

HAPPY Valentine's DAY

A Great Start Preschool February 2019 ~ Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

(F) Feb 1st (8am) Fall Registration Open to the Public
February 1-20th- Class Box Tops Contest!
(T) Feb 5th (6:30pm) Parent Group Meeting
(M) Feb 11th Tuition Due, Book Orders Due
(W&R) Feb 13th & 14th Class Valentine Exchanges (more details to come)
(F&M) Feb 15 & 18- AGSP Closed (President's Day Weekend)
(W) March 6, (4-6pm) Family Outing @Skateworld of Kettering (RSVP by Feb 25)
(M&T) March 11 & 12 (8am-5pm) Parent Teacher Conferences (No Classes in Session)
March 22-March 29 Spring Break (AGSP Closed)

Do you know
a high school senior who
graduated from AGSP?
Please let them know about our
Scholarship Opportunity for
High School Seniors!
Refer to our Facebook Post or
Email me for more info.

Ms. Beth's Medical Leave: Ms. Beth is having knee surgery on February 4, and will be out for at least 6 weeks as she recovers. We have arranged for Ms. Noa to fill in for Beth, so that the students will have a consistent teacher while she is out. Noa will be teaching KinderStart Monday through Friday morning, and MWF afternoon. She will also teach Kindergarten on Tues/Thurs afternoons. While Noa is teaching, Ms. Erica will be the Mon/Wed/Fri morning Teacher's Aide, and Ms. Katie will be the Mon/Wed/Fri afternoon Aide. Erica has been one of our Smart Start Teachers since 2007, and Ms. Katie currently teaches KinderStart on Mon/Wed/Fri AM, and is our Teacher's Aide on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are blessed to have such a caring and supportive staff that is able to fill in for another team member in need!

Consignment Sale April 13, 2019: Do you have Spring or Summer infant, children's, juniors, or maternity clothing in good, used condition? Baby equipment, toys, children's bedding, and small household items? Wouldn't you like to clear out your clutter, make some extra money, and support your favorite preschool all at the same time? Sign up to be a seller! You will get 70% of the selling price of your sold items, and the preschool will keep 30% as a tax deductible donation. Want to get rid of your items but not interested in selling? We will need donations! Donations will be accepted April 8th & 9th. This event is open to the public (For Sellers, Donors, Shoppers, and Volunteers) so

tell your friends! Online Volunteer Sign Up Sheets will be posted in March. A Great Start Preschools 15th Annual Consignment Sale Fundraiser will be on **Saturday, April 13, from 9am-2pm.**

*We are looking forward to a visit from a local Firefighter later this month!
Watch for pictures to be posted to our Facebook Page!*

The next session of Soccer Shots starts Feb 5th and 8th! Register online for the class on Tuesdays or Fridays
<https://www.soccershots.org/miamivalley/>

Easter Seals is scheduled to be here on Feb 19 & 20th during preschool hours to re-screen students as indicated in the packets that were sent home in November

Inclement Weather Policy: From time to time, we may need to alter our schedule due to inclement weather. Please tune to WHIO TV and watch for any closings to be listed under "A Great Start Preschool". I will also update our voicemail for the day, post on Facebook, and likely send out an email to all if our schedule is changed. Typically, if Centerville CLOSES or DELAYS due to ROAD CONDITIONS, we will alter our schedule as needed. If Centerville closes or delays due to *temperature only*, and our facility is warm and safe, we will try to remain open. It is always best to call ahead or check one of the methods above to make sure we are operating on normal schedule on days of inclement weather. You can also sign up for a free text alert system through WHIO to be notified if I call in a closure or delay.
<https://www.whio.com/text-alert-signup-instructions/> **We will plan to go outside if it is above 32 degrees and fairly dry, so please send your child with appropriate coats/hats/gloves.**

Reminders:

* Please use the main entrance near the preschool office (Door 10, use the sidewalk along the long white fence near Alex Bell) to ENTER the preschool each day.
* Please, no cupcakes for snack or birthday treats. Please refer to our Snack Policy or Parent Handbook, or talk to a staff member about other suggestions to help celebrate your child's birthday at school.
* If your child will be absent or significantly late, please let us know by calling 312-1621 or email christina@agreatstartpreschool.com
* We will continue to use Door 12 for Curbside Assistance. As a reminder, please do not drop your child off at Curbside, unless our Aide has indicated she is ready, as we need to limit the number of students we take into the building at one time. At dismissal, the aide will stand with your child under the covered sidewalk, and

dismiss the children to their caregiver as they approach the sidewalk. Sorry, but we are unable to offer curbside service for Extra-Curricular Classes. Please contact us for more information about our free Curbside Assistance Program.

* Please do not leave valuables in your car during drop off or pick up. Lock the doors, and keep all valuables with you or out of sight.
* Please notice the signs and colored tape lines in the hallway near your child's door, indicating where parents should line up for arrival and dismissal. Please try to stand against the wall, keeping a path open in the hallway. We appreciate your patience in the building and parking lot during arrival and dismissal!
* To reach your child's teacher by email, please email the office at christina@agreatstartpreschool.com with your teacher's name in the memo.

* Please take your child to the restroom upon arrival. Each classroom has a "restroom break" built into their daily schedule.
* Please check the *main compartment* of your child's backpack daily for notes from the office or teacher, artwork, etc.
* There is a basket on my desk and payment box outside of my office that you can drop off papers or payments during arrival/dismissal (or leave anything coming into the office in the main compartment of your child's backpack).
* Please "Like" and "Follow" our Facebook page to receive updates and see your preschoolers in action!
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Great-Start-Preschool-Inc/97685210068>
* Please refer to the Parking Lot Map and Safety Policy to help keep everyone safe in the parking lot, especially at arrival and dismissal times.

* Please visit our website, <http://www.agreatstartpreschool.com/calendar/> for important calendar dates. You can even sync your phone calendar with our calendar!
***We LOVE that you love our playground!**
If you are playing on the playground after preschool classes, please make sure: Sandboxes are covered before you leave, bikes/trikes are against the fence, gates are latched closed, and balls are in the bins. Please do not remove equipment from the shed, and follow the other rules posted on each gate. This will help us to keep our playground in good shape.
*Key- MW = Mon/Wed F= Fri
MWF= Mon/Wed/Fri TR= Tues/Thurs
* A Great Start Preschool has an open door policy! If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please speak directly to me or to your child's teacher.

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