

# February 2024 Newsletter

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*

## **Program Survey:**

Your opinion and input matter to us! It is important to take a look at ourselves and see how we are doing... where we can improve to make things better for our families! This month we will send out the Family Program Surveys. Please take some time to fill it out and help us improve. Please return it to the office or the mailbox outside of the Preschool office as soon as possible. We really do appreciate your input and use it to make the changes that make our program so unique. The survey will be out by the end of the first week of February.

## **Parent & Caregiver Training:**

An Update: We will have our Parent & Caregiver trainings starting up again. The next one will be on Tuesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at drop off. We will be discussing the topic of fine motor skills and early writing skill development. Watch for more information to come!

**Quick Reminder:** Due to illnesses, we are experiencing a lower-than-average daily attendance at this time. We appreciate the efforts by everyone to keep the rate of infection to a minimum. Please call if your child will be absent for **any reason, especially illness**. Please speak with Shiloh Murillo if you have a special circumstance that needs to be addressed.

## **Filing Taxes 2023**

It is that time of year...time to file your 2023 taxes. For those families that use the Preschool while you are at work or taking classes, our Tax Identification # is **86-6007618**. You can claim the cost of the Preschool on your income tax forms as a childcare expense.

**Announcement:** Did you know that it is time to start registering for Kindergarten at the local elementary schools? If you have a child that will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024, you will need to start making plans for where you would like to send your child. If your child does not meet the age requirement, please see me for more information about the Pre-K class.

**Early Registration for Fall 2024:** It's time to register your preschooler for next year. Take advantage of the early registration discount thru 2/29/24 of \$85. It goes up to \$100 on 3/1/24. Also, do you know anyone with preschool-aged children? Let's show them the way here!

## **Carnival DATE Change: 3/6**

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Carnival. Due to unforeseen circumstances we need to change the original date that was scheduled for our school carnival. We will need lots of volunteers to help set up the booths and play the games with the children. Please plan to help on 3/6/24 from 9-11:30am Thanks!

## This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

### Mark your calendar to help with the CARNIVAL in March!

Our Carnival will be during the school day on Wednesday, March 6th. We need your help to make this year's carnival experience a success for our school. We are in need of parents who can **help set up games (9-10am)** and **run booths (10-11am)** while the kids go around having fun at each station. If you can stay to **help clean up (11-11:30am)**, that would be great, too! We are looking for helpers and really appreciate your time!  
THANK YOU!

### Reminders to families

- Please **DO NOT** leave younger children on the playground while you drop off or pick up your preschooler. The child could fall and get injured. The teachers are not responsible for those children and we can be reported to licensing for this.



### Donation requests:

- Little prizes for the carnival booths
- Bubbles
- Old Newspaper

### A Look Ahead...

### Mark your calendars

#### School Closures

1. **Monday, February 19**  
President's Day
2. **March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Spring Break!

## Daily Support for your Preschooler

### Monday

Practice folding a paper airplane or other shapes. This increases fine motor skills.

### Tuesday

Take a family bike ride through the park

### Wednesday

Use the radio to count numbers higher than 9 when you change the radio station

### Thursday

Combine a variety of noodles in a box. Then have your child sort them by size, color, shape etc.

### Friday

Cut out pictures of different emotions in magazines. Then talk about how they might feel.

## Upcoming Events

**Classroom Valentine's Day party:** The classroom will have their own **Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Look for a signup sheet on how you can help or what you could bring to share. We appreciate your generosity!

**Community Volunteer Opportunity:** We are looking for 2 parent representatives to sit on our Preschool Board. The parent perspective is a very important voice that contributes to the preschool program advocating for the children, families and teachers in our school. The Preschool Board is made up of church members, parents, community members and teaching staff. We meet quarterly. If you are interested, please let me know.

## Comments or Concerns?

There is a mailbox located outside of the Preschool office for communications, payments, etc. As always, our doors are always open to you. Please feel free to share any thoughts or concerns with any of us.

Shiloh Murillo - Director