



AUGUST
2021

Wise Words From Mrs. Brown:

Dear New and Returning Families,

I would like to Thank You for making it possible for Covington Co-Op Preschool to start another year. Our board members have been willing to work through the summer to get everything up and running as well as ensure we have a safe place to be.

So, here we go stepping into a fun place to learn about our five senses and our feelings. Our curriculum encourages us to do a lot of laughing. Laughter impacts us emotionally, physically and socially...what we learn with pleasure we never forget. Some researchers estimate that laughing 100 times is equal to 15 minutes on a exercise bike. They did not explain what they meant by 100 times, but I am liking what they say. I would like to get my exercise by laughing rather than running on a treadmill. They are finding that laughter exercises the cardiovascular system by lowering blood pressure and increasing heart rate just like any aerobics workout. Watch children, they seem to already know this and really try to get us adults to laugh.

But they also seem to know that it isn't fun to **be laughed at**. We do want to make sure that we are laughing with children and not at them.

A reminder : these next few months are going to be testing times for our children. They will be needing to find out how capable they are. They will need to figure out who makes the rules, themselves or adults? They will be asking "Is this a Child's World or an Adults World. Or can we learn to live in HARMONY.

If we help them to find their answers to these and many other questions in a positive way, we will surely make our job as their guiding light much easier. There are many right answers, so our **GOAL** is to equip each child with the tools they will need to succeed in their life.

I will be sending a letter to your preschooler around the end of August asking them how their summer was and if they could write their memories down and bring them to preschool to share with me. The letter will also cover things like the 20 minute visits and things they could bring to preschool to enrich our preschool experience.

My animal of the year will be the Jaguar. They are needing lots of help to keep their Habitat. I love to help animals when they need help.

I hope your family is getting lots of time to play outside. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Open House and Play Days. Enjoy each day to its fullest and help our children grow up to be happy adults.

COVINGTON CO-OP PRESCHOOL IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!

Sincerely, Your Friend.
Karen Brown



Important Dates

August 24 : Open House
10am @ the Preschool!

August 31 : Play Days!
Blue Class 9:30-11:30am
Orange Class 12:15-2:30pm

September 1 : Play Day!
Red Class 9:15-11:30am

September 2 : Play Days!
Yellow Class 9:30-11:30am
Purple Class 12:15-2:30pm

September 7 : Parent Workshops
Blue Class 9-11:30am

September 8 : Parent Workshops
Red Class 9-11:30am
Orange Class 12:15-2:30pm

September 9 : Parent Workshops
Yellow Class 9-11:30am
Purple Class 12:15-2:30pm

September 13 -17 : 20 Minute Visits

September 14 : All School Meeting at 7pm
****Subject to Change!****

September 20 : **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
Red & Orange Classes

September 21 : **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
Blue Class

September 23 : **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
Yellow & Purple Classes



FUNDRAISERS

“FUN”draising!

Each of our awesome families has a \$100 fundraising commitment (\$150 if you have more than one child enrolled) each school year. This means you may pay the \$100 upfront and be done with it or choose to fundraise this amount during the school year. Your preschool board provides many opportunities which include: Believe (wrapping paper and gifts), fresh holiday greenery, cookie dough, See's candy, Applebee's breakfast, plant sale, little ceasar's pizza, etc. Your class vice chair is responsible for communicating information about each of the fundraisers to you so be on the lookout for this valuable information! Your class vice chair will also let you know each month how much you have left to raise towards your fundraising goal.

Please let your class vice chair know if you have questions anytime about fundraising. Thank you preschool families! We look forward to another great year!

Your board vice chairs (fundraising ladies),
Tara & Nicole



Our first fundraiser of the year to kick off the school year is Believe! Packets will be available at the [Open House](#) on August 24th! The fundraiser will run until early October!



See's Candy Bars will be available by early October! Each bar costs \$2.50, and 50% goes towards your fundraising commitment!

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.

~Fred Rogers

Preschool needs your help stocking the supplies for the upcoming year!

Please keep eyes on the Big Balloon on the board in the hallway. Throughout the year you will find little balloons asking for items of need! We depend on our families to keep the pre-school running as efficiently as it can and we couldn't do it without your donations!

