



Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

*Providing a quality educational experience for preschool
Children in a Christian context and gentle living environment*

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December 2018

Let's Play Outside Every Day (that we can!)

Easter Preschool is dedicated to getting the children outside everyday for 20 minutes. When children are outside in nature, evidence shows that it boosts immunity, moods (Vitamin D), and brain development.

Some Helpful Hints: Have your kids practice getting their winter clothes on in the following order:

1. Snow Pants
2. Boots
3. Coats
4. Hats
5. Mittens

Waterproof mittens and gloves work the best. Stretchy gloves are hard to get fingers into and they get really wet.

Label everything!!

For those in the Sun Room, please bring your kids dressed to go outside at the beginning of class. Bring this bag along for the kids to put their winter clothes in when they come back inside.

For those in the Star Room, please bring your kid's winter clothes in this bag. The teachers will help the kids get dressed and go outside at the end of the class day. One teacher will meet parents in the classroom to share highlights of the day, then children can be picked up from outside. This keeps snow and debris out of the classroom.

We won't go outside if the feels like temperature is less than 10 degrees. Check the whiteboard when you get to school to see if we are staying in.

- Alicia

Easter Preschool's Family Christmas programs

MWF: Wednesday, December 19, 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m.

MTWTh: Wednesday, December 19, 2 p.m.

TTH: Thursday, December 20, 10:45 a.m.

Pick-up

Please be on time when picking up your children from school. The teachers give a synopsis of the day and reminders for upcoming events. It's important to us that you hear this. It's also difficult for the kids to wait when the rest of the class is gone.

Christmas Pageant with Easter Church

Easter Preschool students are invited to join Easter's Annual Christmas Pageant at Easter by the Lake on Sunday, December 9 at the 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship service. We'd love to have a large group of preschoolers and hope you can join us! A quick rehearsal is being held on Saturday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m. This isn't a requirement for being in the pageant.

Christmas Celebration

Please join us for a special family Christmas celebration. Our time together will start in the sanctuary where the children will sing songs for you. After singing, families are invited to stay for activities that include a family craft, BINGO and birthday cake for Jesus. The children have class at their typical time with families joining at 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19 and 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 20. The whole family is invited!

Preschool Open House

Easter Preschool will host an open house on Thursday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for families seeking a preschool home. Please pass this along to those who may be interested.

2018-2019 Preschool Registration

Registration for currently enrolled families will begin on Tuesday, January 22. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, with currently enrolled families having first priority until January 29.

MOPS - Volunteer Help Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help with childcare while MOPS meets on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9:15 a.m. - 11:45a.m. If interested, or you know a Grandparent who'd be willing, please contact me at preschool@easter.org.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:45 - 1:45 and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12:30. There are separate sign-up books for the sessions. 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.



From the Teacher - Patty

Play produces well-wired minds:

Playing is a critical to brain development. Children gain all the skills they need physically, cognitively, emotionally and creativity through play.

When children play they are:

- *building imagination
- *strengthening physical skills
- *building math and science skills
- *gaining self control
- *learning how to think
- *getting ready for success in school, work and life!
- *developing language and reading skills
- *enhancing self esteem
- *Forming friendships and social skills
- *solving problems
- *developing their world

“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.” ---Fred Rogers

December 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 9:30&11 Sing at Pageant Christmas	10	11	12	13	14	15 1:30 Pageant rehearsal
16 Christmas	17	18	19 Christmas Family Day 10:45 am and 2:00 pm	20 Christmas Family Day 10:45 am	21 Christmas Break No School	22
23	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29
30 No School	31 No School	1 No School	2 Back to school!	3	4	



Tuesday, December 11
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Easter by the Lake
(corner of Pilot Knob & Cliff)

Save up to 40% on fresh produce and frozen meat
learn more about Fare for All at easter.org (Serve / Fare For All)

Fare For All

Holiday Pack for December
\$30 includes:

- Spiral Ham (9-11lbs)
- Whole Chicken (5.5lb)
- Chicken Drumsticks (1.8lb)
- Mild Italian Sausage (19.2oz)
- Frozen Mixed Vegetables (16oz)
- Frozen Corn (16oz)
- Meatballs (30oz)
- Dutch Apple Pie

*items subject to change



**The Shoe Away Hunger Bus comes to Easter by the Lake on
December 11, 3:30-5:30 p.m., during the December Fare for All.**

New and gently used shoes:
Size 0-6.5\$2
Size 7 and up\$5

Every purchase helps to provide food for the programs of Good in the 'Hood. Prices are suggested donation amounts.

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.



December and June Half-Birthday Birthdays!

Star Room		Sun Room	
12/12	Wyatt Klenner	12/1	Owen Cagle
12/13	Ameer Imrit	12/10	Alex Bailey
12/23	Ariana Valentin	12/12	Penny Eastling
12/25	Ellie Ries	12/12	Parker Ferens
12/27	Louis Olsen	12/13	Leighton Farrelly
		12/13	Lucie Richins
6/9	Daxon Amador	12/16	Connor Rogers
6/10	J.P. Doyle	12/23	Hank Myers
6/11	Greta Running	12/24	Joe Block
6/18	Brooks Grimm	12/24	Madden Block
6/22	Brayden Brewster		
6/22	Nolan Brewster	6/8	Evelynn Johnson
		6/8	Viviann Johnson
		6/22	Ruby Lehnert