



# First Presbyterian Preschool Parent Link

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## Dates to Remember:

- **August 30**-SuperScience begins, ages 3 through VPK
- **September 2**-Labor Day, Preschool Closed
- **September 4 & 11**-VPK curriculum morning
- **September 4**-Parent Committee Meeting, 12:00
- **September 3 & 4**-Chapel begins
- **September 6-8**-Ashley on Study Leave
- **September 9 & 10**-Fall Portraits
- **September 30**-Preschool Closed
- **October 16**-FPC Fall Festival

## Preschool Parent Committee Meeting

First Presbyterian Preschool provides an exciting way for you to get involved in your child's school. We have a Preschool Committee made up of parents, Preschool staff and other interested parties that meets once every other month.

The Preschool Committee is responsible for supporting the development of the Preschool. The Committee plans and coordinates fundraisers, festivals and Staff Appreciation Week, as well as other fun activities.

**The Parent Committee** is a great way to be involved and get to know other preschool families! Please join our team on **Sept. 4, at 12:00** in room 204 for our first meeting!



## Parent Newsletters

We put together a parent newsletter each month so that we can provide you with information about important topics and dates.

**Please note that all future parent newsletters can be found on our website, [www.fppnaples.org](http://www.fppnaples.org).**

Should you have difficulty accessing the internet, and therefore our newsletters, please notify the office and will provide you with a paper copy.

## Notification of Absences

Remember: Parents are asked to notify the Preschool office and/or their child's teacher of any absences. We must keep documentation of this communication in our attendance records.

Should we receive no notification when a student is absent, we must make an attempt to contact someone to ensure the safety of the student.

Sufficient notification of an absence can be provided via:

- Verbal communication with staff
- Phone call to Preschool office (239) 262.8315
- Email to [ashleyh@fpcnaples.org](mailto:ashleyh@fpcnaples.org) and/or [lizp@fpcnaples.org](mailto:lizp@fpcnaples.org)
- Enter notification in Sandbox using your parent portal access



## FPP Student Art Gallery now showing:

- Micah S., Fallon C., Elle E.
- Ansley B., Odin K.
- Evelyn S., Cooper B., William F.

# Mighty Kicks Demonstration



We will offer a free 15 minute demonstration class for Mighty Kicks on Tuesday, August 27. The demonstration will take place during the regular school day.

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Mighty Kicks is a curriculum enrichment soccer program that is offered to children **ages 3 to 5** here at the Preschool once a week for 30 minutes following the normal school day (1:00-1:30).

A student does not have to attend a demonstration class before signing up to participate in the weekly classes. Weekly classes will be offered on Tuesdays. Registration and cost information will be provided following the demonstration.



## Don't Forget...

Thank you for all of your participation with our book requests. We received 45 books so far and they're already being put to good use!

We still have a few tags that weren't taken during open house. If you are interested, they have been placed in the glass jar outside the Preschool office.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some small details that we often forget to mention:

- Please refrain from allowing your child/ren to run in the parking lot or up and down the stairs on the South end of our building or through the tunnel as church employees are busy at work during our arrival and dismissal times.
- **Please ensure that you are signing your child/ren in each day of their attendance with your name and the time of drop off, the process should be repeated at dismissal.**
- In an attempt to keep away germs that can make us all ill, we ask that children wash their hands upon entering the classroom each morning.
- Our playground is only to be used for Preschool student purposes (supervised by a member of the Preschool staff) between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm
- We have a referral program and available space in our toddler program. Refer a friend or neighbor and get a credit towards your tuition!!!!

## Parent Coffee Hour



Our Christian Education Committee hosts a weekly parent coffee hour on Monday mornings, 8:30 to 9:30 am in the Courtyard.

Parents are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship with one another while sipping a cup of coffee.

## Facebook/Instagram



First Presbyterian Preschool has a Facebook page. Have you "liked" us yet? We use our Facebook page to post pictures and information about special events, closings, etc.

Like us and be the first to know!



**Mark your calendars:  
Portraits will take place Sept 9 and 10  
More info to follow!**



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Our church facilities are used for numerous activities ranging from prayer meetings to funerals to monthly support meetings.

When arriving or leaving, please consider these meetings and refrain from using the tunnel. The tunnel echoes (which does make it super fun) and often can be disturbing the groups meeting in Spencer Hall, the Sanctuary, or the church offices.

Thank you for your respect!

## Preschool Illness Policy

It's the beginning of a new school year and we always find it helpful to review the school's illness policy for all of our families. We regularly take precautions to limit our exposure to illnesses (washing hands throughout the day, spraying and cleaning toys and classroom equipment, etc.), and ask for your assistance in our efforts.

*Is your  
child  
too  
sick for  
school?*



Should you observe that your child/ren exhibit any signs of illness, we ask that you keep him/her home to prevent the further spread of such illnesses. Should we observe symptoms while the child is at school, the parent will be notified and requested to pick up the child from school.

Symptoms may include, but are not limited to:

- Head lice
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Temperature of 100 degrees or more
- Red eye with discharge
- Green runny noses
- Difficulty breathing
- Lethargy
- General inability to participate in normal classroom activities
- Presence of sores on the body, feet, hands, etc.

**All students must be symptom free for a full 24 hours prior to returning to school unless a doctor's statement is presented that explains the child's symptoms are not contagious to others in the environment.**

The school must be notified of any illnesses so that other families within the same environment (classroom/school) can be notified. In the event of an identified outbreak, the Preschool is required to notify the Collier County Health Department.

## Common Illnesses in Preschool



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Many of us are new to the Preschool environment where sharing is common, both of toys and germs. In an effort to prepare you for some possible experiences, I ask that you review this list and follow our illness policy when necessary.

- Common colds-runny noses, lethargy, coughing, sneezing that typically does not require medical attention (green mucous identifies an infection and can be treated with medication)
- Pink eye-red, irritate eyes (that children will often scratch) that produce a yellow discharge; requires medical treatment
- Hand Foot and Mouth-red, open sores on the soles of the feet, palms of the hands and in the mouth; may produce discomfort during drinking/eating; while there is no medical treatment, a doctor must be consulted; students are not allowed to attend the Preschool until a doctor has provided clearance
- Strep throat-sore throat, fever (may sometimes test positive even without fever); requires medical attention
- Head lice-small parasites that lay eggs on the hair follicle, causes itching of scalp and neck; requires treatment that can be obtained over the counter; office staff will perform a quick check to ensure there are no eggs/parasites present prior to student being able to attend
- Pinworms-small parasites that can cause discomfort around the anal or vaginal area; must be treated by medical professionals
- Flu-body aches, fever (can be high or low-grade), lack of appetite, may or may not include stomach discomfort and/or diarrhea; individuals can confirm diagnosis with medical attention
- Stomach 'bugs'-stomach discomfort (diarrhea, vomiting, etc.) with or without fever; may or may not require medical attention

These are the issues that we most often face during our school year, but with your help following the illness policy and our handwashing procedures, we can limit our exposure and maintain a healthier environment.



### VPK Parents

Please plan to join us for your student's curriculum morning. Your child's teacher will take this opportunity to explain the goals of our VPK program and answer any questions you may have.

Parents will drop their child off on the playground and will proceed to the classroom for the presentation.

Wed, Sept 4, 9:00 am-  
Mrs. Oppegaard  
Wed, Sept 11, 9:00 am-  
Mrs. Kennedy