September 2024 4-Year-Old Class



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Preschool Page

Welcome to Preschool

We are excited about the start of a new school year. Each month you will receive a newsletter to keep you informed about what will be happening at school that month. In this first issue we will also introduce you to a few of the basics of our school.

Every day your child will have a time of free play, circle time, Bible lesson, and snack. Most days we will also do a craft activity. Whenever the weather permits we will play outside on the playground. Please dress your child in comfortable clothes for them to play in.

Your child has been assigned their own spot for hanging their coats and any bags they bring to school each day. Help them find their spot and put their belongings there each day when you come to school. If you or your child are having difficulty with the separation each day, speak with a teacher and we will work out a good-bye routine to help with the transition into school each day.

Meet the Teachers

We have a staff of teachers who will make this a wonderful year for your child. Our teachers will be wearing name tags the first few weeks of school to help you get to know them. We divide up responsibilities between us, but we all help each other out.

Mrs. Heather Chevalier

Mrs. Chevalier teaches the Circle Lesson each day. She is also the Scholastic Book Clubs Coordinator. Mrs. Chevalier is an enhanced class teacher.

Mrs. Jennifer Kelly

Mrs. Kelly helps with crafts, is a teaching assistant, and the school treasurer.

Mrs. Mandy Westervelt

Miss Mandy is our assistant preschool director.

Mrs. Debbie Waugaman

Mrs. Waugaman is our Bible teacher for 4-year-olds. She also teaches the enhanced class.

Mrs. Linda Wachtel

Mrs. Wachtel is our preschool director.

Important Dates

Ellms Field Trip	10/9/2024
Circus Day	10/25/2024
Thanksgiving Feast	11/22/2024
Christmas Program	12/19/2024
Snow date for program	12/20/2024

The Doors will be locked except for arrival (8:55-9:10) and dismissal (11:25-11:40). Ring the preschool door bell if you arrive late or need to pick up your child early.

To contact us during school hours call the Preschool phone: 518-280-7865.

Additional copies of our newsletters are available on our website. www.egcchurch.org

The Scoop on Snacks

Every day we have snack time at preschool. Our snacks are generally finger foods such as crackers, dry cereal, fruits, and vegetables. Sometimes we offer apple juice or water for their first drink and sometimes we offer milk or water. Seconds of drinks are always water.

Occasionally we have a special snack that fits our lesson, such as gingerbread cookies when we read *The Gingerbread Man*, and English Muffin Pizza during "P" week.

We celebrate some special days during the year where we will put up sign-up sheets for snacks. Usually we are looking for cookies, vegetables, and fruit for those days.

You may send in a special treat when it is your child's birthday. Most commonly, parents send in cookies for a child's birthday, but you can pick other things. We have had brownies, ice cream, popsicles, chips, even watermelon since that was the child's favorite food. We do ask that you not send in full-size cupcakes. They are really too big for 4-year-olds mouths and they really make a mess, surprisingly with the cake crumbs (they are very good at getting the frosting in their mouths!) Speak to a teacher to schedule your child's special treat. We try to have each child have their own special day and sometimes we have two birthdays come together.

If your child has any special dietary needs, *and especially if* they have food allergies, let a teacher know. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for the children.

We are a nut free facility. If you are sending in a snack it does need to be nut and peanut free. If you have any questions, speak to a teacher.



Do You Want to Help this Year?

There are some tasks that we look for volunteers to help us with. Some of these things involve you helping here at school for a little while, and some you could do at home on your own time. Volunteer sheets are posted outside the classrooms. Please check them out and sign up if you are interested in being called on to help with any of these tasks. Many of these tasks can be done on your own time in your home.

Thank you.

Tuition

If your child attends Wed.-Fri, tuition for September is \$161 and for the remainder of the school year it is \$174 per month. If your child also attends the Tuesday enhanced class, tuition for September is \$203 and for the remainder of the year it is \$232 per month.

Tuition is due by the first school day of each month. September tuition is due on 9/18 and October tuition is due by 10/2. Please remember to pay your tuition on time.

Tuition can be paid by check or cash. Make checks payable to *EG Preschool*. Please include your child(ren)'s name to the memo line for checks. You will get a receipt if you pay with cash. If you pay by check and want a receipt, just ask. Tuition payments can be given to any teacher. Questions about tuition should be directed to Mrs. Kelly or Mrs. Wachtel.



Rocks Needed for Craft Project

When we get to the letter R, we do a project that uses a rock. R comes up late in the winter and usually rocks are covered with snow and frozen into the ground by then. *Please find a rock and send it in for this project by the end of October*. We will put your child's name on it,



and save it for when we get to R. We ask that the rock be at least as large as your child's fist (large enough for them to have room for the project) but not much larger than an adult fist. If you absolutely can't find a rock, we usually have extra. If you find an extra to donate, that is great! Thank you.