



Covenant United Methodist Preschool

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Dear Covenant Preschool Families,

During the first week of the month our **four year old classes** will celebrate **Dr. Seuss Day**. Children are each invited to bring in a favorite Dr. Seuss book and the children and teachers will have a special snack.



Wednesday, March 22 (Bears) and Thursday, March 23 (Puppies and Turtles) will be **Teddy Bear Day** for our **three year old students**. On this special day the children come to school in their pajamas (with shoes), bring their teddy bear and enjoy a special snack. The teachers even join in the fun by wearing their pajamas too!

We are almost done with our Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Fundraiser. The final date to turn in orders is Monday, March 6th. 50 percent of every Gertrude Hawk order will come straight back to us. This is an outstanding return for a product fundraiser! 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.

On **March 8th** our fertilized chicken eggs will arrive and for several weeks we will all eagerly anticipate their hatch on March 27th! Once the chicks hatch, we will have the opportunity to watch them for about a week before they return to the farm. This is always such an exciting experience because there is absolutely nothing like watching these chicks make their way into the world! After they hatch, it is great to be able to watch the chicks become so cute and fluffy!



We surprised the long term residents of Sunrise Assisted Living Facility for Valentine's Day by making valentines for all of the residents. They were warmly received! Here is a photo of how sweet they turned out. If the photo is not clear, please refer to our website or Facebook page, the picture is posted there.



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!

Enjoy a magnificent March! ☺

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.

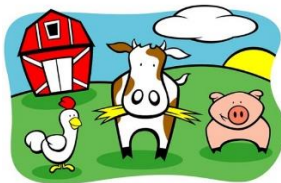
Social Studies:

- A. St. Patrick’s Day
- B. Easter
- C. I’m Special (Pre-K)



Science:

- A. Season – Spring
 - 1. World Awakens
 - 2. Planting of Seeds – Parts of a Plant
 - 3. Wind
- B. Life Cycle of a Chick
- C. Farm Animals
- D. Human Life Cycle (Pre-K)



English-Language Arts:

- A. Storybook Units
- B. First Name Recognition (3’s)
- C. Story Sequencing (Pre-K)
- D. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- E. Full Name Recognition (Pre-K)
- F. Dr. Seuss Day (Pre-K)

- G. Letters & Phonics - V, W, & X (Pre-K)
- H. Manuscript - Letters V, W & X

Math:

- A. Numeral Recognition 0-15 (3’s)
- B. Review Shapes and Colors (3’s)
- C. Picture Graphs (3’s)
- D. Numeral Recognition 0-20 (Pre-K)
- E. Patterns (Pre-K)
- F. Draw Simple Geometric Shapes (Pre-K)
- G. 100th Day of School (Pre-K)

Spiritual:

- A. Jesus is the Good Shepherd
- B. Jesus Feeds the People



ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is progressing nicely. The 3 year old classes are almost full and a couple of the 4 year old classes are almost full too. One of the 4 year old classes has low enrollment and we could use your help. Praise from current parents is the best way to advertise our preschool. Remember, if you refer anyone who registers for a class you will get a 10 percent off of your next monthly tuition payment. We already have two current families who have received this discount. Put on your thinking caps – you could be next!

UPCOMING CHAPEL DATES:

Come celebrate chapel with us this month on March 13 - 14 and 27 - 28. Easter chapel will be held on April 3 and 4.

MARCH MADNESS SPIRIT:

On Thursday, March 16 we will be celebrating March Madness and college basketball by wearing our favorite college team's spirit wear! Hopefully your alma mater made the tournament this year, and even if they did not, send your child to school dressed in your favorite college spirit wear. We look forward to seeing which of the top 64 teams are represented!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Donuts with Dad for 3 year olds will be held on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6. Please get this on Dad's calendar so he can attend this special event.

Spring Break begins Friday, April 7 and goes thru Monday, April 17. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 18.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

LENT: A Journey for the Whole Family

Lent is the season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends the day before Easter. It's a time of preparation for celebrating our Lord's resurrection and is often marked by prayer, fasting, Scripture study, penance and generosity. Here are some tips for praying with your little one that you might want to try this Lent:

1. Let your child hear you pray. Something as simple as: "God I thank you for this snowy day, for our yummy breakfast, and

for a fun day at work. I thank you for loving us most of all." Don't worry about using the 'right words.' Your kids will learn that God wants to hear from us and we can pray about what matters to us.

2. Ask your child what they are thankful for and pray for that. Ask your child what they are sad about or sorry for and pray for that. Ask your child who is sick or hurt and pray for them.
3. Make a circle holding hands and sing a simple prayer refrain as part of your mealtime.
4. Let your child say a simple refrain in the middle of your prayer, like "Lord, we love you," or "Lord, hear our prayer."
5. Don't squelch a child's natural connection to God. Maybe your child will say a snowfall is "angels shaking out pillows." Go with that. Ask questions. Affirm their experience of wonder and love.
6. Say a prayer of blessing as your child leaves the house or before bedtime.
7. Use a prayer jar. Add specific prayer joys and concerns on little pieces of paper and have your child draw, and pray for them.
8. Have your child draw a prayer or make one out of play dough.
9. Pray that God would help you parent your child – thank God for the gift of your child (sometimes in the midst of sleep-deprivation and Cheerio avalanches, it can be hard to remember). Thank God that you are called to parent this child and thank God you are NOT called to be God for him. ☺
10. Name God's presence in your child's life. When going for a walk, as you point out things of interest, say, "God we thank you for singing birds and wiggly worms and rainy days..."

We would love to have you worship with us this Lent. Services are at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor Mandy

Meet the Teacher!

Mrs. Walsh



My Education!

I attended classes at Montgomery College



My Class Mascot!

Our T-F class mascot is the frog.



The Basics!

I live in Germantown with my husband, Mark and our sweet little dog, Sophie. Tyler and Zachary are our two amazing sons and they are both away at college.

I enjoy coming to work every day and spending time with your children. I love hearing their stories and interacting together. They make me smile! 😊

My Favorites!

- Food:** Seafood
- Color:** All colors
- Drink:** Pepsi & unsweetened iced tea
- Book:** Rebecca, Daphne DuMaurier
- Movie:** All old black & white movies
- Hobby:** Spending time with my 14 year old doggie
- Restaurant:** Mi Rancho
- Store:** Kohls
- Dessert:** Chocolate Cake
- Candy:** Dove Milk Chocolate
- Flower:** Orange Tulips

