



## FEBRUARY 2022

#### Wise Words From Mrs. Brown:

Dear Preschool Families.

I want to thank you for coming to preschool to play and have fun with the children in and around all the serious business. I want to thank you for keeping foremost in your minds why we are here and not getting lost in red tape. Day after day I see wonderful acts of kindness going on, not only by adults to each other but by the children to each other. The only way for children to know anything about kindness is to **see** it going on around them. Children learn first by what they see, then by what they feel and last by what they hear.

#### \*True Story\*

One year Yellow Class filled a giant bag with rainbow stew and went for a walk on a rainbow, then they decided to roll on their rainbow. It looked like so much fun I asked if I could do it too. They all moved off to give me room and in the middle of my roll a child looked at me with a very serious face and asked "Mrs Brown, how old are you?" I looked up at him and said "I am old, but can't I play too? I would like to play, is it okay?" He looked at me for a few seconds with kind of a worried look and then said "OKAY."

There are so many things going on at preschool, that it is sometimes difficult to see the wonderful learning that is happening. It may seem like many times the acts of kindness go unnoticed or just forgotten.

Spend this next three months soaking in the wonderment of these children and everything they are becoming. Let's be proud <u>for</u> them, not of them. I hope you come to preschool to play and to see the world through the eyes of a child. Remember, it is much easier to stay calm if we do not own our children's problems. We are here to guide not to control. Children do not need someone to point out their every mistake any more than we do.

In order for a co-op preschool to run smoothly there has to be many volunteer hours put in thousands of acts of kindness, and unlimited amounts of creative problem solving. All of this can be very stressful because of all of our weakness', fears and very busy schedules. If we can deal with our stress in a positive way then our children can't help but learn to do the same. What better way to teach children than by example.

Thank you for all your successful efforts to treat all children very special and Thank you for helping our preschool be filled with such <u>Happy Memories</u>.

Sincerely Your Friend,

Karen Brown







### **Important Dates**

February 21-25: NO SCHOOL

April 11-15: NO SCHOOL

April 29-30: \*ONLINE\* Auction



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!



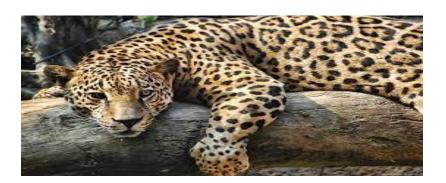
**Little Caesars** is delivered directly to you door and will earn you \$6.00 per unit ordered and ends February. Here is the link:

https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/login/join-fundraiser/4a9f7335-1a29-4528-9370-64878aa63f89

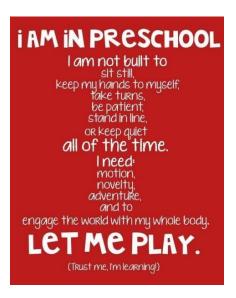
We're thrilled to be selling high quality, beautiful, and locally grown potted tulips again this year! Each 6" pot is wrapped beautifully and contains 5 bulbs.
Colors expected include orange, pink, purple, yellow, white, and bicolor. The preschool will receive a variety of colors with our bulk order, first come first served on color choices. Tulip pots are \$10 each, and 40% will go towards your fundraising commitment.

All orders must be in by February 28<sup>th</sup>
All cash/checks you collect should be made out to Covington Co-Op Preschool, and deposited into the orange fundraising box in the office along with your order form and fundraising slip.



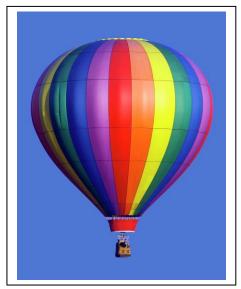


Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood. ~Fred Rogers



# <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!















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

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#### **Amazon Smile**

Visit Amazon Smile at: <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055">smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055</a> to link your Amazon account with Covington Co-op Preschool.

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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JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

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   can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 81776.
- 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.



You shop. Amazon gives.

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:

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055

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

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