



LEO UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

We are now getting quite settled into a routine, and children are becoming acquainted with the building, the staff, and their new friends. What a joy to see their smiling faces each day! We have some very busy and exciting months coming up, and we will be having lots of fun. Thank you for your great job in the drop-off line and in helping your child prepare for their preschool experience.



SOME REMINDERS

STUDENT DIRECTORY

There was a typo in the Student Directory Book on page 4. Kae Probst should have been Kade Probst. Please correct that in your copy. Thank you from Kelly Hand. 😊

TUITION

To avoid a late payment fee in October, please pay November's tuition by October 5 or 6. The due dates for the year are listed in your parent handbook. Just remember that, if any special circumstances come up that prevent you from paying by the due date, just see or call Mrs. Bearman.

**Please be sure to include your child's first name and last, if different, in the memo area of your tuition checks. This helps Mrs. Hand to apply your tuition to the correct child.

ILLNESS

If your child is exposed to or contracts a contagious disease or skin problem (such as, pink eye, chicken pox, measles, impetigo, ring worm, or head lice), please notify the school immediately, so that we can inform the other parents in your child's classroom. For further explanation of our preschool policy on illness, please refer to your parent handbook.

DROP-OFF LINE

Just a reminder----so we can get school started by 9:00 am we start to get the children out of the cars at 8:50 am in the morning session. Sometimes, you have to wait in line a little longer than usual or the car line is very short, because there are more or fewer classes in session on that particular day. If the doors are shut and no preschool staff is outside, we will place an easel outside the door. That means you need to park your car and walk your child through door # 2 and into the preschool office.

Also, just a reminder that the double-doors to the preschool hallway will be locked during drop-off line time. It is for the safety of our students as they arrive in the building. The doors will be opened after Mrs. Hand is done with her duty of helping children get to their classrooms. So, if you are walking your child in for any reason, you will have to wait for them to go to their classrooms after the door is opened. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. My job is to keep and make this a safe preschool!! ☺



OUTSIDE PLAY

As we move into fall, the days will now become much cooler. So, please remember to dress your child for going outside to play everyday. **Also, remember to send them in shoes that don't have open toes or those with no heel support (Gym shoes are the BEST!). This rule is for their safety as they run and play on our playgrounds. Also, Mrs. Schott would like all students to wear gym shoes to gym class (Monday and Tuesday) on the days they are scheduled to have gym class.**

SNACKS

If you forget your child's snack day or if your child is ill on snack day, it is helpful if you can send in a non-perishable snack when your child returns. The teacher will keep it on hand, in case the class happens to have another such day. Also, remember that we are asking for healthy, nutritious snacks only brought into school. Thank you for following this guideline! ☺

SCRIP

We have now started our SCRIP program. Orders are placed on Tuesday s after school and will be received back usually by the following Mondays at the latest. We have five order dates coming up between now and Christmas. These cards make excellent gifts for the hard to buy for person on your list, bus drivers, teachers, teenagers and more. Be sure to do your shopping early. Next dates are: Oct. 17, Oct. 31, Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 2, and Dec. 12 (this one will be back before Christmas break.) You can call the preschool

office (627-2934) or stop by if you have any questions. If we do not get enough orders to pay shipping costs, we will hold the orders till the next order date.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FORMS

A packet of Scholastic Book order forms has been sent home with your child. These are good books at a low cost to the parents. You may either order off of the forms or go online to order. If you order online you can look at different age levels, this way you can order for more than one of your children. When you order online you will be paying by credit card. If you send the order form through your child's folder, please place form in an envelope marked Scholastic Book Order. Please **make checks payable to: Leo UM Preschool**. Be sure to let the office know if any of these books are gifts, even if ordered online, stop by or email the office and we will then bag them for you to pick up when you come in to get your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the preschool office.

CHILDCARE DURING FIELD TRIPS

We do try to offer childcare for younger siblings for all parents who are going on their child's field trips. In order for us do to this, we need parent volunteers to work the childcare. It is nice for parents to take turns and help each other out. When PreK parents are needed to help on a field trip, Early Learner and Kind Prep parents could work in the childcare. Then when Early Learner or Kind Prep parents are needed to help on a field trip, PreK parents could offer to work in the childcare. If you feel you would like to do this, please let Kelly Hand know in the preschool office. We also want to remind you that you need to sign up for childcare if you need it on a field trip day. We only ask for parent volunteers when we know that childcare is needed. Please don't assume that it is always offered if you haven't let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CARNIVAL

We hope your family will plan to attend our annual preschool carnival on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit our scholarship funds. It will be held in the gym, and there will be tractor-pulled wagon rides outside. Plus, our local firefighters will have their fire trucks here for us to see and walk thru in

the parking lot. Lunch will be available which will consist of a pizza meal (slice of pizza, chips, and cookie) for a small fee. A slice of pizza can also be purchased by itself, if you order at least one pizza meal. Popcorn and bake sale items will also be available. A Silent Auction will be set up for you to look at and bid on and we will be having quite a few awesome door prizes that we will be giving away. So, plan to come and spend some quality time with your family. The games and prizes that are available that day are geared to preschool aged children. Remember that this event is open to all children – not just our preschoolers. If you are new and haven't attended one yet, you will find it to be a very fun-filled special day for your child.

We need parents to help work the day of the carnival. You should have received a flyer to fill out and return. We will be contacting you prior to the carnival with details. Thank you in advance for all of your help! It is so appreciated!

