



**NOVEMBER  
2021**

*Wise Words From Mrs. Brown:*

Dear Preschool Families,

Greetings to Everyone at Covington Co-op. The word that comes to my mind right now is Wow! We are full of smiling, cooperative people, excited about being at the Preschool. The children are already picking up the routine and have such creative ideas.

I want to say a very special Thank you to all the returning parents for being so willing to step in and help the new parents. I hope once you all have had time to experience each of the rooms and get to know all the children in your class, you will start to relax and enjoy your Covington Co-op experience.

I would like for us all to start asking ourselves these five questions about the activities that we do with children at preschool or at home.

1. Does the activity help children toward self-identification or reinforce their self concept positively?
2. Does the activity encourage children to be able to change or modify presented materials according to their own options and imaginations?
3. Does the activity encourage children to create – that is, To make a song, story, or game completely out of their own experience?
4. Does the activity encourage children to interact positively – that is, to choose to work with other children and/or an adult toward a larger goal ?
5. Does the activity promote laughter or heighten a child's sense of fun, making the activity irresistible ?

These questions come from Bev Bos and her book "Before the Basics". I read this every so often to remind myself that Experience is the Best Teacher that Children can have. I need to remember to slow down and allow for interruptions. If children are truly learning then they need to be a big part of the conversation. Yes, we do want our children to learn about manners and 2017 November respect, they will learn that by watching you. So let's help children by becoming more like children and learn to enjoy what we are doing.

Jean Piaget said: Every time we teach a child something, we keep them from inventing it themselves.....That which we allow them to discover by themselves....Will remain with time.

So let's give children all the experiences that we can and help them to see that Learning is Fun!!!!!!!

Sincerely Your Friend,

Karen Brown





### Important Dates

November 25 : **NO SCHOOL**

November 26 : **NO SCHOOL**

December 20-31 : **WINTER VACATION**

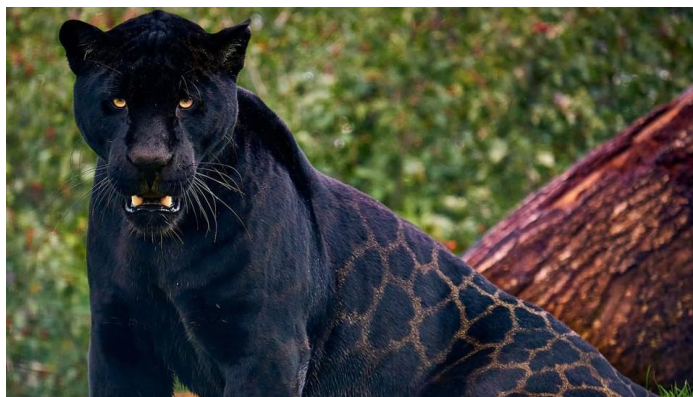


A great Book you might want to read is:

“I Brake for Meltdowns”

How to handle the most Exasperating Behaviour of your 2- to 5- year-old  
There may be copies at the preschool if you would like to check one out or just want to look at it.





# 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 be sure to remember to fill out Fundraising Slips and put them with your orders and money collected. First in a Green Envelope (on top of the Orange Fundraising Box), Second you then put the envelope in the Orange Fundraising Box. All of these items are in Room #3 in the office portion of the room.

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



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

## Windmill Farms Greenery!



Delivery & Pickup information coming soon! Watch your emails and class pages for this information.

### Ferpie & Fray Candles!

All orders must be in by November 19<sup>th</sup>!

Candles will be delivered in early December!  
(Just in time for Christmas!)



## Fall Raffle

Each class has put together an awesome basket for our fall raffle. Baskets are being displayed in the office and tickets are selling for \$1 each. 100% of that going towards your fundraising commitment.

Winners will be selected in early December.



## Coming Soon :

Little Ceasar's, See's Yum Raiser & Fantastic Treats





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

## 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!)

### **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!







# 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 3-5yo 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!

## Meet Your 2021-2022 Covington Co-Op Preschool Board!

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The preschool has also registered with Amazon's fundraising program. It's SUPER EASY for families to contribute a small percentage of their Amazon purchases to the preschool. They can use this link:

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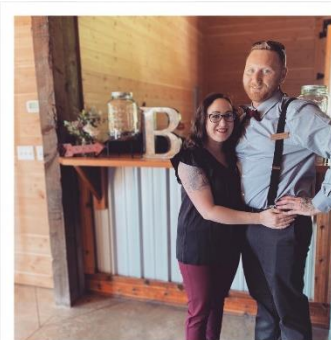
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