

Wrightsville United Methodist Preschool News January 1, 2020

Dates to Remember:

January 1		All tuition payments due. Don't forget to write the year 2020 on your check! ©
January 6	Mon.	YAY! Back to School All Classes
January 8	Wed.	All Lunch Bunch forms due.
Now through Ja	nuary 23	REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS NOW THROUGH JANUARY 23 RD FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS AND THEIR SIBLINGS. To guarantee your child's placement for next year, you will be required to fill out a registration form and pay the non-refundable registration fee of \$75 by our Jan 23 deadline. After that date, we will open enrollment to children on our waiting list. Check out more registration details on the next page.
January 14	Tues.	Muffins with Moms 8:45- Please see details below
January 16	Thurs.	All Scholastic Book Orders due. If ordering online, go to: Scholastic.com. Our Online School Code is: P8PXL. Any questions? Please see Ms. Leigh. Flyers will be in your children's cubbies next Week.
January 22	Wed.	Parent/Teacher Conferences for all children in all four classes. NO SCHOOL on this day. See back for more details.

<u>Registration 2020-2021 Preschool Year Begins Now!</u> The Priority Enrollment period for currently enrolled children and their siblings begins now and will wrap up on January 22nd and 23rd, following Parent/Teacher Conferences. Our church members may also enroll during this time. Following this period, we will immediately open enrollment to additional children on our waiting list beginning on Friday, January 24th.

When you register you will need to submit an enrollment form and pay a non-refundable \$75 registration fee to guarantee your child's placement for the upcoming school year. A Registration Form is attached to this email, and forms will be also be available on the Preschool Bulletin Board or by request from your child's teacher from now through Conference Day.

If you have friends or extended family who are interested in our program, the time to get on the wait list is NOW! Please have them call my cell number 910-233-7887 and leave a voice mail or email: <u>scotton@ec.rr.com</u>. Calling the church number is also an option 910-256-4471. Thanks for helping spread the word!

We will again offer four classes for the 2020-21 school year. Young Threes, Older Threes, Fours and Young Fives.



Don't Forget Muffins with Moms and other Special Ladies! 8:45 am, Tuesday, January 14th Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall We are looking forward to seeing you!

Be sure to note the Bright and Early time! After enjoying muffins, milk and juice with the kids, we invite our Moms down to visit the classrooms and playground! If Mom can't make it and your child would like to come with an aunt, grandmother, nanny or other special lady, that would be terrific too! Moms, we'd love to keep you all day, BUT we have important kid stuff to attend to O. So..... grownups will dismiss by 9:30.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

On Conference Day, Wednesday- January 22nd, <u>regular preschool classes will</u> <u>not be held</u>. During your scheduled meeting time only, childcare for your preschooler and siblings will be provided by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Jill in the baby nursery on the main hall. Signup sheets for conference times will be posted on top of the class cubbies. Please be courteous to other parents by helping us stay on schedule. Please arrive on time and understand that conferences should not exceed 15-20 minutes. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher on the 22nd, you may reschedule for a time that is mutually convenient.

Some of you have children with "late birthdays" who will be kindergarten eligible in the fall. You may be wondering if you should enroll your child in kindergarten or give them an extra year of preschool. There are many online articles and checklists such as the one found at: <u>http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/what-toexpect-grade/ready-kindergarten</u>. We will review progress reports with you at conference time. The choice to send a younger child on to kindergarten most often boils down to parental preference. My advice is, don't just look at your child's birth date, each child is different and develops in their own unique way. Looking at your child's social and emotional readiness, attentiveness and self-help skills are equally as important as their cognitive development and motor skills. I do know that Kindergarten teachers are very pleased when children begin the school year appropriately attentive for their age, confident and eager to learn!

Severe Weather/School Cancellations Reminder:

When county schools are closed due to severe weather, Wrightsville United Methodist Preschool will also be closed. <u>When the county schools open late we may or may not be</u> <u>closed for the day, but this will be left to the discretion of the preschool director.</u> If the county schools close early, our preschool will also close early. Please listen to the radio or television for closing announcements. You will also receive notification by email or text from the director.

Reminders of Ways to Help our Preschool:

1. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time, even on these cold winter mornings! The children are better able to settle into our routine if they have had an appropriate amount of time to check out the new activities in the classroom for the week and to greet their friends and teachers.

2. If the temperature is above freezing with the wind chill factored in, we <u>WILL</u> be going outside! Please be sure your child comes to school with the appropriate outdoor attire.

3. Please turn in your Lunch Bunch Form by the designated date listed on the form. This saves Ruth from handling administrative duties during valuable class time which would be better spent interacting with the kids. Thanks so much with your help with this!

4. Please recycle your printer cartridges with us! if you don't already recycle elsewhere! We've already earned \$83 worth of paper and ink this year, so every little cartridge helps. The collection envelope for printer cartridges is on the preschool bulletin board.



To Lisa Derrick (Essie's Mom) for visiting us during Kk Week to read a story about "Kindness" and to share some candy kisses. What a sweet reminder for our kiddos to share kindness throughout the New Year!

To Jessie Perry (Sydney's Mom) for being our special guests during LI Week and introducing the kids to the Limbo Dance. It's always fun to see the children's creativity and problem-solving skills as they figure out how "low they can go"! To Bethany Bullers (Jack and Layne's Mom) and Shelley Jackson (Graham's Mom) for

providing the beautiful Baby Jesus Birthday Cake for our Christmas Celebration!



Promises to be another exciting year as it brings about many wonderful changes in your preschooler. Our staff is looking forward to working with your child as they continue to learn, grow in body and spirit and become increasingly more independent!



Johnna and Leígh, Shannon and Megan, Taylor and Manuela, Jíll and Ruth

Thursday Lunch Bunch

Child's Nar	ne		
Please check the days your child will be staying for Thursday Lunch Bunch this month:			
Jan. 9			
Jan. 16			
Jan. 23			
Jan. 30			

Number of Lunch bunch days _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Please turn in this form by Wednesday, January 8th. You may add total to your tuition check for January. Reminder: 3 day a week tuition is 190.00/month and 4 day is \$210.00/month. Thank you.