



## Covenant United Methodist Preschool

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Dear Covenant Families,

It's April – Welcome Spring! I don't know about you but I am ready for warmer weather, more sunshine and wide open windows!

What a fun month we had with our eggs and chicks! Four babies hatched this year!! There is absolutely nothing like being able to watch the chicks make their entrance into this world. The chicks have added so much to our classroom learning experience. It is always sad to send them back home to the farm.

At the end of March, the three year old students had Donuts with Dad. The children loved to introduce dad to their teachers and friends. Seeing the dads sitting in tiny chairs with their

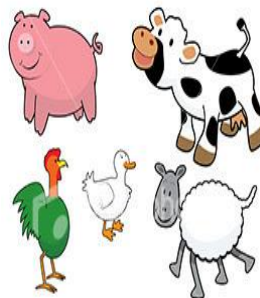


child and either reading a book or playing with a favorite toy is sweet. It is always fun when the dads come to school!

At the **beginning of April the three year olds will have Teddy Bear Day.** On this special day the children will come to school in their pajamas (with shoes), bring their teddy bear and enjoy a special snack in a special way. The teachers even join in the fun by wearing their pajamas too!



Right before spring break, our **four year old students will enjoy a visit from Reptile Wonders.** Brian Kristal will come and show our children all sorts of snakes, iguanas, lizards and other assorted reptilian friends. This is a great show the classes love every year! Children brave enough to touch these critters are given the opportunity to do so. ☺ (Many are braver than the teachers!) Don't forget to check out FB or IG to see pix from the day.



**Mary's Go Round** is coming on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** with a farm animal petting zoo for our 3 year old classes to explore. So fun! This is perfect as the children have just completed a science unit on farm animals.

This month the children will have the wonderful opportunity to watch caterpillars become butterflies. Over several weeks your children will watch them become a chrysalis (or pupa) and then into beautiful "painted lady" butterflies. Every class will release their butterflies out on the playground.



Thank you to all who supported our Easter candy fundraiser! **We were blessed to receive \$300!!** All money earned from this fundraiser will go into our preschool fund. Candies will be delivered the first week of April in plenty of time for Easter.

**A Tuition Discount** will be received for any family that introduces a new family to our school. Once the new family has registered, a 10 percent discount will be applied to your next month's tuition payment.

If you are practicing handwriting at home with your child, please be sure to use both upper and lower case letters; not all uppercase. Writing your name with the first letter capitalized and the rest of the letters lowercase is the "kindergarten way" so we might as well have them learn it this way right from the start!

As the school year begins to wrap up, you are invited to put a review on either or both of our Facebook and Yelp pages. Your positive comments are helpful to both the preschool and prospective parents. The best advertisement are your words! Please consider doing this for us.

Blessings,

Lisa Broadman



## **CURRICULUM:**

The Pre-K classes will be going into greater depth and detail than our three-year-old children. All students cover subject areas unless noted.

Social Studies:

- A. Transportation (Pre-K)
- B. Under the Sea (3s)



English-Language Arts:

- A. Storybook Units
- B. First Name Recognition (3s)
- C. Random Alphabet Recognition (3s)
- D. Printing First Name & Draw Self (Pre-K)
- E. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- F. Full Name Recognition (Pre-K)
- G. Sight Words for Kindergarten (Pre-K)
- H. Letters & Phonics – X, Y, Z (Pre-K)
- I. Manuscript - Letters X, Y, Z (Pre-K)

Science:

- A. Growth of Plants
- B. Life Cycle of a Butterfly
- C. Earth Day (Pre-K)
- D. Human Life Cycle (Pre-K)



Social Emotional:

- A. Growth Mindset

Math:

- A. Numeral Recognition 0-15 (3s)
- B. One to One Correspondence (3s)
- C. Numeral Recognition 0-30 (Pre-K)
- D. One to One Correspondence (Pre-K)
- E. Money (Pre-K)
- F. 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School (Pre-K)

Spiritual:

- A. Jesus Miracles
- B. Zacchaeus

## **CHAPEL AND SPRING BREAK:**

The Easter Chapel will be held on Monday and Tuesday April 8 and 9. We would love to see you there!



