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Quote Note:

"Be who you are and say what you feel,
Because those who mind don't matter-
And those who matter don't mind".
~ Dr. Seuss

Enjoy the Last Few Months

Dear Preschool Families,

The end of the year is almost here and I hope that we are starting to relax. Our goal for the last seven months was getting to know each other and the preschool and to learn how to use our problem-solving skills. It is amazing that we only have two and a half months left.

From this point on, you should start to see some big changes in the children. The last trimester is when the children start to put into practice what they have been learning up to now. I can see that they are becoming more independent and using their words to let us know what they need. We will be seeing how well they have mastered these skills. This is when they need to have our time and attention, to have the adults doing more listening than talking, and more smiling than frowning. So, let's enjoy these last few months while we still have them. Try and stand back, take a deep breath and observe how capable these young people are becoming.

I hope that we can continue to open our minds to what children are trying to teach us and be able to listen to what they are saying. Children are the Future, so I guess we had better spend some time planning that Future but let's not get lost in it. **Learning through play helps today lead us into tomorrow.**

Please spend the last few months soaking in the wonderment of these young people and everything they are becoming. Let's be Proud **For** them not **Of** them.

I hope you come to preschool to play and see the world through the eyes of a child. Remember, it is much easier to stay calm if we do not own 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. How about we let the preschool be a safe and fun place to be for both children and adults. 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 EXPERIENCE BE FILLED WITH HAPPY MEMORIES.

Sincerely,

Karen Brown



Important Dates

April 9-13 : No School

April 14 : Auction!

May 1-3rd : Bouncy House!

May 20 : Walk Your Block



We're Moving!

We will be moving this summer to Alliance Bible Church in Covington ☺ We are so excited to start our 2018-2019 school year in our new home! We hope you all are as excited as we are and we thank all of you for your help in finding us this new location!

Thank You!

Karen, Breanna, Denise & The Preschool Board

With the flu season upon us, we'd like to remind you to keep your littles at home if they are feeling under the weather or showing any signs of a cold or flu. The following are some guidelines (can be found in your handbook) to follow :

When to Keep Your Child Home:

1. If your child has a fever or has had one during the last 24-hour period.(Call the Lab Coordinator if you're not sure what to do.)
2. If your child is taking an antibiotic that affects their participation.
3. If your child has a cold that interferes with their full participation in school activities - including outdoor play.
4. If your child has a heavy or colored nasal discharge. (Usually indicates bacterial infection, requiring antibiotics.)
5. If your child has a constant cough not related to allergies.
6. If your child is fussy, cranky and generally not themselves.
7. If your child is just tired. Rest may prevent the development of serious illness.
8. If your child has symptoms of a possible communicable disease.

(These are usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache and abdominal pain, plus a fever.)

FUNDRAISERS

"FUN"draising!

Each of our awesome families has a \$75 fundraising commitment (\$100 if you have more than one child enrolled) each school year. This means you may pay the \$75 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, Magical Night of Giving tickets, LuLaRoe, cookie dough, See's candy, Applebee's breakfast, plant sale, etc. Your class vice chair is responsible for communicating information about each of the fundraisers to you so be on the look out 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),
Jennifer & Megan

See's Candy Bars:



We have just a little bit of See's candy left so please consider buying a couple of bars from the singles basket!

The bars sell for \$2.00 each and 50% goes toward your fundraising commitment!

There are three flavors: milk chocolate, dark chocolate with almonds, and milk chocolate with toffee nuggets. These are great sellers at family gatherings, workplaces, and other functions. Even better, the candy bars can be sold right away; no order forms nor wait time involved! You can pay for the bars as you sell!

Spread the word! The most exciting fundraiser of the year is finally here! Alumni still come back year after year for this one! Orders are due in the orange fundraising box no later than **THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH.**

Plants will be delivered in early May, before Mother's Day, so think about maybe a hanging basket or a garden for your favorite mom!

Due to inclement weather last year, we will likely only have a small selection of things available for sale at the public sale in May so if there's something you have to have, take advantage of this pre-order! And, get creative - Split a flat with a friend or classmate!

35% goes towards your fundraising commitment!



SAVE THE DATE! Walk Your Block is coming!
Sunday May 20th from 2-4pm
At Covington Elementary

The Auction is coming!!! Do you have your babysitter yet?