Current Needs :

Paper Plates

Napkins

Paper Cups (3oz & 5oz)

Ziplock Bags (quart & gallon)

Glue Sticks

Stickers (variety for crafts)



i AM IN PRESCHOOL

I am not built to
sit still,
keep my hands to myself,
take turns,
be patient,
stand in line,
or keep quiet
all of the time.

I need:
motion,
novelty,
adventure,
and to
engage the world with my whole body.

LET ME PLAY.

(Trust me, I'm learning!)



Have you heard of the Jaguar? This year Mrs Brown has chosen these gorgeous cats as our mascot! ☺
Did you know that they live in the Amazon forests? Jaguars are strong swimmers and climbers and require large areas of tropical rain forest and stretches of riverbank to survive. Hunting and habitat loss due to deforestation continue to threaten the survival of these marvellous cats. They'll eat almost anything and are considered "chunky" cats! Hahahaha. And...their spots aren't just normal spots, their spots are spotty spots making them that much more special!

Aren't they just AMAZING!



COVID-19 and Preschool

Hello all!

We have been hard at work preparing for this next school year and navigating the many changes needed. We want to let you all know about the progress and decisions we have come to at this point. We know many of you will have worries about the safety of your little ones and we want to assure you we are doing everything we can to ensure everyone's safety.

We have made changes to class sizes, class schedules and how many classes we are providing.

*Class sizes are now limited to 14 enrolled children.

*We have eliminated Green class.

*We have changed Purple class. Purple will now be Thursdays and Fridays 12:15-2:30pm. Purple class will be open to 4-5yo and will follow the curriculum of Red class.

We are a closed campus.

*The door to preschool will be locked from the outside. There can be no siblings at school. There can be no entering the building unless you are a working parent, Executive Board Member or Mrs Brown.

*There will be some accommodating on Special Days to allow both parents to participate.

We are adding many heightened cleaning measures, limiting and removing some play areas, toys, etc.

*Dress up is no longer available.

*Each class will have their own Mrs Brown made play-doh and each child will have their own doh in a ziplock with their name on it to limit touch/germ spread.

*There will be sanitizing measures taking place between classes.

*Windows will be open periodically throughout class time.

*Outside time is going to be longer than we have had in the past.

*Snack time : we will be washing hands before and after snack, each child will have their own plate of food in order to eliminate the sharing bowls, etc.

We are no longer using church spaces.

*The church library and bathrooms will no longer be used. The bathroom in room 4 is still available and will be cleaned after each use.

We are requiring all working parents to wear face masks.

*No face shields

*Children are not required to wear masks, but can should you choose that it be necessary for your family.

*If you have an exception to wearing a mask please bring it to Mrs Brown or Denise's attention.

There is now a screening process at drop off.

*There will be no entering the building until you have been through the screening process by your class chair or Mrs Brown.

*Drop Off : All parents dropping off will park in one of the designated parking spots at the back of the church. Your class chair will meet you at your car, or on the sidewalk, or at the door to go over a series of questions and take your temperature as well as your little one. Once cleared you can drop your child off at the door or walk them in to help them sanitize or wash their hands.

*Pick Up : Please pull into one of the designated parking spots and wait for one of the working parents see your child to you on the sidewalk or allow the working parent to bring your child out to you at your car.

Blue Class drop off will look different as every parent stays for class.

This is a working model as CDC/State requirements are changing consistently.

We still have room in Red, Blue and Purple classes if you or anyone you know would like to enroll!

If you have any questions please feel free to ask here or any of the board members.

As always, stay tuned for more updates and communication as we get ready to tackle the 2021-2022 school year!

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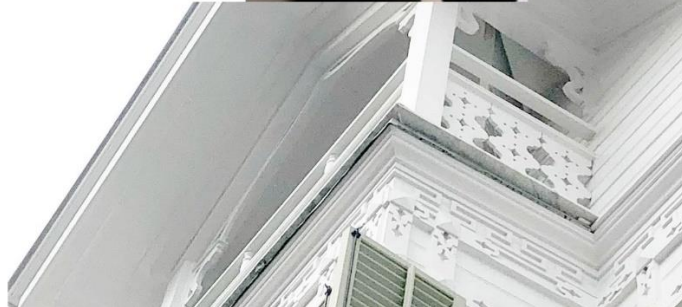
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