



Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

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Children in a Christian context and gentle living environment*

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January 2019

From the Director

Happy New Year!

January brings a lot of energy, excitement and enthusiasm to Easter. After a quick break from school the kids are ready to see the friends they've made and enjoy the activities they've grown to love. Some will go through separation anxiety again but it is usually short-lived.

January also brings visitors to preschool. Families looking for a preschool home will start the touring process. We will host an Open House on Thursday, January 10, for new families to check out the program.



The enrollment process for next year also begins mid-January. If you have a child currently enrolled at Easter, and need a spot next year, the registration period runs January 22 - 29. We will have the same class offerings as this year.

It's been a wonderful start to the year! Thank you for making this a great place to be.

- Alicia

Snowballs Family Project

We'll be sending snowballs home for you to do a family project based on the book *Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert. Once you've made your creation using things you have around the house, return them to be displayed by January 23. We hope this will be a fun inside activity that will help decorate the halls of Easter Preschool.



Easter Preschool Red Cross Blood Drive

In appreciation for all that we have and the community we live and work in, Easter Preschool is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 30 from 9:15 am - 3:15 pm in the large muscle room. We hope you'll join us in this life-giving opportunity! To sign up go to redcrossblood.org. Thank you to Kerri Peck for making this happen the last three years. She and I will be sharing more information in the month of January.

Family Event Planning Committee

I'm curious to know if families are interested in having a winter family event. If so, are there people interested in helping plan the event? The event will take place in February or March at Easter by the Lake. We typically have a theme and plan games and art activities around the theme. We can meet during school hours, use the church nursery or make it an evening outing. Let me know if you are interested and I'll put a meeting together. Thank you!

2019-2020 Preschool Registration

We will begin accepting registration forms for currently enrolled families on Tuesday, January 22. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for currently enrolled students, and their siblings, and given priority until Wednesday, January 30. A non-refundable registration fee of \$70 is due at the time of registration. The one-time activity fee, due October 1, is \$40. Please let me know if you have any questions about the registration process!

Tuition for the 2019-2020 school year will be:

- \$138 for the 2-day session
- \$168 for the 3-day session, and
- \$198 for the 4-day session

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: Art Supplies on a Budget, by Teacher Cindy

As we head into the long Minnesota winter, I know many of you might be looking for ways to fill the hours you'll be stuck inside with a restless preschooler. I thought I could offer you advice on how to stock up on art supplies without breaking the bank. The best place in the Twin Cities for awesome, cheap art supplies is *Art Scraps* in St. Paul. It's located at 1459 St. Clair Ave. They're open Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm and Sat. 10am-4pm.

Art Scraps has a treasure trove of donated and recycled materials for all your creative needs. They have everything from bottle caps and fabric scraps to glow in the dark sticker paper. Bring your preschooler and \$10 and you'll find enough supplies to get you through those cold, winter afternoons.

Here are some supplies to have on hand to spark your child's creativity. You'll find that you have a lot of these things around your house and a trip to Art Scraps will give your preschooler a few extras.

Things to draw on: Paper, corrugated cardboard, recycled cardboard from cereal boxes, etc., cut up paper from grocery bags, wood, chalkboard

Things to draw and paint with: Crayola crayons, pens, pencils, watercolor paint, chalk, and oil pastels (they are inexpensive and an awesome artistic tool for kids)

Something to protect your table: A flannel-backed tablecloth from the Dollar Store

Things to collage with: Inexpensive odds and ends, fabric and ribbon scraps, stickers, cut up junk mail, paper scraps, buttons, yarn, scissors, colored masking tape, glue, a stapler

Things to sculpt with:

Here's our awesome play dough recipe!

- 2 ½ cups of flour
- ½ cup of salt
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- 2 envelopes of Kool-Aid
- 3 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups water

Mix dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Bring oil and water to a boil in a small saucepan. Pour oil/water into dry ingredients. Mix. Cool a bit and knead. Store up to 2 weeks in an air-tight container.



January 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		No School	Back to school			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cooking Up Fun			Pastor Brandon visits	Pastor Brandon visits	Pastor Brandon visits	
				Preschool Open House		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
One, Two Pair		Music w/ Kristyn	Music w/ Kristyn			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	MLK Day	1st day 2019-2020 registrations accepted	Snowballs Due			
Snow Much Fun	No School					
27	28	29	30	31	1	
Snow Much Fun			Red Cross Blood Drive			
			Pajama Day	Pajama Day		

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.



January and July Half-Birthday Birthdays!

Star Room		Sun Room	
1/21	Jackson Schnaible	1/8	Lauren Bullock
1/22	Camren Lorentz	1/12	Angelina Elder
1/25	Tristan Cooksey	1/28	Sam Hackett
1/27	Ryker Munro		
1/28	Cece Whebbe	7/4	Jaxstyn Munro
1/28	Sam Whebbe	7/22	Felix Johnson
1/29	Charlotte Leruth	7/25	JJ Norman
		7/29	Josephine Radmer
7/8	Olivia Gmach		
7/14	Bianca Peterson		
7/14	Raegan Peterson		
7/14	Callum Spiczynski		
7/18	Rocky Rader		
7/22	William Niebuhr		