

Central College Preschool NEWS

**“Love one another – as I have loved you.”
John 13:34**

January/February 2018

January

17,18	Chapel
26	Family Movie Night
28	Preschool Open House 1-3 2018-2019 Registration Begins

February

5,6	Chapel
14	Happy Valentine’s Day! ❤️
15,16	Parent/Teacher Conferences – No Pre or Ext Programs
19	President’s Day – Preschool Closed
21	2018-2019 Registrations Due Group A
23	2018-2019 Registrations Due Groups B & C

REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE

Yes it’s that time of year already. It’s hard to believe that we are already looking at the 2018-2019 school year. Packets will be ready by January 28. The lottery system is designed to ensure fairness and streamline the entire registration process. Applications will be accepted until February 21 for Group A and February 23 for Groups B & C. Group A has subcategories. You will want to return your forms by those dates to ensure your child’s place. There will be more information in the

packet you will receive. Please tell your family and friends about our wonderful school. Let them know about our **Preschool Open House** for perspective families on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00-3:00 pm. That will be a great time for them to see the Preschool, meet the teachers and have any questions answered. There will be activities for the children too. Have them also keep an eye on the website at www.ccpc.us to check on dates and downloadable forms.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join other Preschool families for a fun evening of movies and popcorn on Friday, January 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm. Bring a blanket for your family to sit on and meet in Kirk Hall. The children can even wear their jammies if they want. There’s nothing like being at school at night with their jammies on surrounded by their family and friends. It should be a great time. Watch for sign-up sheets beside the classroom doors. See You There!

ILLNESS

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE keep your children home if they are ill. There is so much going around and it is in the best interest of **EVERYONE** to keep them home til they are well. They must be fever free for 24 hrs before returning! Handwashing is the number one way to help prevent the spread of infection. We do it a lot at Preschool. Teach them to sneeze or cough into their elbow. When they arrive at school they wash home off. 😊 As soon as you get home wash Preschool off 😊



February is a special month set aside to remember in special ways those we love. We celebrate the holiday at Preschool through art, music, stories, lots of heart activities and extra hugs. Our celebrations are not like you might think of in a public school with games, goody bags and lots of sugary snacks but we do have fun! The classroom celebrations are basically a special snack with festive cups and napkins. Thank you for your contributions! The children enjoy their extended snack. We try to keep as close to a consistent routine as possible to not overwhelm the children but they do enjoy their special holiday celebrations.

TUITION REMINDERS

If you pay for the year in two payments, your second and final payment is due. If you pay monthly and your payment is paid later after the 5th of the month, you need to add the \$10.00 late fee to your payment. Thank you for being prompt with your payments. It helps in the Office immensely!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Over the next 8 weeks, classrooms will be scheduling times for parents and teachers to share information about your children and discuss their progress over the year. Your child's classroom teachers will announce their date(s). We encourage you to find a convenient time on the sign-up sheets near the classroom doors posted soon. As always, we are open to discussing any concerns that you

may have at any time. We look forward to seeing you at conferences!



CHILD ASSESSMENTS

We wanted to share with you about the assessment tool that the staff uses to share with you at conferences. It is NOT a test. It is a progress report to see how your child has grown and developed over the year. It simply tells you what your child's skills are at the time of assessment and conferences. Preschool is a time to be introduced to basic concepts NOT the mastery of them. They will have the opportunity to refine those basic skills and concepts through reinforcement during their remaining years in Preschool as well as Kindergarten. The staff plans a wide variety of experiences to help the children grow in all areas: social, emotional, physical, intellectual, creative and spiritual not just academic. Our children have always been very prepared for Kindergarten due to the rich variety of experiences they have been introduced to.

PRESCHOOL NEEDS

A parent asked if there is anything the Preschool may need. The answer is yes and here are a few items needed regularly; boxes of tissues, 6" & 9" paper plates, lunch size and gallon Ziploc type bags. Thank you so much for helping! Feel free to bring them to the Office for distribution



WINTER & VALENTINE'S DAY

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Sing: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
All are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.



