



THE PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

Center for Learning and Creative Play

September 2017

Need to Reach Us?

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Preschool Teachers:

Jody McCoart, Pre-K
Denise Leep, 3's

Church Staff:

Rev. Jonathan Cornell, Pastor
Kari Bartkus, Children's Ministries

Coming Up | Library Day

We will be walking to the Public Library each Friday beginning October 6th. Please dress according to the weather. One Friday a month, the students will have stories and a craft. The other Fridays, they will have stories read to them and will be able to pick out books to keep in our classrooms.

Tips for Reading Aloud to Your Child

1. Choose books that interest both you and your child.
2. Read with passion and emotion. Use voices, if you're up for it.
3. Choose a book at the appropriate level for your child (i.e., picture books vs. chapter books).
4. Make sure they understand the story. Ask them questions, like what they think will happen next.

Dates to Remember

- 📅 **Sept. 7th** – Dismiss at 10:30am
- 📅 **Sept. 8th** – Dismiss at 11am
- 📅 **Sept. 11th** – Pre-K begins regular schedule
- 📅 **Sept. 14th** – 3's class begins regular schedule
- 📅 **Sept. 19th** – Field Trip to Ford House
- 📅 **Sept. 29th** – Field Trip to McClure's Apple Orchard
- 📅 **Oct. 3rd** – Pre-K begins music with Peggy Coppler
- 📅 **Oct. 5th** – Lunch Bunch begins
- 📅 **Oct. 6th** – First Library Day
- 📅 **Oct. 23rd-27th** – Fall Break



Theme Time

The themes for September will be Monkeys and Apples. The Theme Room Centers will be coordinated to these themes. Be sure to check your child's backpack to see what we've been doing!

Field Trips

It's important that kids wear walking shoes for all of our field trips. Please no sandals or flip flops.

More information will be sent out regarding each field trip.

Practice Makes Perfect!

When you practice writing names at home, remember to use a capital letter at the beginning and lower case letters for the rest of the name. A copy of the writing style is in your handbook for reference. This is the style of writing that the kindergarten teachers will want your child to use, so this is what we teach.

We work very hard in the Pre-K class learning to write our names, so practice at home will help. This is not stressed in the 3-year old class, but if your child is interested, practice will prepare them for next year!



Picture and tips from scholastic.com

Writing Activities

- 1. Practice writing your child's name in creative ways:** Use sidewalk chalk, paint, a stick in the dirt, write on a steamy window.
- 2. Arts and crafts:** The more your child draws, glues, and paints, the stronger her hands will be.
- 3. Write letters and cards:** Your child can help you write a letter or card to someone. She can decorate it and help you decide what to write. She can even hold your hand as you write some of the words (particularly, her name) or add her own "note" or picture to a card you write.

Reminders & Announcements

Tuition

September tuition is due on Friday, September 8th. Please make checks payable to **Presbyterian Church** and write your child's name on the memo line of the check. If paying with cash, please put the cash in an envelope with your child's name written on the front. We will put a receipt in your child's backpack.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken October 13th by Nicole A. Howard Photography. Please return the picture form on the day of pictures, along with payment. Please make checks payable to Nicole A. Howard Photography. If paying with cash, please enclose the correct amount.

Backpacks

Please send your child to school each day with a backpack and check it each day for papers from school. Please include a weather-appropriate change of clothing in case of accidents.

Please, No Toys from Home

Please do not have your child bring toys or other personal items to school unless it is for Show & Tell. We would hate for a special item to get lost or broken!

Snacks

Please send a couple of snack items for our pantry. We will let you know when we are running low.

Lunch Bunch

Our weekly Lunch Bunch will begin Thursday, October 5th. Lunch Bunch is open to all students. Sign up will be located in the hallway by the classrooms. Bring a lunch and drink. Cost is \$5. Dismissal from Lunch Bunch is 1:30pm. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

Show & Tell

We will be sending our Show & Tell bag home each Thursday with one child from each class. The students will bring an item to share with the class on Friday. Pets must be pre-arranged.