

February 1, 2021

Hello parents!

1. Picture day with Nicole Myhre is scheduled for Friday, March 12. Please come to school that day ready for both class and individual photos to be taken! Nicole will provide you with a proof sheet after the photo shoot so that you can view and purchase.
2. Do you have basic sewing skills? I need a little help sewing a straight line. (I have many strengths; sewing is not one of them! ☺)
3. Please turn in your applications this week! As you know, church enrollment opens on Friday, February 5th, and open enrollment after that. You don't want to lose your spot!
4. The PK3 classes are in need of solid colored fabric for an upcoming unit. If you have anything ½ yard or more and are willing to donate, please let me know.
5. Are you taking temperatures at home? I hope so; we are still taking them here at the preschool.
6. Especially for the new families: are you getting your GroupMe messages? This has been a great way to share what is happening in the classroom. (This is also something we will keep doing once COVID is under control and the building is opened up for parents again.)
7. Because Leon County Schools began the school year later than we did, their end of the year is a bit different than ours. Our VPK program will end on May 28th, which means that the VPK discount ends in May. We may extend our regular school year into June, but have not announced our summer schedule just yet. I have a Preschool Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 4th where we will discuss this.
8. Unfortunately, we are not able to host our annual Donuts with Dad program this year. Instead, we are asking the dads in the PK2, PK3, and VPK classes to bring their child to the preschool that morning so we can present you with your gifts, as well as a hot cup of coffee and some pastries before you go off to work. Dads, if you can't make it work, not to worry. We will send home your gift that afternoon. Infant and toddler dads, we will celebrate you too with a nice hot cup of coffee and pastries, so please stop by the table after you drop off your child.
9. Valentine's Day class celebrations: your teachers will let you know specifics for your classroom, so be on the lookout for information from them.
10. For children in the 2021-2022 VPK class, please click here to learn how to enroll with the Early Learning Coalition. I don't think you can register yet, but you can begin to gather the necessary documents. <https://www.elcbigbend.org/Parents/Voluntary-PreKindergarten-VPK>

A prayer for the month of February:

O my God, let me walk in the way of love
which never seeks self in anything whatsoever.
But what love must it be?
It must be an ardent love,
a pure love,
a courageous love,
a love of charity,
a humble love,
and a constant love.
O Lord, give this love into my soul.
-Dame Gertrude More 1606

Dates to remember:

February 15	President's Day; the school is closed
March 15-19	Spring Break; the school is closed
April 2	Spring Holiday; the school is closed
April 5	Teacher Planning Day; the school is closed
April 15	Last day to opt OUT of the summer program
May 28	Last day of the 2020-2021 VPK program

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