An immediate need is to collect our items for door prizes. Any parents who might be interested in checking out businesses, etc. to obtain items for door prizes can check with the office to get introduction letters that you can give to those providing door prizes. We can also suggest places where you can go. Some parents also check with friends, neighbors, or relatives that might have a business. Please keep in mind if you do go out for door prizes that we keep them simple, such as a free pizza, free sandwich, free movie rental, a bottle of lotion, a latte, etc. We are not looking for big items. We also accept items that parents want to donate, such as a puzzle, a book, a coloring book, a toy car, etc. (all new unopened items, please). If you do have any questions, just ask.

Also, we will divide the hours up between parents and teachers and any other helpers. So, you only need to work half-hour, one or two-hour shifts, so that you can also have time to enjoy the day with your family.

We really do need lots of help! Thank you!



LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM

Our Lunch Bunch Program will start this month on October 4! It is open to all our Early Learners, PreK, and Kind. Prep students. It is offered once a week on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1:45 pm. Your child would bring their own lunch and drink with them to school on that day. Lunches will not be refrigerated, so plan food items accordingly. After eating lunch with their friends, they will play outside; have story time; organized large motor skill time; and sometimes have art/science/cooking time. The cost is \$7.00 per day. This would give the parent a little extra time on certain days to make

appointments, etc., as well as allow the child to get used to a longer day. You do not have to sign up for the whole year. You can sign up for just one Wednesday at a time, if you would like. Enrollment will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The preschool and church is collecting pop can pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House at Parkview Hospital. If you would like to bring those in anytime, there is a collection container in the window of Fellowship Hall, by the courtyard and also in preschool hall across from the preschool office.



PRESCHOOL RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On November 12, 2017 our preschool has been asked to sing for the 9:00 am church service here at Leo UM Church. Mrs. Hines, our music teacher, is very excited and has begun teaching two songs to all the classes for that special day. Please mark the date on your calendar! This is our chance to give back to the church which supports and prays for the preschool every day. Also, to support Mrs. Hines and the great job she does with our music program here at Leo UM Preschool. ☺



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IN OUR SPECIALITY CLASSES

GYM CLASS: Hope that you have heard about how much fun the children have been having in Gym class! The children have been a joy! Each and every child has participated in class and seems to really be having a blast. Lots of working out and learning to get sweaty! This month we will focus on game activities and learning how to work as a team. I encourage you to get out and be active with your children while the weather is still great. Please make sure that your child has gym shoes and proper fitting clothes to participate as it is very difficult to run and jump when shoes are flying off. I also encourage parents of young girls to have their hair pulled up out of their eyes to keep anyone from getting hurt when they can't see. We will build from each class before learning how to stretch and control our bodies. Gym class is a fun place where they get to run and play all while learning to follow directions!

Enjoy the new weather and have fun!

Mrs. Schott



MUSIC CLASS: It has been very fun getting to know each other this month. While I play my guitar for accompaniment, the children have learned to sing and wave “hello” to each other. They have also learned the rules of the music room where, when they first enter, they will all “have a seat on the floor – not on the ceiling – not on the door.” As we continue to learn everyone’s names, we will have fun with different ways to sing “hello” to each other.

This month we will begin exploring the first of many percussion instruments, beginning with the triangle. This instrument makes a lovely “ding, ding, ding, ding, ding” sound, which is perfect for our fire truck song as we prepare for a visit from our local fire fighters and their fire truck!

Mrs. Hines

CHAPEL TIME WITH PASTOR DAVE AND MRS. BEARMAN

Once a month Pastor Dave and I get to spend time with the children telling them about God and all He does for us. In September, Pastor Dave talked about the Bible and what it is and why we read it. Pastor Dave wanted to talk about our preschool's character trait for September- Friendship. He talked about how Jesus was a friend to all and how the disciples were his special friends. He reminded the children that they will be making special new friends here at preschool. I sang with the students my favorite song called 'Jesus Loves Me This I know.' What great listeners and singers we have!

Mrs. Bearman



IMPORTANT DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF

October 3 – Early Learners Pumpkin Patch field trip

October 5 – School Spirit Day – wear school t-shirt to school

October 5, 6 – Nov. tuition due

October 10 – Chapel with Mrs. Bearman and Pastor Dave

October 13, 16– No School Fall Break

October 17 – Northwest Firefighters will visit preschool

October 21 – PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL IN THE GYM / Saturday 10:00 – 1:00 pm

October 24 – Special Readers will visit all classes

October 26 – **What I want to be when I Grow Up Day Parade** – Children come dressed to school like the Community Helper or Job Career they want to be when they grow up. (No super hero or princess costumes, please.)

October 31 – PreK Metea Park Fall Walk field trip for Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. G's classes

HELPFUL HINT

Sometimes, even though precautions are taken, paint from art time might get on clothes. The following things were mentioned to me as possible products to use when this happens: Tide Release Powder; a cold water and Woolite soak for 12 hours; and rubbing bar soap, such as Dial, on the spot before washing.

DIRECTOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Once again, we thank you for your help in making the children's transition to school a positive experience for them. What an awesome feeling for us to be greeted by all of those smiling, happy faces! We look forward to a wonderful year! Look for more news coming in November. Enjoy the beautiful season of fall!



HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CARNIVAL!

Enjoy the fall colors!

God's Blessings,
Lori Bearman, Director