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Dear Covenant Families,

Our first month of school is over and what a glorious month we had! New friends have been made, lots of learning has been done, new skills introduced, good books enjoyed and many fun times have been had on the playground. The classrooms are filled everyday with the sound of your joyfully engaged children! We are so blessed here at Covenant Preschool! Thank you so much for gifting us with your child.

Chapel Time begins this month for all children. October Chapel dates are Monday, Oct 1 and Tuesday, Oct 2 and then Monday, Oct 15 and Tuesday, Oct 16. **Chapel will begin at 9:35 a.m.** in the Church Sanctuary. **Donuts and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall on the Church's upper level from 9:15-9:30 a.m. for all parents and siblings** who would like to stay and pray with us. Chapel lasts just 15 minutes. Please come if you can! It is a great opportunity to see your child interacting with peers and participating in an activity at school.

Fall Parties will be enjoyed later this month. More information will follow. We love to celebrate autumn here at Covenant Preschool! Please note we do not emphasize Halloween here at school – no talk of ghosts, witches, goblins, etc. We also do not wear Halloween costumes on party day. Our teachers will discuss Halloween safety for the



benefit of children who will be Trick or Treating.

Class pictures have been taken. Proofs will be sent home in a few weeks for your ordering convenience. Ordering pictures is completely optional - we know how hard it can be to schedule portraits so we offer this as an opportunity for interested families. Creative Images requests that the proofs be returned to them whether you choose to place an order or not. For more than 10 years, our Preschool has used this company and their portraits are always fabulous. They make great Christmas gifts!

Community Service Project opportunities are coming! Together with the church the Preschool is having a coat drive. Beginning mid October, we will collect gently worn coats to be distributed to local elementary school children. Last year the church collected over 300 coats! While getting ready for the colder weather, please keep this in mind!

The Preschool, along with the Terrific Twos Program and the Church are participating in the local **Food for Schools Program**. We will be collecting food to donate to a local elementary school for the children to use over weekends. The kind of food we collect is: canned goods such as soups, vegetables, fruit, tuna fish, ravioli; bags of beans and rice; boxes of noodles and cans of spaghetti sauce; boxes of cereal and oatmeal (please, no sugary ones!); ramen noodles; granola bars and snacks. (No glass jars are appreciated since the children carry the food home themselves.) Please help us to help others!



Cold and flu season will soon be here and we are doing all we can here at school to keep the germs away from your children. We wash hands regularly throughout the day and use hand sanitizer too. In fact, the first thing children do when they enter the classroom is wash their hands!

If your child will be absent, please let us know so we don't worry. If your child's teacher asked you to contact her directly please do so. Otherwise, please call the preschool office at 301-527-9300 or email Lisa at Lisa.broadman@covenant-umc.org by 9:10 a.m. We really appreciate your keeping your child home when sick -- children must be fever free (without the help of medication) for at least 24 hours before returning to school after an illness.

Looking forward to a wonderful October!

Blessings,

Lisa Broadman, Director



PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Pre-K classes will be going into greater depth and detail than our three-year-old children. Subject areas are covered by all students unless noted.

Social Studies:

- A. Halloween
- B. Cultural Diversity
- C. Community Helpers (Pre-K)
- D. Career Day (Pre-K)

- E. Columbus Day (Pre-K)
- F. Geographic Concepts (Pre-K)
- G. My Community (Pre-K)

English-Language Arts:

- A. Storybook Units
- B. Left to Right Progression
- C. Directional Words
- D. Same/Different
- E. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- F. Letters D, E, F & G (Pre-K)

Science:

- A. Season - Fall (Autumn)
- B. Squirrels
- C. Apples
- D. Pumpkins

Math:

- A. Four Basic Shapes (3's)
- B. Review of Basic Shapes & Star, Oval, Diamond & Heart (Pre-K)
- C. Counting 0-5 (3's)
- D. Counting 0-10 (Pre-K)
- E. Cardinal & Ordinal Numbers (Pre-K)

Spiritual:

- A. Creation
- B. Noah and the Ark

SHOW 'N TELL

Show and Tell will begin in October for the four year old Pre-K classes and in November for three-year-old classes. Each day one child gets a turn to share. Watch for the blue bag in your child's bucket – instructions are attached. Please, remind your child that they must wait their turn; but that everyone always gets a turn.

