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Dear Covenant Families,

Wow! What a wonderfully exciting and busy October we had here at Covenant. The school was abuzz with fantastic activities everyday.

Thank you so much to all who contributed food and drink and other donations to our fall celebrations. Also, a huge shout out of gratitude to our wonderful room parents who served as our party planners in chief. We so appreciate the gift of your time and organizing talents.

Chapel time is off to a great start! Parents, please remember you always are welcome at Chapel. Siblings, too. We would love to pray with you. Coffee and donuts are served every Chapel Day in Fellowship Hall from 9:15-9:30 am for your enjoyment. Chapel begins at 9:35 am. It lasts less than 15 minutes and is led by Pastor Mandy. We'd love to have you join us. **November Chapel dates are the 2nd/3rd and 16th/17th.**

The 4s had Career Day in October and they were treated to a wonderful presentation by two of our parents. Mrs. Lili Cremin (mother of Patrick in our MWF class) who told the children what it was like to be a dentist. Then we had Mrs. Erin Raedeke (mother of Camille in our M-F class) who told the children what it was like to be an artist. What a wonderful job they did! The children were captivated and excited to hear what they did. Thank you to both for sharing your gifts with our children.

Three year old parents... we have a wonderful surprise coming up for your children this month. On Monday and Tuesday, November 9th and 10th, Echoes of Nature will be coming to present their "A Walk in the Woods" program to your children. They will bring 4 warm and fuzzy animals which the children will learn about and have the opportunity to touch if they like. We are so very excited! Shhhh.... Let's keep this a special surprise. ☺

Four year old dads – please join us for Donuts with Dad this month. The children have a special gift they have made for you. If dad is unable to attend please send any special person (male or female) in dad's place. Three year old dads – your turn will come soon! Three year old classes will celebrate Donuts with Dad this spring.

Remember that the Preschool is collecting coats. As you check your child's closet to see what fits this year, if your coat is no longer a good fit, please consider donating to us. All jackets, hoodies, coats (anything warm) will be combined with what the church collects and then distributed to local elementary schools.

Cooler weather is here... please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate outerwear. We play outside everyday possible. Please label coats, hats and mittens so they return home with your child.

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. I am so grateful to God for the gift of each of your children and your beautiful families.

Blessings,

Lisa Broadman, Director

Curriculum:

All Pre-Kindergarten 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. Harvest
 - 1. First Thanksgiving
 - 2. Pilgrims and Native Americans
 - 3. Traditional Foods
- (Pre-K)

Science

- A. Day/Night (Pre-K)
- B. Float/Sink Experiment (Pre-K)
- C. Turkeys
- D. Corn
- E. Cooking Projects
 - 1. Popcorn
 - 2. Cornbread and Homemade Butter (Pre-K)



English-Language Arts

- A. Same/Different
- B. Directional/Positional Words
- C. Storybook Units
- D. Nursery Rhymes (3's)
- E. Recognition of Name w/ Photo (3's)
- F. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- G. Letters & Phonics - H, I & J (Pre-K)
- H. Manuscript - Letters (Pre-K)

Math

- A. Basic Shapes (3's)
- B. Counting 0-5 (3's)
- C. Recognition 0-5 (3's)
- D. Classification by Color

- E. Counting 0-10 (Pre-K)
- F. Recognition 0-10 (Pre-K)
- G. Complex Shapes - Pentagon, Hexagon, Octagon & Crescent (Pre-K)
- H. Cardinal & Ordinal Numbers (Pre-K)

Spiritual

- A. Helping the Needy
- B. Being Thankful
- C. Moses – The Man Who Obeyed God
- D. Saying Thank you to God

Donuts with Dads (4 year olds):

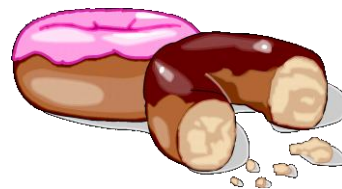
"Donuts with Dads" is a special time for Dad to enjoy a breakfast snack and spend some play time inside the classroom with his child on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 10 from
9:15 - 9:45 AM will be M-F Pre-K
(Turtles - Moran/Walsh)

Wednesday, November 11 from
9:15 - 9:45 AM will be M/W/F Pre-K
(Ladybugs - Crown/Crapo)

Thursday, November 12 from
9:15 - 9:45 AM will be T-F Pre-K
(Minions - Augustine/Mason)

If dad is unavailable that day, your child is welcome to bring any special male or female.
Three year old dads – you will celebrate your special day next spring.



Fall Service Project

Teaching our students to care about others is as important to us here at Covenant Preschool as any academic lessons we teach. In November, children will discuss helping others in need.

Fall Service Project (cont)

They will create turkey placemats which will be donated to the Montgomery Village Rehabilitation Center for their Thanksgiving Celebration.

