

LITTLE SHEPHERDS PRESCHOOL

Christian based developmental part time program
ODJFS Licensed and NAEYC Accredited center

FALL NEWS

Welcome to preschool!

OFFICE NEWS:

TUITION DUE on the 1st

ADD \$10 after the 10th
Checks payable to
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Place in preschool office mailbox.
We collect tuition's monthly
August to April 2012.

FIRE SAFETY

We are required to have
school wide monthly fire
drills. This is handled in a
Calm, safe, instructional
manner; Check your
class info board.

Ages n Stages Questionnaire

Have you completed and turned yours into your teacher yet? These will help us plan for goals and activities for your child. Thank you for participating.

PARKING LOT SAFETY RULES

- Drive slow at all times
 - Park rear bumper to bumper and exit forward
 - Hold your child's hand in the lot
 - DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN YOUR CAR or in the lot anywhere!
 - Help hold the doorway for each child, help us to promote caring for one another!
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OUTDOOR PLAY GROUND

We play outside if it is 45' and dry. Dress for the weather!
PLEASE LABEL ALL COATS, JACKETS, SWEATERS!

Using this area before and after school is fun for the children and promotes friendship! SAFETY RULES>>>

- Supervise your children at all times!
- Put the lid back on the sand box!

Washing hands!

Colds and runny noses last forever, teach your child how to use a tissue and how to wash their hands. Washing hands helps prevent the spread of germs.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR PARTICIPATION

Children are ready for classroom fun, interacting with peers, ready to learn, ready to listen and laugh when they arrive at preschool.....

- **Ontime**; free play is a favorite time of day!
AM class starts at 9:30 & PM 1:00
- **Come to school Rested** and healthy.
- Have **eaten** breakfast or lunch at home.
- Have used the **restroom** before class starts.
- Have **play clothes** and **safe shoes** on; please have your child wear low, rubber sole, **CLOSED toe & heal shoes** (NO sandals, NO CROCS)
- Prepared with **items from home** to participate in special themes of the day.
- **DISMISSAL is 12:00 and 3:30**, please be prompt - call us if you're running late!

ARRIVING TO PRESCHOOL

We offer a drop off arrival program on the preschool side of the building; this is an option for your family, but we need parent helpers! We have up to 60 children arriving at each session.....sign up to help on the board by the preschool office ☺ **If you are volunteering, take your child to their teacher before we begin drop off, thanks!**

Enrichment students should use the church side parking lot for arrival & dismissal. Families with enrichment & preschool students are welcome to use the preschool side, we will make sure the enrichment student gets with their teachers.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE PRESCHOOL SIDE DROP OFF

We have a few safety rules

- Drivers line up at door way and pull up slowly to the volunteer
- Stay in your car, keep the children buckled. Volunteers or staff will be ready to open your car door and greet your child, once we have secured the child inside to their teacher; we will greet the next car!
- **Drop off time is**
AM 9:30 to 9:40 PM 1:00 to 1:10
- **Doors are locked**
AM 9:45 to 11:45 PM 1:15 to 3:15
After the doors are locked, please use the church side entrance and walk your child to the preschool office to check in; we need to know who is in our building.

HOME SCHOOL RELATIONS

- Check your child's classroom info board each day!
- Read your child's classroom calendar
- Questions? Send notes to the teacher, one idea is to pin them to your child's tote!

Scholastic Book Sales

Book flyers came home in your tote on Parent Information Night. There was a very informative letter that tells you how to order on line each month. Thanks Cortney & Shannon!

PLAY DATES: we encourage this! Send a note to let us know if your child's dismissal plan has changed for the day!

Music program for preschool classes -

Lead teacher Jill Rust will meet with the classes 2-3 times per month!

SNACK Time

We like snack time, it is a great way to gather as a class and give thanks to God for providing food for us. Thanks for sending small healthy portions. Keep in mind this is a snack, not a meal - small portions for each child are appreciated. We really appreciate your sensitivity to our classrooms with children with reported food allergies. Check the Parent Handbook for ideas. We serve water.

SNACK PROGRAM THIS YEAR

>Little Lambs & Lambs - Family shared snack program, we serve water.

> Stars, Shepherds, Disciples and Enrichment classes
Students bring their own LABELED, healthy, small snack daily, we serve water.

Dear Stars & Little Lambs Families,

We use the newsletter to announce upcoming program specials planned for preschoolers and enrichment. Please be aware that some programs are not planned for the toddler classes because our program philosophy is to maintain age appropriate activities with the whole group in mind. We hope you find the monthly calendar helpful that Miss Cinda and Miss Robyn give you.

We hope you look forward to your toddler enrolling as a preschooler and participating in program specials in the future!

May God bless your family,
Sue Miller, Director

OCTOBER NEWS

Preschool 10 year Reunion Family & Children Festival - Sat Oct 8th 2-5; bouncy houses, turtle lady, children's concert, food, fun and games! See you here at Prince of Peace!

Fire Fighters Visit - Fire Fighter Bob talks with us about stop, drop and roll and we get to visit with the fire truck too; Wed 10-12, am & Thurs 10-13, am & pm.
Toddler classes WILL NOT VISIT THE TRUCK

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

**will be Wednesday Oct 19th and Thursday Oct 20th
NO SCHOOL THESE DATES**

We offer this opportunity for you to meet with your teacher, share information or concerns; together we can create goals and celebrate successes.

- Sign up for a time on the your class parent board
- Sign up to help in child care area; child care is for enrolled child and siblings too. Parents watch each others children during conference times!

Costume Parades for Preschool & Enrichment

Weds 10-26 & Thurs 10-27 - 9:35am & 1:05pm

Child comes to school in costume!

Parents line up in hall by the sanctuary, bring your camera! After the parade, please join your class in their classroom, take pictures, and help your child take off their costume, so you can take all those costume parts home 😊

FYI - NO FIELD TRIPS THIS YEAR

NOVEMBER NEWS

FOOD DRIVE THIS MONTH - Please bring a box or can good to school, we will have collection boxes in the hallway! This is a great opportunity to teach your child about giving to others. Contributions will go to the Dublin Food Pantry.

WRITTEN DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Our staff has used our age appropriate developmental checklist as a guide in our program preparation and day to day contact with your child. Keep in mind many of these skills may take your child all year to accomplish. We hope you find this information helpful and informative. Written assessments are sent home fall and spring.

ALL SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FEAST

School will provide a special snack and our classes will celebrate and give thanks to the Lord together on November 21st and 22nd

NO SCHOOL WED NOV 23

May God Bless your family!

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