Spring Break will be Monday, April 15 – Monday, April 22. (Please note that these dates are different than MCPS and include the whole week rather than the partial week.) School resumes on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## UPCOMING MAY EVENTS:



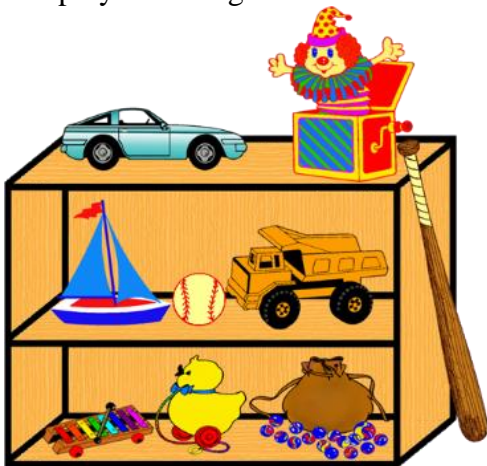
**Three year old moms** – Muffins with Mom morning on Thursday, May 9 from 9:15 – 9:45 am. If mom cannot attend, any special guest, male or female is most welcome. No siblings please if at all possible.

**Four year old moms** – our annual Mother’s Day Tea is Friday, May 10 from 12:30 – 1:15 pm. In case you are wondering what to wear (I did my first year here as a mom) dresses or skirts are commonly worn to the tea, though please come in whatever you feel comfortable wearing. If mom is unable to attend, please send another special guest to enjoy this event with your child. No siblings please.



## TERRIFIC TWOS NEWS:

Mrs. Pitts is hosting a Spring Treasure Sale to benefit the Terrific Twos Scholarship Fund. The date is April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-1:00. She will begin to accept donations on Monday, April 1. If you have donations of toys or clothes for children up to age 8, Marcia will gladly accept them. Each year this sale becomes even more popular with ‘sneak peeks’ given the Friday before the sale begins. Stop by and bring a friend!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Covenant United Methodist Church hosts an annual Vacation Bible School each summer. This year’s bible school will be July 15 – July 19. The day will run from 9:00 – 12:00 pm. This is an amazing program where each child that attends has a wonderful time! It is also a great opportunity for the kids to catch up with their friends, since many preschool children attend. Don’t forget to sign up early to make sure that you have a spot!

If you wish to register online, please visit [CUMC-VBS.weebly.com](http://CUMC-VBS.weebly.com) or you can contact [Kerri.Garland@covenant-umc.org](mailto:Kerri.Garland@covenant-umc.org) for more details.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

April 15 - 22 – Spring Break

May 9 – Muffins with Mom for 3s

May 10 - Mother’s Day Tea for 4s

May 16 – Spring Sing for 3s

May 17 – Spring Sing for 4s

May 23 – Last Day for 3s

May 24 – Last Day for 4s

# Meet the Teacher!

Mrs. Durning



## My Education!

I graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Elementary Education.

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## My Class Mascot!

Our MTTh class mascot is the puppy.



# The Basics!

I grew up in PA and married my high school sweetheart. He served in the Air Force which brought us to Maryland. Our oldest son, Andrew, is a statistician for the Department of Transportation. Our youngest son, Daniel, attends MC and hopes to transfer to Towson. We LOVE attending Penn State football games and go to as many as we can! ☺

## My Favorites!

- Food:** Italian
- Color:** Blue
- Drink:** Coffee and Diet Coke
- Book:** Frederick Beckman books
- Movie:** Remember the Titans
- Sports:** Football
- Singer:** Casting Crowns
- Hobby:** Photography & Making Cards
- Restaurant:** Ay Jalisco
- Store:** Michaels
- Candy:** Belgian Truffles
- Flower:** Roses and Hydrangeas

