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Good Shepherd Preschool Press



School Supplies

It is time for the last names starting N-Z to bring in school supplies however there are a few changes; things we don't need more of and things we need instead. Please use this list to bring in your supplies. If you already filled the list in the handbook or brought in supplies at the beginning of the year please disregard.

- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Packages of Napkins
- 2 Boxes of Crayola Markers
- 3 Boxes of 5oz. Dixi Cups
- 6 Glue Sticks preferably Elmers
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's liquid glue
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 1 Box Band Aids
- 2 Boxes of Plastic Spoons
- 1 Box each quart and gallon zip locks



Happy New Year Everyone!

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their time over the holiday break; also that good family time was spent and safe travels were had. Now that Christmas is over and we are all adjusting to our old routines 2019 is sure to bring some exciting memories. We had a wonderful time performing our Christmas programs for our friends and families. Thank you for all the generous donations to help out our school. We have also been blessed by your generosity at our Book Fair and are able to acquire some new exciting items from scholastic for our classrooms. All Very exciting things.

Save the Date!

January 21st
No School
MLK day, no preschool classes, Extended Care is open.

February 2
Registration open
For 2019-20 school year, more info to follow. Current families only at this time. This is a Saturday

February 19th
Fathers' Night
Join us from 6:00-7:30 for an evening of fun and games.

Weather Related Closings

Reminder that we do not follow FWCS or any other school corporation's closings. If weather is a concern please check the website www.fwgoodshepherd.org for any closing information. Nine times out of 10 we will be here. If you feel unsafe driving stay home!

We will miss you.

Dress In Layers

If the temperature is 35 degrees or higher we will go outside. Please be aware of this and send children with proper outerwear. Labeling everything is equally important. Hopefully we get back to these temperatures soon☺



Limiting Screen Time

We know that many children out there received some sort of electronic device over the holidays that they have probably been quite attached to for the last several days. Please be aware of how much time your kids are spending on screens. We are seeing a significant decline in fine motor skills as well as lack of social skills in these young children. It is becoming more and more apparent how much screens are impacting our youth. Living in a virtual world is not healthy or anywhere close to reality but their young brains are like sponges and they soak it up (the good and the bad). There is no substitute for real live play and interaction between real live people. Just be aware, we can't stress that enough.





Registration for 2019-2020

Registration for next school year 2019-2020 will open on February 2nd. This is a Saturday which is the first time we have tried this. Feedback from previous years has told us that it is quite inconvenient for working parents to take off to come register for preschool. This is an attempt to be more convenient for everyone. We will be here from 9:00AM till Noon. There will be a "take a number" station so you do not have to stand in line while you wait. If you have a specific class you wish to register for it is highly encouraged to have your choice made and get registered as soon as possible to avoid the classes filling up. This is significantly important for Extended Care and morning class choices. Those are the classes that

fill the quickest because there are the least amount of spots available. This year we filled to max capacity earlier than we ever have including our extended care, which currently has quite a waiting list. In years past we had openings well into March. Who knows what next year will bring but if you know that you will be returning (and we certainly hope you will) then please watch for the enrollment packet in your child's folder later in the month, and mark that date on your calendar. Accounts must be current in order to register for the next year. We will open registration to the public on February 18th.

Summer Care!

When thinking about registration for next year please consider our summer program as well. We offer so much more than just childcare during those summer months. Our preschool aged children attend a daily morning preschool class that builds a good understanding of what is to be expected in their upcoming school year. It also allows them a break out into smaller group sizes for a portion of their day and continues that structured daily activity that feeds their minds. We do fun activities in the afternoon including lots of water play days, a dance class and bounce house days. Our school aged children enjoy a structured daily routine as well that encourages a continuation of learning keeping them current and "up to par" over the summer months as well as lots of trips to Glen Aqua swimming pool (additional cost for pool attendance). Allow us to help combat summer boredom and keep your kids active and engaged. Cost is \$4.00 per hour with an additional charge of \$2.00 over the lunch hour. Lunches are provided and you only pay for what you use. Come as few or many days/hours as you like. Schedules need to be submitted beforehand; it is not a drop in service.

Spring Semester Happenings

Fathers' Night

A night we always look forward to! Mark your calendars now so you don't miss it; February 19th from 6:00-7:30PM. We hope to see many of you there. This event is open to all current students and their siblings. They can be accompanied by any adult male that they wish to show off their school family.



Mothers' Night

A little farther into the calendar but still right around the corner is our Mothers' night. March 19th from 6:00-7:30PM. Just like Fathers' Night this event is open for all registered students, their siblings and any adult female they would like to bring.

Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures will happen in Early March. It is really amazing how fast these little ones change and grow up. The spring pictures offer a variety of backgrounds to choose from along with the classic basic background. March 5th and 6th will be our picture days.



Good Time Visitors

We always look forward to some awesome visitors coming to the school for demonstrations of various fun. We are locking in the dates for some of our favorite demonstrations and visitors to return. We are always looking for new preschool appropriate talent, if you know of an act, give us their name. We would love to talk to them.