



Covenant United Methodist Preschool

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Dear Covenant Preschool Families,

February will be such a fun month at Covenant Preschool! We celebrate Valentine's Day AND it is Dental Health month too! We will also have special visits from Mike the Magician for the 3 year olds on Feb 22nd and Catriona's Castle for the 4 year olds on Feb 28th!

Each class will be hosting a **Valentine's celebration**. Sign up for special snack treats will be available from your child's teacher or the class mom – thank you in advance for your contributions. On celebration day, your child is asked to bring in Valentine cards for classmates. **Do not address the cards** but please do be sure your child's name is signed on the bottom of each one. Please encourage your child to sign his or her own name – even if they can write only one letter and you fill in the rest – it is wonderful practice for them! All children are decorating in class a special mailbox they will use to collect their cards from classmates. Both homemade cards and store bought cards are great – whatever you prefer. Many store bought cards come with candy, tattoos or pencils – it is fine to attach these to your child's cards. If you include candy, please remember no nuts. Teachers will have Valentine mailboxes as well in case any children wish to give them a card. ☺



We are very blessed to have a local dentist visiting us this year in honor of **dental health month!** Dr. Rajeev Sandhu will be coming in to talk with our

children about taking good care of their teeth. We can't wait to welcome our special guest on **Wednesday, February 7th**. The 3 year old students who are not in school on Wednesday are most welcome to come in for this special presentation. Please let Lisa know if you will be bringing your child.



With the crazy weather that we have seen so far this winter, keeping abreast of the weather and school alerts is more important than ever. The Preschool will send emails but if you subscribe then you will know in advance of the school emails. **You can receive alerts via text or email at:** www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertsmcps.aspx.

Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from the middle to the end of February. Each conference will last 20 minutes and teachers will be emphasizing your child's academic successes and areas for growth. Please watch for sign ups. For your convenience and to maximize your tuition dollars, classes will be held on conference days. Our assistant teachers will teach class with the aide of one of our wonderful substitutes.



Registration for families new to Covenant Preschool opens Monday, Feb 5. New families are welcome to mail their forms in or drop them off in person. We thank you for your sharing the good news about our school with your

friends and neighbors. If you have not registered your child for the next school year, you are welcome to hand in your registration packet to me anytime.

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.

This month we will hold a **fundraiser to benefit our preschool fund**. We will be sending home Easter candy brochures from **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates**. It is delicious candy. What is so neat is they sell Christian oriented candy (in cross and lamb shapes) in addition to the more secular bunnies. 50 percent of every Gertrude Hawk order will come straight back to us. This is an outstanding return for a product fundraiser! Your family, friends and co-workers are welcome to purchase candy too! Orders may be placed online and products can be shipped for free to our school (for local friends and families) or, those out of town can have the candy shipped directly to their home for a nominal fee. The more people who buy, the more money we will raise! If you would like to contribute but prefer not to purchase Gertrude Hawk chocolates, a direct donation also will be gratefully accepted. More info about this fundraiser will come home soon in buckets.

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!



Enjoy a wonderful February!

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. Valentine's Day



- B. Patriotism-Our Flag (Pre-K)
C. Pledge of Allegiance (Pre-K)
D. Great American Heroes
1. George Washington
 2. Abraham Lincoln
 3. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Science:

- A. Five Senses
B. Groundhog Day (shadows)



C. Dental Health Month (Pre-K)

English-Language Arts:

- A. Storybook Units
B. Fine Motor Skills
C. Opposites (3's)
D. Story Sequencing (Pre-K)
E. Rhyming Words (Pre-K)
F. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
G. Letters & Phonics – Q, R, S, T (Pre-K)
H. Manuscript Letters Q, R, S, T (Pre-K)

Math:

- A. Numeral Recognition 0-10 (3's)
B. Numeral Recognition 0-25 (Pre-K)
C. Scales (weights/balancing)
Same, More & Less

- D. Classification by Shape (3's)
- E. Small, Medium and Large (3's)
- F. Small, Little, Medium, Large & Big
- G. Classification by Size, Weight & Shape (Pre-K)
- H. Patterns (Pre-K)
- I. Home Telephone Number (Pre-K)

Spiritual:

- A. Jesus loves the little children
- B. Being a Good Neighbor

VALENTINE'S DAY:

Valentine's Day Celebrations will be held on Tuesday, February 13 for the MTTh 3 year olds and on Wednesday, February 14 for the TWTh 3 year olds and all 4 year old classes.

The Preschool children will be making 100 Valentines that will be delivered to Sunrise Assisted Living for the long term residents. We love to do for others and making Valentines to let the residents know that they are remembered is important to us!

TEACHER CONFERENCES:

These conferences will focus on your child's academic progress. Your child's teacher will contact you with sign up instructions. The conference schedule is as follows:

MTTh 3s	Feb 20 and Feb 22
TWTh 3s	Feb 21 and Feb 27
MWF 4s	Feb 16 and Feb 26
T-F 4s	Feb 23 and Feb 28

Be on the look out for your specific conference sign up.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

The 3s will have Teddy Bear Day on March 22. The children will come to school dressed in their pajamas (and shoes) and bring their favorite stuffed bear with them. The day is special because they have a special story, music and snack. They will even get to have a special picnic with their friends and their teddy bears.



Donuts with Dad for 3 year olds will be held on April 5. Please get this on Dad's calendar so he can attend this special event.

Muffins with Mom for 3 year olds will be held on May 10. The Mother's Day Tea for 4 year olds will be held on May 11. Please get this on Mom's calendar so she can attend.

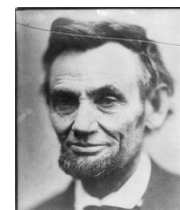
FACEBOOK REVIEWS:

Have you liked our Facebook page yet? If so, please like some of the photos or posts so that our information goes out to your friends and neighbors. I love spreading the good news of our school. If you haven't liked the page yet, please do so. The weekly pics and posts are entertaining and fun!



REMINDER:

Covenant Preschool will be closed Monday, February 19th for the Presidents' Day Holiday.



Meet the Teacher!

Mrs. McClure

Contact: boblizjack@aol.com



My Education!

I received a BS.Ed in Elementary and Special Education from University of Delaware.



My Class Mascot!

Our T-F class mascot is the frog.



The Basics!

I am married and have 3 kids, all CUMP alumni. My son is a sophomore in college and my daughters are in 8th and 10th grades. I have taught in multiple public school programs and this is my 5th year at CUMP.

My Favorites!

Food: Seafood

Color: Blue

Drink: Coffee and Margaritas

Sports: Watching my kids: swimming soccer and softball

Hobby: Cooking and Animal Rescue

Restaurant: Bonefish Grill

Store: Target

Dessert: Ice Cream

Candy: Heath Bar

Flower: Daisy



