



...a fun place to play and learn!

Covenant United Methodist Preschool

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Dear Covenant Preschool Families,

The children learned that valentines are a symbol of love and that a great way to celebrate valentines day is to share that love, so they made some to give away! The kids made a bunch of valentines that we gave to Pastor Dawn to share with members of the church who might not receive a valentine or who might need a bit of extra love. What a great lesson! They were then surprised with hand written Thank You notes for their efforts! It was a win-win situation all around. Here is a photo of how sweet the valentines turned out



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.



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.



On Thursday, March 26 will be **Donuts with Dad** for our **three year old students**. Dads will be hosted in the classroom from 9:15 – 9:45 am. If dad is unavailable to come, no worries – please send another special person (male or female) with your child. Due to space limitations in our classroom we ask siblings please stay home if possible. This is a special morning for our preschoolers and their special guest.

On **March 3rd** our fertilized chicken eggs will arrive and for several weeks we will all eagerly anticipate them hatching the week of March 23rd! 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!



Once a year, I like to restate what our policy is regarding emergency situations and outside visitors. All visitors are brought to the preschool office either by the Director or the church staff. Outside people are never permitted to walk the church or preschool hallways unattended. All outside doors are locked at all times except the preschool office door which opens to the playground. That door is unlocked but the office is manned at all times.

A Shelter in Place situation occurs for one of two reasons: either there is an imminent danger in the area or there is a weather related emergency. Both follow the same procedure. The children remain indoors at all times. Staff confirms that all doors are locked and windows covered as a precaution. In extreme situations, the children would be moved to the hallway. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the Preschool until the Shelter in Place directive has been lifted by MCPS or the county police.

Families may only pick up their children once the order is lifted. In NO circumstances will a family be able to pick up their child before that time. If you have questions or concerns regarding these procedures, please feel free to contact me.

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)



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 – U, V, W (Pre-K)
- H. Manuscript – Letters U, V, W

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)



Social Emotional:

- A. Growth Mindset

Math:

- A. Numeral Recognition 0-15 (3's)
- B. Review Shapes and Colors (3's)
- C. Picture Graphs (3's)
- D. Numeral Recognition 0-25 (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. Easter Chapel



ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is progressing nicely. One of the 4s classes is already filled! There is still room in the other classes. 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. Put on your thinking caps – you could be next!

UPCOMING CHAPEL DATES:

Come celebrate chapel with us this month on March 9 - 10 and March 30 - 31.

MARCH MADNESS SPIRIT:

On Wednesday, March 18 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!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Teddy Bear Day for 3 year olds will be held on Thursday, March 5. Start looking for those super cute pjs and the cuddliest teddy bear to be ready!

Spring Break begins Monday, April 6 and goes thru Monday, April 13. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 14.



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 Dawn

Meet the Teacher!

Mrs. V (Vozzola)



My Education!

AA in Elementary Education from Indian River State College

Several classes towards a BA in Elementary Education at Florida Atlantic University

My Class Mascot!

Our T-F class mascot is the frog.



The Basics!

I live in Germantown with my husband Steve. We are a blended family and have 7 children. I like to spend time with my family while hiking, paddle boarding and kayaking. I worked in early childhood and elementary education since 1993. I am very active in my church, and enjoy teaching Sunday school classes. My husband and I also volunteer as camp counselors for a week-long bible camp in Virginia every summer.

My Favorites!

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| Food: | Salad |
| Color: | Turquoise |
| Drink: | Water |
| Book: | Bible |
| Movie: | A Walk to Remember |
| Hobby: | Crafting |
| Restaurant: | Silver Diner |
| Store: | Amazon |
| Dessert: | Cheese Cake |
| Candy: | Caramel Hard Candies |
| Flower: | Wildflowers |