“Red” Any good Books Lately?

Who Said Red? by Mary Serfozo

Red is Best by Kathy Stinson

Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman
Bridwell

Little Red Plane Big Red Fire Truck by Ken
Wilson-Max



Love Juice

1 pkg. Frozen Strawberries	8 ice Cubes
2 Cups Pineapple or Orange Juice	2 tsp. Sugar

2/3 Cup Nonfat Dry Milk Powder
Put all ingredients in a blender and mix until
all ice cubes are crushed. Share the Love
Juice and Enjoy!!



Recipe for Red

What color could be more delicious than
red? To make a simple red treat, have your
child spread strawberry jam on bread that's
been toasted and cut into a heart shape.
This lip-smacking red treat will inspire your
little one to sing!

My Valentine (Tune: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Kiss me, hug me valentine,
this is the day that you are mine.
I made you a card and a muffin too,
won't you say you love me too.
Kiss me, hug me valentine,
this is the day that you are mine



YUMMY SNOW WHITE SNOWFLAKE

Fold a flour tortilla in half, then in half
again. Cut out shapes and designs from the
folded edges of the tortilla with kitchen
scissors (just like we did when we made
paper snowflakes as kids) Cut through all
the layers, trying not to tear the tortilla.
Open the tortilla and place it flat on a
baking sheet. It should resemble a
snowflake design. Carefully sprinkle
shredded mozzarella cheese or any white
cheese such as Monterey Jack or white
cheddar. Try to keep the cheese away from
the holes. Place under the broiler or in the
toaster over just until the cheese bubbles.
Watch carefully – it only takes a moment.
Remove from oven and let cool for a few
minutes before putting on a plate. While
waiting, sprinkle a little cheese on the plate
for snow. Eat your yummy snowflake!

Valentine's Collection

What do we do with all those valentines
scattered about? When your children
receive their valentines, punch a hole in one

corner and string together with ribbon and tie a knot or place on a metal ring or shower curtain ring. They can enjoy them while keeping them all together.

WHEN I PLAY I LEARN

When I sing songs at school, I learn...

- *Principles of music and rhythm;
- *Vocabulary;
- *Memory skills and sequencing;
- *To be conscious of others;
- *Various concepts emphasized in songs;
- *Phonics or auditory discrimination, which is recognizing differences in sounds, necessary for learning to read;
- *Awareness and identification with my culture and other cultures.

When play with rhythm instruments, I learn...

- *to be conscious of rhythms in music;
- *concepts of fast, slow, loud and soft;
- *to express myself in new and different ways;
- *listening skills;
- *auditory discrimination (recognizing differences in sounds, necessary when learning to read;
- *to interpret and understand signals and cues.

When I dance I learn...

- *balance and coordination;
 - *to be conscious of moods and rhythms of music;
- To express myself physically.



Sledding – Fingerplay



Here is a hill (make a hill with your left arm)
All covered with snow
We'll get on our sled And ZOOM!
Down we'll go. (swoop right hand downward)

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Here are some cozy family ideas to enjoy the winter.

Cuddle up to read your favorite Winter/Snow books. Bundle up and go outside; make snow angels, build a snowman, draw designs in the snow, let the children help shovel snow. Put colored water in a spray bottle and let them paint the snow. Talk about what looks different outdoors in the winter. Look for animal tracks and other signs of nature. Check out winter nature programs at the Metro Parks. Taking the time to bundle up to get outside for some fresh air and exercise is important. It's too easy for us to hibernate in the winter. When we do, we may send the message to our children that winter is not a time to enjoy the outdoors or it's too much trouble to prepare to go out. If you can't get outside, bring a pan of snow in to play with using their mittens. Have hot chocolate when you come back inside, count the marshmallows. Make edible snowflakes out of marshmallows and toothpicks. Enjoy your winter day!



Blessings, Sherri

