

January 1, 2023

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## January 2023 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.*

### **Parenting through a Pandemic: Training & Classes to help build resiliency and help each other in our community**

These last 2+ years have been hard for all of us and especially for those with young children! We are pleased to announce that our Preschool will be hosting another series of classes/trainings for parents and caregivers. We will, once again, have Anita Ramsey and Susan Chesko moderating the discussions and we will have food! Those classes will start again in February so watch for more information to follow...

### **Playground Repair Coming 1/13-16**

The rubberized surface underneath the playground is being replaced starting on 1/13. The work should be completed by 1/16.

### Filing Taxes 2022

It is that time of year...time to file your 2022 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!:**

Would you like to come sometime during the weeks of Jan 9th or Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 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! Also, the Mesa Fire Department will be visiting our school with a fire truck! The confirmation from them has not come through yet but we are hoping for 1/25/23! Watch for more info soon...

## This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

### Spread the word about our school:

We need your help to spread the word about our little school! We will be opening up the registration for the new school year soon 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 your child a new Preschool T-Shirt!

### 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!

**Save the Date: Wednesday, March 8** is our school Carnival and we will need parent helpers that morning from 9-11:30 😊

### A look Ahead...

#### **School Closure:**

- 1. Monday, January 16** – Civil Rights Day

#### **CONTACT US:**

Find us on the web at [fpcmesa.org/preschool](http://fpcmesa.org/preschool) or call/email us at any time:  
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480-835-7877

## 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.