



...a fun place to play and learn!

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 Sarah the Storyteller for the 4 year olds on Feb 19th and Mike the Magician for the 3 year olds on Feb 20th!

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 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 – whichever 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 just 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 12.



With some of 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 Wednesday, 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.

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. (The Herchenroeder and Cao families have received some this year. Will you be next?)

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. 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.

We will also have a dine in/carry out fundraiser at California Tortilla this month. Get ready to take the evening off and **join us for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, February 12th**.

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.

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)

Science:

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



- C. Dental Health Month (Pre-K)

Social Emotional:

- A. Kindness and Empathy

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 Thursday, February 13 for the 3 year olds and on Friday, February 14 for the 4 year olds.

The Preschool children will make Valentines that will be given to Pastor Dawn to give to church members that are either ill, living in rehab facilities or recently recovering from the death of a spouse. We love to do for others and making Valentines to let the others know that they are loved and 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:

TWTh 3s Feb 18 and Feb 20

MWF 4s Feb 19 and Feb 24

T-F 4s Feb 21 and Feb 25

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

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY:

All families are invited to attend our annual **Preschool and Terrific Twos Sunday on Sunday, April 26 at our 10:00 service.** On this special day, the Covenant United Methodist Church community will celebrate our programs and students. Please plan to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

There will be a **dine in/carryout fundraiser at California Tortilla** on Wednesday, February 12. Enjoy the night off and hope to see you there!

Orders due for Gertrude Hawk on March 5th. Candy delivery will be the week of March 30 before Spring Break.

Donuts with Dad for 3 year olds will be held on Thursday, March 26. 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 7. The **Mother's Day Tea** for 4 year olds will be held on May 8. Please get this on Mom's calendar so she can attend.

The **Spring Sing** will be held on **Friday, May 15** for ALL classes.

FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM:

Have you liked our Facebook page and followed our Instagram 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. Also, if you have the opportunity to leave a review it would be appreciated very much. Online reviews are so important these days and words from current parents are very helpful.

REMINDER:

Covenant Preschool will be closed Monday, February 17th 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 senior in college and my daughters are in 10th and 12th grades. I have taught in multiple public school programs and this is my 7th 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



