



# Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

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

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## From the Director

Welcome to Easter Preschool. We are glad you chose this place for your preschool home. Snuggle in and make yourself comfortable!

Communication is important to us. Daily reminders and the snack menu will be written on the white board near my desk. The teachers will come out at the end of the school-day and give you a snapshot of what happened in the classroom that day. Emails will be sent at least every two weeks. Please let me know if you aren't receiving email reminders and would like to. Also let me know if you are included in the group emails and would rather be taken off the distribution list. Newsletters will be in your files each month. The back of the newsletter will have a calendar of events that includes themes and special events. On occasion I will post pictures on Facebook so you can see what our day looks like. It is our hope that by using a variety of communication tools you feel well informed.

Preschool is an exciting time for families. With that excitement comes a bit of anxiety for both the parents and children. The staff at Easter Preschool understands that and hopes to calm your nerves by answering questions and soothing sad children. We find it best to say good-bye quickly and walk out the door mentioning that you'll be back when class is over. You can watch from the "magic windows" or come back later in the day to check in. If you need a quick call to let you know all is well, I'm happy to do that. Together we can make this a smooth transition into the routine of school.

Thank you for the gift of your children. We are looking forward to the school year!

- Alicia

## Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book ordering is an easy and inexpensive way to start your child's love for literature. Easter Preschool will provide you with Scholastic's flier about once a month. Orders may be placed on-line using the class activation code GL4M8 or by bringing the order and check to Easter.

## Snacks

If your child has special dietary needs, we want to work with you to keep them safe and healthy. Please let us know how we can help. No outside food will be allowed in the classrooms without prior approval. As much as possible, children will be served a healthy snack of fruits or vegetables. When there are two food groups served, water will be the drink. The teacher and children sit together so the teacher can encourage trying new foods and engage in conversation.

## Easter by the Lake Field Trip

Our fall field trip will be on Wednesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 3. The children should be dropped off and picked up at Easter Church, 4545 Pilot Knob Road. Eagan, MN 55122, during their regularly scheduled preschool session. The MN Zoo Mobile will be bringing small animals to share. Please send children with appropriate layers and shoes that can get dirty! Leave the backpacks and umbrellas at home.

## Activity Fee

The one-time \$40 activity fee is due October 1. Families paying through automatic withdrawal were previously set to do this. Families paying by check can include this with their tuition check. The activity fee pays for special events and field trip fees.

## Lifetouch Pictures

Lifetouch will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24. There is no obligation to purchase the pictures. We are simply providing this as a service.

## Dates to Remember

A list of the important dates for the school year is posted on the preschool website and will be sent by email. The list includes Halloween parade days, conference days, days off school and so much more.



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Classroom Volunteer** - we invite volunteers to be in the classroom during each preschool session. We hope this will be a fun way for you to experience a typical preschool day and to help the teachers during the busy times of preschool. You may assist with art projects, help the children write their names on projects or read to the children. Sign-up sheets are in the notebooks on Alicia's desk.

**Toy Cleaning** - Our kitchen includes a beautiful dishwasher that takes minutes to clean toys. If you'd be willing to be trained on using the dishwasher to help keep our environment clean, please let us know.

**Family Event Planning** - Easter Preschool hosts a family event one or two times a year. If you'd like to help plan these events, let me know! A meeting time will be determined by those who are participating.

**Teacher Lunches** - A Sign-Up Genius link will be included in email reminders. If you are willing to bring in lunch or dessert for the teachers, you may sign-up using the link.



## 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.

September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Labor Day	3 No School Teacher Inservice	4 7 p.m. Parent Meeting	5 Orientation 10 - 11:30 TTh am 12:30 - 2 MTFTh pm	6 Orientation 10 - 11:30 MWF am 12:30 - 2 MWF pm	7
8 Old MacDonald's Farm	9 First Day of School	10 First Day of School	11	12	13	14
15 Old MacDonald's Farm	16 Lunch Bunch begins	17	18	19 7 p.m. Annual Preschool Board Meeting	20	21
22 Colors	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Fall Fun	30					

## 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.



## September Birthdays!

### Star Room

9/5 Calvin Drews  
9/6 Patrick Jones  
9/6 Elise Nielson  
9/13 Ty Martinson  
9/19 Brielle Renneke  
9/19 Carson Schafer

### Sun Room

9/6 Ahmad Aqel  
9/6 Mustafa Aqel  
9/11 Bella Johnson  
9/12 Charlotte Dustan  
9/12 Jagger Tindell  
9/16 Daak Smith  
9/19 Eleanor Ericksen  
9/20 Ellie Miller  
9/23 Mila Thorson  
9/26 Ava Schnaible  
9/29 Liam Johnstad  
9/29 Amelia Levenhagen