**Come enjoy a night out at the Oscars
April 14th 5-9pm**

**St. Johns The Baptist Catholic Church
25810 156th Ave SE, Covington**

Please join us to raise money for Covington Co-Op Preschool! Leave the kids home, enjoy a great dinner catered by EJ's, and participate in our silent and live auctions. All funds raised go directly to our wonderful preschool! Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance.

See our Facebook Event for more information!

www.facebook.com/events/102838147215993

- Wine Tasting @ Cedar River Cellars
- 4 tickets to Wheel Of Fortune
- Passes to The Museum of Flight
- Paw Passes to Brown Bear Car Wash
- Passes to the Reptile Zoo
- Tickets to see the Tacoma Rainiers
- Tickets to Jazz Alley in Seattle
- Story Book Theater tickets
- Tickets to the Pacific Science Center
- Passes to Wolf Haven Sanctuary
- ...and...
- **TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND!!!!!!**

These are just a few of the items up for grabs! Amazing right?! You don't want to miss this!



Scholastic orders are so important for the preschool! Did you know that by ordering books for your children you are putting money towards donations to the preschool? ...we are in desperate need of a new computer/laptop for the school and this is something all of your book orders can help us with! So please continue ordering and supporting our school ☺

What is a 2 ½ hour commitment?

It is DIFFERENT than the housekeeping requirement. For each child enrolled, each family must sign up to do two housekeepings during the school year. Sign ups for housekeepings will be on your class board.

Each family is responsible for one 2 ½ hour commitment. These are opportunities throughout the year to help out at events such as auction, the plant sale, Walk Your Block, pancake breakfast, etc. Sign ups will be posted on the fundraising board as events are planned.

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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!)

Parking!

Please remember that as a working parent you need to park in the gravel along the fence! It is so important that the kiddos cross the parking lot safely when going to the playground and you can help them stay safe and look for moving cars by parking to the side of the school. –THANK YOU ☺

A note from our Parent Ed Instructor:

Families,

I'm sure you have heard the news that the preschool will be moving over the summer to our new location just down the road. For some of us, this is an emotional time because we have spent so many years in our current building making memories as students, parents and teachers. Moving is a big task both physically and emotionally as you let go of the environment you have grown to be comfortable in and assimilate to a new and unknown place. A number of you have asked how to talk to your children about the move. Here are a few tips for preparing them.

1. Try not to start talking about the move until the end of the school year. Telling them the preschool is moving now will lead to confusion and uncertainty about the current year. We may be having a moving celebration or family day when you can come and say goodbye to the site. This would be a perfect time to explain the preschool is going to be in a new building with Mrs. Brown teaching their class.
2. Think about what emotions and comments you make about the move. If you say, "I'll be so sad if the loft/climber/swings cannot be moved", they will pick up on that worry or sadness. Instead try to make positive comments like, "I bet the new building will be fun to explore".
3. If they have questions about what it will be like, let them know that you will be able to see the new school before the first day of class. You can also drive by the building and point out things you like about it, "Look, there is a big area to run in the grass".
4. Once the move has taken place and they have seen the new set up, you can address any concerns, questions or sadness they may have about missing the old site or getting used to the new site. Change, even positive change, can be stressful but most children are resilient once they have had a chance to adjust.

On another note, I will be reevaluating the Parent Education Program in these last few months of preschool. During this time, the preschool and I will be addressing current trends in the field, the budget, parent participation and how we can best provide a quality program while meeting insurance and philosophical expectations. I will likely be sending a parent survey to allow each family a voice in how the program may change next year. We realize family life is busy and you have many commitments to balance but also believe in the idea of parent and child growing together, learning together and being part of a cooperative community. If you have thoughts on the move or the parent education structure, feel free to contact me and let me know.

Warmest Regards,

Aimee Evans

Parent Educator/ Family Support Specialist

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Preschool can make money from your garbage!

Please save old ink and toner cartridges and bring them into preschool. There is a box labelled in the office near the large printer.

Be sure to ask friends and family to save also!

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It's easy to continue your support every time you shop and use your Rewards Card. Just login or sign up for the first time at FredMeyer.com/CommunityRewards and select Covington Co-Op Preschool. Fred Meyer's "new year of giving" started again July 1, so **re-enroll now** or enroll for the first time and make every shopping trip count! Every time you shop, you are helping preschool earn a donation. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you normally would!

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Visit Amazon Smile at: smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055 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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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:

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

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