

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

It feels like just yesterday we were singing Halloween songs and now Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone, too! We now are gearing up for Valentine's Day fun at preschool...this school year really needs to slow down!!

Friendship, Kindness & Love will be themes focused on in our preschool this month. Our BPPS staff sure does LOVE working with all our students and their families!

Registration is underway for the 2019-2020 school year. Many of our morning classes are full or almost full. We have openings in all afternoon classes. Many families have signed up as regulars in Curious Kids' Club for the 2019-2020 school year. We are currently full on Mondays and Wednesdays, but openings still remain on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in CKC. So, feel free to reach out if you want more information on Curious Kids' Club or wish to enroll your child in this enrichment program.

We are so thankful to all our BPPS families who share their experiences with our preschool program and recommend us to their friends and family. You truly are our best advertisement!!!

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Andrea Dawson - Preschool Director

TIME FOR TWOS

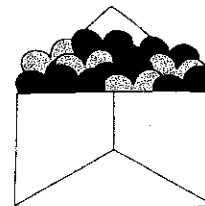
This month in our Two's we will focus on Valentine's Day and friendship as well as read some classic favorites such as Rainbow Fish and Brown Bear. We will have our Valentine's Day Party on February 8th where children can exchange valentines with their friends!

Mrs. Korey has lots of fun circle time activities planned this month as we learn new songs to sing as well as sing some of our favorites. Crafts this month will consist of creating a love bug, a star necklace, and a bird feeder! We will also continue to focus on sitting in circle time to listen and engage with our peers and teacher as we prepare for 3 year old preschool next school year!

Registration is underway for our 3 year class for next year, please let us know if you have any questions! We appreciate your recommendations of our preschool program and sharing your positive preschool experience with others!

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OUR TERRIFIC THREES

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This is a busy month for our threes! We will begin the month by talking about Groundhog's day and have fun exploring shadows. We will also talk about dental health and healthy foods and then end the month celebrating the world of Dr. Seuss!

We look forward to a special visitor this month.... a dental hygienist who will visit our classes on Feb. 26th to teach us about dental hygiene! In our preschool class we'll also talk about caring and sharing at school and at home as we get ready for our Valentine's Day Party on Feb. 14th. The children are to bring in signed but not addressed Valentines for the children in their class (15 students in Mrs. Shaw's AM class, 14 students in Mrs. Dawson's AM class & 11 students in Mrs. Shaw's PM class). We ask for the envelopes to be blank so that the children can "mail" their own Valentines to their friends!

We will continue our study of colors by having Orange Day on Feb. 7th, Pink Day on Feb. 12th, Yellow Day on Feb. 21st and Purple Day on Feb. 26th. We will ask the children to dress in the color of the day and will do activities with the color of the day theme. A hair ribbon or pin or socks with those colors will do just fine if your child doesn't have clothes for the color of the day!

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OUR FABULOUS 3-DAY FOURS

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We are planning many activities for this month. We will learn about letters Gg, Ss, Jj, Dd, Pp & Bb and the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We will talk about Groundhog's day as we have fun playing with shadows in science class. We will also experiment in science with the concepts of sink and float. Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Wednesday,

February 13th. Please send in signed but not addressed Valentines for each member of your child's class (16 students in Mrs. P's AM class, 14 students in Mrs. Sargent's AM class and 16 students in Mrs. Sargent's PM class). We like them to be able to "mail" their Valentines to their friends, so please leave the envelopes blank.

Another highlight this month will be learning about Presidents, particularly George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as we learn facts about each of them. Students will also start to learn their home addresses; we appreciate your help with practicing at home! The teachers will also continue to evaluate students this month for Kindergarten readiness in preparation for parent/teacher conferences on February 25th. If you haven't already signed up for a time slot for your conference, please reach out to your child's teacher. There will be **no classes** for students on conference day.

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OUR FUNTASTIC 4-DAY FOURS

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This month we will continue to work on the alphabet with letters Pp, Bb & Rr and the number 14. We will also focus on mastering our home address as well as spelling our last names this month....we appreciate your help at home with this too!

We'll celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14th. Please send in signed but not addressed Valentines for each child in the class (16 students).

We like students to be able to "mail" their Valentines to their friends, so please leave the envelopes blank.

Health and math will be combined this month as we learn about nutrition and the human body. Ms. Verna will come on Feb. 5th to talk about the human body. We will also be doing a little cooking for our snacks this month! In Social Studies, we will be learning about the meaning of our flag and about Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will end the month with Parent/Teacher conferences on February 26th... please be sure to sign up for a conference time! There is no class for students on conference day!