We also continue to collect winter coats to be distributed to local elementary schools for children in need. Please help if you can.

Three Year Old “In-House” Fieldtrip

On Monday and Tuesday, Nov 9th/10th. Echoes of Nature will come to Covenant to present their “A Walk in the Woods” program to our three year old classes. They will bring 4 furry critters for your children to see, learn about, and touch if they like. We are super excited and very much looking forward to this wonderful day.

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences:

Fall parent-teacher conferences will be held the week of Nov 13-20. Each class is assigned one conference day and teachers will meet with each family for 10 minutes, focusing on your child’s social and emotional development and behavior. If you feel you need additional time to discuss your child’s growth and development, please let your child’s teacher know and she will be happy to meet again another day for as long as necessary. For your convenience and to maximize your child’s education and your tuition dollars class will be held on conference days. Assistant teachers will teach classes with the aid of a substitute.

Sign ups for fall conferences will be posted in early November. Most classes will sign up electronically via sign up genius. If your assigned conference day does not work with your schedule – no worries, please let the teacher know and another time will be arranged. Please note that in February and March you will have the opportunity to conference with teachers again, this time for 20 minutes, with a focus on

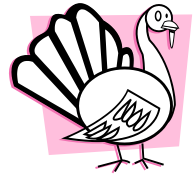
your child’s academic strengths and areas for growth.

Fall Conference Schedule:

Friday, Nov 13 – M-F 4s (Mrs. Moran)
Monday, Nov 16 - MWF 4s (Mrs. Crown)
Tuesday, Nov 17 – T-F 4s (Mrs. Augustine)
Wednesday, Nov 18 – MW 3s (Ms. Salgueiro)
Thursday, Nov 19 – TTh 3s (Mrs. Crown)
Friday, Nov 20 – TWF 3s (Mrs. McClure)

Thanksgiving Break:

CUMP will be closed
Wednesday, Nov 25 – Friday,
Nov 27 for the Thanksgiving
holiday.



Gingerbread Houses (4s classes):

4 year old parents – please mark your calendars... Your children will be creating beautiful Gingerbread houses this December. A parent (or other special person) is needed to assist each child with this very fun activity. Each class will begin at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and finish in thirty minutes. No siblings please, if possible. Children should bring one container of **Whipped Vanilla Frosting (any brand)** to use on their gingerbread house. Parents will take the masterpiece home after completion, **so please bring a box for transporting.**



The school will furnish necessary plates, milk cartons and graham crackers. Teachers will contact the parents for the needed candies. Schedule is as follows:

Mrs. Moran - M-F 4s Turtles:
Tuesday, December 1

Mrs. Crown – MWF 4s Ladybugs:
Wednesday, December 2

Mrs. Augustine - T-F 4s Minions:
Thursday, December 3

Christmas Sing:

For those of you new to the Covenant Preschool community... you are in for such a treat! The children practice holiday music (both Christian and secular) for weeks and then perform them in the Church sanctuary for you!! So much fun!

Bring your cameras and videos and enjoy! After the sing, treats and goodies will be available in Fellowship Hall for all.



All children go home with their family after the sing - classes are not held that day.

The 3 year old sing will be held at 9:30 AM, on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Children need to arrive at the usual time of 9:15 am.

The 4 year old sing will be held at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 18, 2015. Children should arrive at the usual time of 9:15 am.

Special Note:

The TThF 3's will not attend class on Friday, December 18 because the last day of class for the year will be the sing.

Winter Break:

The preschool will be closed Monday, Dec 21-Friday, Jan 1 for winter break. We happily will re-open our doors on Monday, January 4th at 9:15am.



Preschool Screen Time Policy:



Televisions, computers and other media devices are used only when directly related to facilitated learning experiences.

Snow Delayed Openings Emergency Closings:

Covenant Preschool follows the Montgomery County Public School's (MCPS) weather related announcements as far as snow days, delayed openings or emergency closings. The school will be closed on all MCPS snow days. **On MCPS delayed opening days the preschool will open at 10:15am. If MCPS closes schools early due to weather conditions the preschool will close at 11:45am.** The preschool allows for three snow days. If the school is closed in excess of these sessions, make up days will be added. The make up days will not exceed one week of class (i.e. a two day class will have two days added; a three day class will have three days added, etc.) Should the State Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education, pardon snow days, CUMP will follow their specific guidelines.

Happenings for Children at Covenant Church:

Holiday Marketplace: - Sat, November 14th from 10:00 -3:00 pm. Offered will be baked goods, a silent auction, children's fun fair (including a moonbounce!), crafters and artisans with a variety of goods for holiday gift giving. Proceeds benefit local missions.

Secret Shop : - Sat, December 5th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon ...a personal shopping experience for young ones (3 to 11 years). "Youth member elves" help children make inexpensive purchases without Mom or Dad. So fun!!! Invite friends and neighbors.