

Newsletter



"WHERE LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE"

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Joyful Kindergarten Preparation for All Preschoolers

Many parents are concerned that they must prepare their preschool-aged children to be ready for kindergarten, forcing them to complete tedious workbooks, flash cards, drills, quizzes and even go so far as to hire a tutor. The same goal can be achieved in a more playful, joyful manner. Below are some kindergarten readiness ideas that will keep you and your child happy and having fun:

1. Go on walks around your neighborhood observing the sounds, smells and visuals. Talk about your experiences when you return home and create a book the child can "read". Let him draw pictures and print one word underneath each observation giving a description.
2. Make an environmental notebook. Using words from food packaging, such as 'Cheerios' or "Trader Joe's". Children can review letter recognition.
3. Trace letters or numbers on the child's back and let him guess which letter or number it is. You can also write numbers or letter in the sand or in the air during a day at the beach!
4. Take your child on city adventures, new places – maybe an art museum. Increase his vocabulary as you discuss the new sights and sounds.
5. Read to your child daily. Let your child "read" to you.

Most importantly, enjoy your child as you prepare them for elementary school no matter how young they are. They grow up so quickly!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

1st - 5th of May- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2nd is National Teacher Day)

11th and 12th of May- Mother's Day Teas

23rd and 24th of May – Field Trip to the Natural History Museum to see the Dinosaurs.

25th and 25th of May - School T-Shirt Days

29th of May- Memorial Day (School Closed)

June

1st and 2nd of June - Graduation Pictures for Mrs. Schmidt's and Ms. Metcalfe's classes and End of the Year Photos for all classes.

15th and 16th of June – Dad's Days (8:30 A.M and 4:00 P.M.)

14th of June - Graduation Night (Pre-K and KT classes) 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

21st and 22nd of June – Last Day of School Family Picnics and Bike Adventure

23rd of June- Staff Development Day (School Closed)

26th of June thru 2nd of July- Summer Vacation (School Closed)

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“Tea with Mom” - May 11th & 12th

It's all about you, Mom! We are setting aside some time to honor you for all that you do on Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th. All we ask is that you *bring your favorite tea cup* and join us for tea and treats at 11:00 for A.M. classes and 3:45 for P.M. classes. This year, you will meet in your child's classroom. Each class will prepare a few wonderful treats. After the tea, you and your child will create a beautiful project. If you are unable to attend, please let us know or send an aunt, grandma or family friend. Make sure to bring a camera to record this fun event!

The “NAT” field trips -May 23 & 24

We will be visiting Natural History Museum to see the “Ultimate Dinosaur” exhibit. Augmented reality (AR) technology makes full-size dinosaurs come to life. This same technology will allow preschoolers to see how the continental drift altered the landscape of the ancient world. There are 16 life size dinosaur skeletons and a variety of other dinosaur skulls and bones to explore. Our trip is set for Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24 from 9:30 to 11:00. If your child attends the afternoon class only, please let Ms. Batchman know if you are planning to attend the field trip. We need a minimum of 10 children in order to receive a school rate. You are welcome to join the morning classes. See sign up sheets are in each classroom. Please indicate if you are able to help with driving other children.

Church News



Sunday Adult Seminar	8:45 AM
Sunday Children's Program	9:00 AM – Noon
Sunday Worship Service	10:00 AM
Wednesday Alternative Worship	6:30 PM

Vanguard presents: “Seussical, the Musical” opening July 14-30.
 WPC meets WPP -
 Chapel for Preschoolers - Age Range: 4-5 1/2 year olds; located in the church on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45. Send a lunch.

Room to Grow!

Great news...the church has graciously given us permission to use the building in the field, a.k.a. the Harris House, for our Kindergarten Transition class. We are so excited for this new addition. We are process of finalizing all the details in the upcoming weeks, and then we have to clean, clean, clean! We may need help with construction projects, so please feel free to lend a helping hand!



Say, “Smile!” - June 1 & 2

It's that time of the year when we start winding things down. Our Pre-K and KT classes have worked hard all year long, and now they are ready for the next step – kindergarten! To commemorate this event, Fiesta Photography will take **graduation and end of the year photos** on June 1st and 2nd. Children will wear caps and gowns in the photos. Proofs and prices will be available by June 9th. Graduation Night will be Wednesday, June 14. (The last day of school is June 22.)