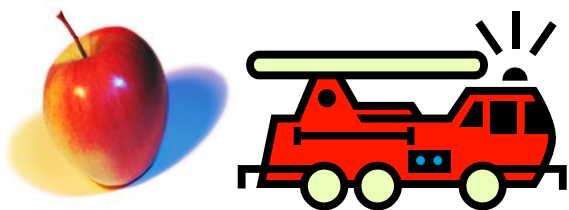
SPECIAL OCTOBER EVENTS

On Thursday, October 11 our 3 year old classes will be visited by a local librarian who will bring her favorite stories and have a special storytime with our children.

A Covenant Preschool Tradition! **Our 4 year old classes will be visited by the Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Fire Department** on Friday, Oct 12 at 10:00 am.

Children will learn about fire safety, see all the cool firefighter gear, and (weather permitting) go outside and visit the fire trucks and ambulance. We are all very excited to share this day with your children.

Amazing Apples Day is Wednesday, Oct 17 for our Pre-K classes. Presenter Brian Kristal will come with an old fashioned apple cider press and bushels of delicious apples and all of the children will help make apple cider. So fun!



DONUTS WITH DAD

(Dad, Uncle, Grandpa or any special person)

Our 4 year old classes will celebrate donuts with dads in November; our 3 year old classes celebrate in March.

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 9th from 9:15 – 9:45am.

If dad cannot come please send any special person in your child's life - male or female.

4 YEAR OLD "IN-HOUSE" FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, Nov 14 the Science Guys will come and visit our 4 year old classes! They will be showing many interesting and fun things that demonstrate how science works. We are so excited for this special 4 year old day!

3 YEAR OLD "IN-HOUSE" FIELD TRIP

On Thursday, Nov 15 Cay Dee Puppets will come and visit our 3 year old classes! They will be presenting a wonderful show that the children will love! We are so excited for this special 3 year old day!

FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers will meet with parents in November in addition to our traditional February conference days. November conference sessions will last 10 minutes each and will provide information about how your child has been doing in school these first 2 months with an emphasis on **behavior and social development**. (Please note February conferences will be twice as long - 20 minutes each - and will include an in depth conversation about your child's academic successes and areas for growth). Your children's classes will meet as scheduled on conference days. If you would like more time with your child's teacher you are most welcome to schedule a longer meeting at a mutually convenient time. We are here to serve your families however we can.

Fall Conference dates:

MWF 4s (Mrs. Crown) - Friday, Nov 16
T-F 4s (Mrs. McClure) - Thursday, Nov 15
TWTh 3s (Mrs. Stockton) - Wednesday, Nov 14
MTTh 3s (Mrs. Crown) - Tuesday, Nov 13

Teachers will have sign up sheets in November. If you have a conflict and cannot make your designated date, please arrange an alternate time with your child's teacher.

NEWS FROM TERRIFIC TWOS

Mrs. Pitts is collecting baby clothes, toys and essentials for her Children's Treasure Sale on Saturday, October 13th. All items should be for children newborn through second grade. She will begin receiving donations on Monday, October 8. Start cleaning out those closets, now there is someplace for the donations to go!



Meet the Teacher!

Ms. Elizabeth Stockton

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My Education

I graduated from Messiah College, in Grantham, PA. I received a B.S. in Human Resource Management. Go Falcons!



The Basics

I grew up in Delaware and moved to Maryland with my husband shortly after we were married. We have four children: Anne (16), Tommy (14) and twins John and Elias (13). I spend the majority of my weekends cheering on my children at soccer games or cross country meets. We currently live in Montgomery Village.

Class Mascot

My Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 3 year old class are Bears.



My Monday 3 year old class are Puppies.



My Favorites

- Food:** Thai and Indian
- Color:** Yellow
- Movie:** Toy Story 2 and Snoopy
- Book:** Frog and Toad and The Wingfeather Saga
- Drink:** Iced Tea, flavored seltzer
- Sports:** Soccer
- Singer:** U2 and Rend Collective
- Hobby:** Reading/hiking/being outside
- Restaurant:** Chick-fil-A and Thai House
- Candy:** Reese's/Chocolate caramels
- Dessert:** Cheesecake
- Flower:** Daisy

