



Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

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Children in a Christian context and gentle living environment*
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From the Teacher - Miss Nancy

On October 8th, I was lucky to be a participant in the ECET2 Convening held at the MN Children's Museum. ECET2 stands for Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teachers and Teaching.

The day was planned by teachers, and for teachers. The emphasis was on the importance of play and being a play advocate. This was the first ECET2 Convening in the country focusing on Early Childhood! Katy Smith, (2011 MN Teacher of the Year) was the author of the grant that allowed this awesome event to happen.

It was an exciting day of collaborating with other teachers, administrators and policy makers about the importance of play in early childhood (which is actually birth-age 8!). The day included a keynote by MN Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, breakout sessions with colleagues, and closing remarks from Katy Smith.

In our breakout we had a great discussion with lobbyist Todd Otis about the importance of "soft skills" to employers. He reiterated that by advocating for play, we are fostering these important skills that employers are looking for! We also had time to explore the redesigned Children's Museum. It's pretty awesome!

The day was great validation for our philosophy at Easter Preschool! That kids learn so much through play and exploration in the early years, which builds a strong foundation for lifelong learning.



Katy Smith with Teacher Nancy

Conferences

Easter Preschool teachers will be sharing information about your child at conferences, November 19 and 20. The teachers are documenting observations with the following goals in mind.

- To encourage excitement of learning
- To create opportunities for social and emotional development
- To further enhance awareness of personal safety and physical well-being
- To develop large and fine motor skills
- To further enhance language development
- To further develop cognitive skills.

You will need to sign-up for a 15 minute conference with your child's small group teacher. The sheets will be posted on Monday, November 5. Please come prepared with questions you may have about your child's development and preschool experience.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Book Fair on Thursday, November 29, Friday, November 30 and Sunday, December 2. Our goal for this fair is to get books into kid's hands at an affordable price. We turn the profit from Scholastic back to you by giving you 20% off your entire purchase.

Help Wanted

I'm looking for volunteers to help with set-up and to run the cash register during the Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers receive free books! A sign-up is posted on my desk.

Outside Clothes

Please remember to send layers of clothing with hats and mittens. The Sun Room goes out by 9:30, when temperatures are still chilly. You will be receiving a bag to carry all the winter gear back and forth to school in the next week or so.

MOPS Childcare

MOPS is hiring a reliable person to care for the children during MOPS meetings. The caregiver would be responsible for the older preschoolers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:15 – 11:45. Please let me know if you or someone you know is interested!

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.



Show and Tell

Bring a picture or small replica of your favorite animal. Items should fit in a backpack (nothing live, please!)



Easter's Christmas Pageant

Easter Preschool students are invited to join Easter Church's annual Christmas Pageant during the worship service on Sunday, December 9. Preschoolers will attend with their families and are invited onto the risers when it's their turn to sing. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season along with the preschool family days on December 19 & 20.

Rehearsal for JAM & Preschool Kids

Saturday, December 8, 1:30 p.m.

Easter by the Lake

All preschool children are invited to come to this rehearsal. The rehearsal is helpful for the kids to know where and when they will be singing.

The Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 9, 9:30 or 11 a.m.

Easter by the Lake

Come to either worship or both!

Preschool Phone

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.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Halloween					South of River Conference No School	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Favorite Animals	Conference sign-up posted		196 Screening	Show and Tell Picture/replica of favorite animal	Show and Tell Picture/replica of favorite animal	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Thanksgiving			P. Brandon visit	P. Brandon visit	P. Brandon visit	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Thanksgiving Break	Conferences No School	Conferences No School	No School	Thanksgiving No School	No School	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Hibernation			Book Fair Set-up	Music w/ Kristyn Scholastic Book Fair	Music w/ Kristyn Scholastic Book Fair	

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.



November Birthdays

Star Room

11/1 Lauren Dryden
11/11 Cole Twedt
11/16 Peyton LePage
11/20 Calista Haight

Sun Room

11/7 Sophia Zschokke
11/11 Leo Nelson
11/16 Manhaa Moien
11/18 Claire Poser
11/28 Simon Leffler
11/30 Maggie Moran



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