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Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :

Dear Covington Co-op Preschool Families,

My life is upside down and your lives have all changed so it is difficult to talk about the future. I have been looking for some wisdom and I found something from "Mister Rogers, Important Things to Remember".

Confronting our feelings and giving them appropriate expression always takes strength, not weakness. It takes strength to acknowledge our anger, and sometimes more strength yet to curb the aggressive urges anger may bring and to channel them into nonviolent outlets. It takes strength to face our sadness and to grieve and to let our grief and our anger flow in tears when they need to. It takes strength to talk about our feelings and to reach out for help and comfort when we need it.

This is something I need to practice!!

Right now I am trying to find a way to help people to see the reasons why Scrapbooks are important. The children learn so much in their early years that help them in the future. Brain research has shown us the key to our intelligence is the recognition of patterns and relationships in all that we experience. If we are able to connect the new information with existing information and it makes sense and has meaning it will be stored in our long-term memory.

Of utmost importance in the early years of any child's life is the exposures and experiences that they receive in their every day living. If they can talk about their experiences from the pictures and art work and projects they can see how much fun it is to learn and try new things. Memory is kept more accurate by revisiting the information frequently, emotions enhance memory and novelty can boost memory.

We need to encourage

1. Self-motivation
2. Feelings of accomplishments
3. A love of learning and
4. It is fun to try new things.

Planned play activities helps a child to practice skills that will lay a foundation for later learning. Also, by emphasizing the positive aspects of a child's performance, the youngster will build self-confidence and self-esteem, as well.

Mistakes should be generally minimized, it is more constructive to call attention to successes. A child responds favorably to positive reinforcement and that can happen when they go through their scrapbook.

Take Care and Stay Safe. Go ahead and play with your children and explore as many new things as you can.

Sincerely Your Friend,
Mrs. Karen Brown

101 SUMMER FUN IDEAS

that kids can do at home

1. Hunt for bugs.
2. Use water to "paint" the house, sidewalk, patio, etc.
3. Set up a backyard obstacle course and time each other.
4. Leave notes for neighbors in chalk one the sidewalk.
5. Make a ring toss game out of paper plates.*
6. Make cookies using an illustrated recipe.*
7. Make fidget spinners out of legos.*
8. Learn to play the dice game.*
9. Play balloon ball: hit balloons back and forth with hands or rackets
10. Hide "treasure" and then make clues for someone to find it
11. Make marshmallow catapults.*
12. Use a long piece of aluminum foil to make a river.
13. Wash dishes + play with water in the sink or tub.
14. Dump out all your crayons and sort them by color.
15. Make tissue paper art.*
16. Use a piece of cardboard to make a ramp to race cars down.
17. Use masking tape to create roads on the floor.
18. Tape crepe paper across a hallway to create a "laser maze".*
19. Make boats from pieces of pool noodle and pencils.*
20. Take turns telling a silly story, each person adding a sentence.
21. Water all the plants. Ask permission to water neighbor's plants.
22. Decorate a cardboard box to look like a car. Go for a drive.
23. Build a tent with blankets.
24. Set up an actual tent inside and have a sleepover w/toys.
25. Fill the bucket relay race.*
26. Invite neighborhood kids over for a bike rodeo.
27. Spread butcher paper out and draw a city.
28. Glue cardboard boxes together to make buildings. Paint them.
29. Make lightsabers.*
30. Color overlapping circle drawings.*
31. Attach ribbons to a stick and the dance with it.
32. Thread macaroni on yarn to make a necklace. Paint it.
33. Use toothpicks and mini marshmallows to build skyscrapers.
34. Draw chalk outlines of each other, then color them in.
35. Hunt for smooth rocks and then paint them.
36. Go on a color photo scavenger hunt: try to take pictures of something that is every color of the rainbow.
37. Paint with homemade finger paint.*
38. Use a balloon and a straw to make balloon rockets.*
39. Find somewhere comfy and listen to an audiobook.
40. Search online for dot-to-dots and print them out to finish.
41. Learn how to fold paper airplanes.*
42. Learn how to fold origami jumping frogs.*
43. Learn how to fold newspaper hats.*
44. Decorate dollar store t-shirts with puffy paint.
45. Make your own kite and try to fly it.*
46. Have a playdough creating contest.
47. Make puppets out of brown paper bags.
48. Learn to make flowers out of tissue paper.*
49. Collect leaves to make rubbings.*
50. Play two square or four square. Draw squares w/chalk.
51. Write a letter or email.
52. Listen to songs from your favorite movie and sing along.
53. Make ice cream in a bag.*
54. Put hula hoops out in the yard and play frisbee golf.
55. Make a toy car wash with a little water in a bin and wash your toys.
56. See how high you can stack plastic cups.
57. Make a lego maze pinball game.*
58. Glue seashells on a dollar store photo frame to decorate it.
59. Make homemade moon sand and play with it.*
60. Make tin can stilts.*
61. Set up indoor bowling with water bottles and a ball.
62. Cut up small pieces of colored paper and make a design with them.
63. Make a God's-eye with sticks and yarn.*
64. Make fingerprint drawings.*
65. Have a lego building contest.
66. Have an A-Z scavenger hunt (find things that start with each letter).
67. Practice making shadow puppets.*
68. Draw a giant hopscotch on the driveway with chalk.
69. Create your own summer Olympics games.
70. Make your own bubble solution for giant bubbles.*
71. Use washable paint to paint each others' faces.
72. Play Bingo (get printable cards online).*
73. Play Charades.
74. Try out some yoga for kids videos.*
75. Take a family nap. Get pillows and snuggle and listen to music.
76. Work on a puzzle (or get out two easy puzzles and race to finish).
77. Have a picnic in the backyard.
78. Try out some easy science experiments.*
79. Jump rope. Look up some jump rope rhymes online.*
80. Skype or FaceTime with grandparents or cousins.
81. Collect moss, bark and leaves to make a fairy house.*
82. Write and illustrate a comic book.
83. Play toilet tag or TV tag.
84. Set up a mini golf course in the house.*
85. Make a bird feeder.*
86. Make your own drumset and kazoo and start a band.*
87. Look up riddles online and see if you can stump each other.*
88. Watch family movies.
89. Look at scrapbooks (or check out your parents old yearbooks).
90. Read! Find book recommendations for your age online.*
91. Play dress up. Visit Mom + Dad's closets.
92. Wash the car.
93. Collect leaves
94. Learn finger knitting.*
95. Use straws and a cardboard lid to make a marble maze.*
96. Design with Perler beads (melty beads). Find templates online.*
97. Color or paint paper dollies from the dollar store.
98. Collect sticks and leaves and use them as a paintbrush.
99. Play Duck Duck Goose.
100. Draw a target on the driveway and toss balls/sponges at it.
101. Make and play with Oobleck.*