TREMENDOUS T-CLASS



This month our T-Class will be working on the letters Ww, Xx, Yy, & Zz as we continue learning on numbers to 20 as well as skip counting by tens this month. We will continue to practice recognizing opposites and begin to identify syllables as we clap and jump. We will also continue to add words to our sight word list and master recognizing our home address and phone number this month. In Social Studies we will learn fun facts about former Presidents of the USA. Miss Verna will visit our class on Feb. 5th to teach us about the functions of the human body. We'll also have some fun cooking projects this month!

Our Valentine's Day Party will be held on February 14th. Please send in signed but not addressed Valentines for each child in the class (16 students in the AM and 10 students in the PM). We like students to be able to "mail" their Valentines to their friends, so please leave the envelopes blank. We will end the month with Parent/Teacher conferences on February 26th... please be sure to sign up for a conference time! There is no class for students on conference day!

NEWS YOU CAN USE...

CONFERENCE DAYS

Don't forget to sign up for your child's conference!
Monday, Feb. 25th is conference day for the 3-day Four year old classes

Tuesday, Feb. 26th is conference day for the 4-day 4's and T-Classes.

Tuesday, March 12th is conference day for the 3 year classes.

There will be no regular classes on conference day. Children are welcome to come with parents for the conferences. Lunch Bunch/Curious Kids Club will go on at regular times on conference days!!

SPRING FLING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...our preschool's annual Spring Fling event will be held on **April 26th from 6:30-8pm**. This is our culminating program of the school year where our students will share their art work and music learned this school year. During the Spring Fling event, we hold a gift basket auction and are looking for volunteers to ask local businesses for donations to our event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andrea and she can give you a letter to take to local businesses. Also, if your company is able to make a donation of a product, service, or gift card please let us know! Any help you can provide is **truly appreciated!** The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to our scholarship fund which helps families defray the cost of their Preschool tuition. We appreciate any help you can provide us with this endeavor.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY

Our Sarris Easter candy fundraiser will be sent home at the beginning of this month. This fundraiser benefits our Child Care. Orders are due by March 1st and delivery will be April 9th. Checks should be made payable to *Bethel Presbyterian Child Care*. Thank you for your support!

SPEECH AND HEARING SCREENING

Speech and hearing screening by the Easter Seals Society will take place at our school on Feb. 19-20th. The fee is \$25.00 but is money well spent since many speech and hearing problems in preschoolers go undetected. Please return permission slip and payment to your child's teacher. Make checks payable to: Easter Seals.



SIX GOOD REASONS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD SCREENED FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING SKILLS

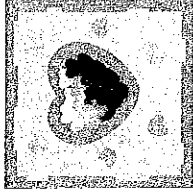
- 1) *Early identification of communication problems prevents complications arising from undetected speech, language or hearing needs.*
- 2) *Speech-language impairments may affect social/emotional development.*
- 3) *Early identification and treatment of speech and language problems can promote reading development and school success.*
- 4) *Standardized screening provides information about areas not addressed at well-child visits*
- 5) *Great opportunity to prepare children for similar educational screening experiences.*
- 6) *Services are provided by American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certified and PA State Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists.*



CALENDAR

- FEB. 8- 2'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**
- FEB. 13 - 3-DAY 4'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**
- FEB. 14- 3 YEAR/4-DAY 4'S/T-CLASS VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES**
- FEB. 18- NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- FEB. 19 & 20 -SPEECH/HEARING SCREENING**
- FEB. 25- 3-DAY 4'S CONFERENCES**
- FEB. 26- 4-DAY 4'S & T-CLASS CONFERENCES**



3 YEAR CLASS FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5 Did Groundhog see his shadow? Discuss hibernating animals	6	7 ORANGE DAY! Wear orange today! MUSIC TODAY!	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 "Donuts with Dad" rescheduled date! 9-10am/12:30-1:30pm	2
10	11	12 PINK DAY! Wear pink today! Activity: Valentine's Bag stamping	13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY FUN	16	
17	18 PRESIDENTS' DAY!  	19 PURPLE DAY! Wear purple today! Speech/Hearing Screenings!	20	21 Yellow Day! Wear yellow today! Science: color mixing!	22	23
24	25	26 Healthy Foods & Teeth Day! Special Guest: Dental Hygienist!	27	28 Dr. Seuss Day! Read & discuss Dr. Seuss Art: Cat in the hat! MUSIC TODAY!		