

January 1, 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2021 School Newsletter

Happy New Year & Welcome Back!

New year, New adventures! We hope you had a wonderful Holiday filled with love and happiness... a time to enjoy the chill in the air, being able to see your breath and wearing mittens. We are excited to be back at school and look forward to an exciting new year at First Presbyterian Preschool. We start off the year by studying Transportation, Community Helpers and Ocean life. It will be fun!

Quick Reminder:
*No parking in the
covered parking
area of the church.
This is reserved.*

Important Reminder:

Many families have been picking up late from Lunch Bunch after 1pm. Please plan ahead and arrive on time. The teachers are only scheduled until 1:30 each day and need that time to prepare for the next day's activities. Please be mindful of this and try to be on time. You will be assessed a \$15 late pick up fee for every 15 minutes you are late if this continues. Thank you for your help with this!

Filing Taxes 2020

It is that time of year...time to file your 2020 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.

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS:

Program Evaluations will be going home at the end of the month. We will send this out through email and want to make sure everyone has their current email on file. Please take the time to fill them out when you receive it. This is a very valuable tool for us to improve our Preschool and to plan for next year. Thanks!

Community Helpers are Coming!:

Tempe Police department will send Officer Camberg to visit our school! AND Mesa Fire Department will be visiting our school with a fire truck! Neither one has a confirmation date yet but it will be soon! Would you like to come during the weeks of Jan 4th or Jan 11th to present information to the children about what you do for the community? Are you a pilot, work in a dental office or make something for your job, etc? Let us know!

This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

Spread the word about our school:

We need your help to spread the word about our little school! We have a few opening in each classroom for more students and would appreciate your recommendation to others in the community. Scholarship opportunities may be available as well, for those families who qualify. If your referral signs up to start, we will give you one week of free Lunch Bunch attendance!

Preschool Board Member Recruitment

First Presbyterian Preschool is looking for a new Preschool Parent Representative for the Preschool Board of Directors. This group meets 3-4 times a year to discuss the business of First Presbyterian Preschool and the direction we would like it to go in for the future. The Board makes decisions based on information pertinent to the business of the program and seeks input from each board member. Meetings are typically scheduled on Sunday afternoons and last about 1-2 hours. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity. We welcome all parents to inquire.

A look Ahead...

School Closure:

1. **Monday, January 18** – Civil Rights Day

CONTACT US:

Find us on the web at fpcmesa.org/preschool or call/email us at any time:

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Daily Support for your Preschooler

Monday

Use tongs to sort dry, colored noodles in a bowl

Tuesday

Spend time at the library looking for books about weather, different cultures or sports

Wednesday

Build a canned goods tower from the kitchen

Thursday

Play a matching game with upper case and lower case letters

Friday

Count all the blue, red or silver cars that pass while you wait in the car for someone.

Reminders to families

- If your child is sick, please help us by keeping them home. They will not be able to return to school for 72-hours after the last incident, fever or illness.
- Make sure our child's jacket has their name marked in it. We need to stay warm this winter!

Donation requests:

- Valentine's stickers
- Old Newspaper
- 5 oz cups

Comments or Concerns?

As always, our doors are always open to you, please feel free to share any thoughts or concerns with any of us. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with you and your family. We thank you for sharing your child with us.