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Preschool and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Current families,

It is with heavy hearts that we bring you the message confirming that the preschool will be closed for the duration of the school year. This is a difficult and heartbreaking decision for all.

The plant sale items are ordered and will be delivered this Friday May 8th! We will have limited additional items (geraniums, zinnia, tomatoes, zucchini, strawberries) available for purchase on site.

The annual auction is cancelled. We cannot accept any more silent auction items at this time. We are working to see if we can finish class projects and have them raffled off at a later date.

We are crossing our fingers that we will still get to have our annual picnic in August. Should bans be lifted by then we will announce what park we will be gathering at. (Prepare yourselves for a scene from Trolls as "Hug Time" will be happening frequently and repeatedly 😊)

Scrapbook and handprint plates. Once they have arrived your class chairs will work with you all and coordinate safe pickup times with Mrs Brown. Please be patient, shipping in every aspect is very delayed across the US.

For returning families, there are a fair number of board positions available for next year! We are a co-op and cannot run without the help from YOU! It takes a village 😊 You should have already received an email with the information on each position, if you didn't please reach out to your class chairs so the information can be forwarded along.

The Covington Days Parade has been cancelled, as all events have been cancelled through the city till after Aug 31.

"Be ready to help one another. Talk to your neighbors, friends, and families about how you can help run errands, do grocery drops, or otherwise support people who need to stay home.

At stressful times, fear and anxiety can result in harm to people who are stigmatized because they are thought to be infected. Coronavirus does not discriminate, and neither should we. Please share information to prevent and address stigmatization. Show compassion and support for those who are ill or who must stay home. A strong sense of community will carry us through a difficult time."

Stay informed. Information is changing frequently. Check and subscribe to Public Health's website (www.kingcounty.gov/COVID) or blog (www.publichealthinsider.com). Or check the CDC website (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)



See's Candy Bars:

Quarantine got you down? or stressed out? We have you covered!

We still have a large assortment of Dark Chocolate and Extra Dark Chocolate Candy bars! ...we have lowered the price of these bars to just **\$1** per bar!!!

Please reach out to Adena Pasibe to arrange an order and payment. ☺



2020-2021 Registration!

New registration forms are now available in the hallway! as well as on our website.

Classes fill up FAST so hurry and register soon! And spread the word to any families thinking about coming too! ☺ We are hoping to hold an additional Open House in July/August for any families thinking of enrolling, pending Washington's social distancing measures lift.

Orange class is FULL. **Red**, **Yellow**, **Green**, **Blue** and **Purple** still have openings ☺

A note from your Treasurer ~

Dear preschool families,

First, I'd like to remind you that we are still looking for a board treasurer for next year. Are you an accountant? Is someone in your house an accountant? Are you and numbers BFFs? If so, please consider volunteering to be Covington Co-op Preschool's Next Top Board Treasurer. It's important that we find someone soon so that I can train my replacement. If you have questions about what's involved, I'm happy to tell you all about it.

Second, a number of families still have outstanding tuition balances, going back to before the days of coronavirus. I will be sending out overdue tuition invoices through Square so that you can easily pay online by credit card. I appreciate your help in getting your account settled by the end of the school year. As a reminder, if you are coming back next year, you cannot register until your overdue tuition balance is paid. If you have any questions about your account, please do let me know -- my contact information is at the bottom of this message.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for your cooperation this year. It's been a pleasure to serve you all as the board treasurer, and I've enjoyed the opportunity to get to know more families over the course of the year.

Keep washing your hands and be well!

-Steve
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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, 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 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),
Lindsey & Adena



This Friday, May 8th!

There is a Signup Genius with specific pickup times available to keep safe social distancing in place. If you haven't signed up yet please reach out to Lindsey Bissell to arrange a pickup time.

We will have limited additional items (geraniums, zinnia, tomatoes, zucchini, strawberries) available for purchase on site.



A reminder from your Handbook :

What is housekeeping commitment?

Be on a cleaning team from your class and clean the preschool at least twice during the school year, per child enrolled.

We take pride in providing a safe and clean environment for our children. Throughout the year, a thorough cleaning to the preschool will be done on a weekly basis. You're required to participate in two housekeeping dates, per child enrolled, during the school year.

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.



Meet Your 2019-2020 Covington Co-Op Preschool Board!

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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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Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Covington Coop Preschool at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 81776.
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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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