respond, if a response is needed.

October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apples	1	2	3	4	5	6 Oktoberfest- Easter by the Lake
7 Fall/Changes	8	9	10 2:45 Pastor Brandon	11 11:30 Pastor Brandon	12 11:30 Pastor Brandon	13
14 Changes in Nature	15	16 Preschool @ the Lake 4545 Pilot Knob TTh am class	17 Preschool @ the Lake 4545 Pilot Knob MWFam, MWF pm, MTWTh	18 No School MEA	19 No School MEA	20
21 Bible Stories	22	23 Lifetouch Pictures	24 Lifetouch Pictures	25 Music	26 Music	27
28 Halloween	29	30 9:30 Halloween Parade	31 9:30 & 12:45 Halloween Parade			

Birthday Celebrations

The classroom teachers will be assigning days for the children to celebrate their birthday and half-birthday. Dates will be posted on the teacher calendar and outside the classroom each month. Please help your child choose a special book to be read in the classroom. The birthday child will also be the special helper, put candles in the birthday cake, and will bring home a new birthday book and pencil. No outside treats are allowed.



October Birthdays

Star Room

10/7 Bitanya Tefera
10/23 Molly Peck
10/28 Maddie Hansen

Sun Room

10/3 Louie Kurtz
10/21 Charlotte Radmer
10/21 Logan Whitaker
10/29 June Bishop



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