



**APRIL 2022** 

## Wise Words From Mrs. Brown:

Dear Preschool Families,

Wow!! Here we are at the end of the school year already. The time sure does go by fast and those little faces that we saw at the beginning of the year have changed so much.

As adults we have many questions and fears about our children and what is going to enhance their lives. One of the many things I have wanted to help with, is to show how important the value of play is in for children. "Play is essential to positive human development, but kids are playing less and less" **Says Psychologist David Elkid.** 

What is playing and why is it right up there with academics? I hope we have answered this question and helped our children and ourselves to discover that play and work helps us to learn. What a gift to give your child.

Some of the skills for academic progress in the future that we have been working on are: Listening, Following directions, Taking turns, Sharing ideas, Persistence, Independence, Classification, Association, Pattering, Creative thinking and Small & Large muscle coordination.

We are the children's first teachers and can best help by giving them many, many different ways of exploring their world. They need to touch, see, hear, smell, taste and ask questions. We need to encourage, Self-motivation, feelings of accomplishment and a love of learning. The most natural way to accomplish all of this is through play and excursions with lots of speech and language. Children love to have fun, to explore and to talk. Planned play activities help a child to practice skills that will lay foundations for later learning. Also, by emphasizing the positive aspects of a child's performance, they will build self-confidence and self-esteem, as well.

I am now seeing a lot more problem solving by the children, compared to the beginning of the year. A couple of questions we could be asking ourselves is:

- 1. Are we letting our children use these tools we have been trying all year to give to them?
- 2. Do our children feel that we trust them to be whom they are?

Also, are we letting them walk through this next stage of life feeling independent or dependent? Let's keep reminding ourselves that mistakes should be generally minimized by not paying too much attention to them. It is more constructive to call attention to successes.

A CHILD RESPONDS FAVORABLY TO POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT.

Remember that - Parenting Attitudes are crucial to a child's Self-Concept.

Sincerely Your Friend, Karen Brown







## **Important Dates**

April 29-30: \*ONLINE\* Auction

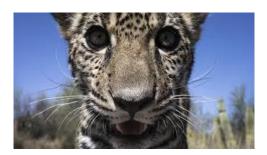
May 3-4<sup>th</sup> : Bounce House is HERE! (see flyer in

hallway for more information)

May 11 : ALL SCHOOL MEETING @7pm

May 16-20<sup>th</sup>: Last Week of School

May 24-26<sup>th</sup> : Class Carnivals



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!

# **Clean out your closets for Covington Co-Op Preschool!**

## We Are Collecting:

#### Clothes

Mens, Womens and childrens clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, blets, backpacks, etc.

### **Household Textiles**

Bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linens, tableclothes, curtains, pillows, etc.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

Our Goal: \$1000 (358 tall kitchen bags)

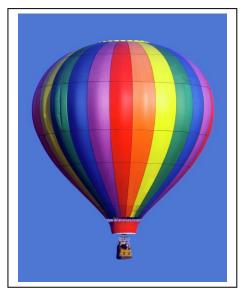
**Collection running 3/14/22 - 5/06/22** 

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



# <u>Preschool needs your help stocking the supplies for the upcoming year!</u>

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 preschool running as efficiently as it can and we couldn't do it without your donations!









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You can also find us by Googling Amazon Smile and searching for Covington Co-op Preschool from the Amazon Smile sign-up page.

This is a SUPER EASY way for families to have a small percentage of their Amazon purchases be donated to the preschool!

If you are shopping from an App, please check out with your browser at Smileamazon.com so that the school gets credit for your purchases.



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- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Covington Coop Preschool earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.



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

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(Or just google Smile Amazon and then search for Covington Co-op from the Smile Amazon page!)

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