

A Great Start Preschool November 2018 ~ Newsletter

Important Dates to Remember:

(T&W) Nov 6&7- No Kindergarten Class (all other classes will meet as scheduled)

(W) Nov 7- Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

(F) Nov 9 @11pm Fall Picture Online Orders Due (Refer to email for more details)

(F) Nov 9th- Prom RSVPs Due (please return RSVP form even if you are unable to attend)

(M) Nov 12- Tuition Due, Book Orders Due (This is our last book order that is guaranteed to arrive before Winter Break)

(F) Nov 16 6pm-8:30pm- Preschool Prom Fall FUNdraiser. More details to come!

(F) Nov 16- Last day to collect Soles for Souls (new/used shoes all sizes infant through adult-collection bins near Preschool Entrance!)

(W-F) Nov 21st-Nov 23rd AGSP CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

(Sa) Nov 24th @ 11am- Gustafter Yellowgold at Southminster Church

(R) Dec 6th (9:30/12:30) Winter Program Recital for Tues/Thurs Little Learners and Smart Start only (more details to come!)

Thank you to everyone who donated goodies and volunteered for our Fall Harvest Parties!

Don't forget to check out the albums on Facebook to see your preschooler in action!

Preschool Prom HELP NEEDED:

Sign-up sheets for the following will be posted near the preschool office:

- Ticket sales during arrival and dismissal Nov 12-16th

- Set up during Preschool Hours Nov 15, evening Nov 15, and during preschool hours Nov 16.

- Clean up help needed evening Nov 16

- Donations of gift baskets, gift cards, toys, adult goodies, and more needed by November 7th. No donation is too small...or too big!

- Monetary donations also accepted!

- Store bought baked goods also needed (see Christina)

Please help us raise money for new air conditioning units for our classrooms!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Box Tops Contest in October! 3,361 box tops were collected! The Kindergarten Class was the Bounce Party winner, averaging 48 box tops per student (based on 11 students in the class).

2nd Place was Ms. Katie's MWF AM class, averaging 32 box tops per student. Start saving box tops now for our next contest in February!

Fall Skills Overviews: This month, we will be sending home "Fall Skills Overview" forms with each student who has been enrolled at least 30 days or more. These are brief observations of your child- what we have noticed the first 6 weeks of school that they are doing well and areas they may need additional support. There is a section at the bottom to return to request an optional Fall Conference with the teacher (and a

place where the teacher can request a Fall Parent Teacher Conference if needed). All students will have a thorough developmental checklist completed in March, and formal parent-teacher conferences will be held with all students then. Please return conference requests by November 16th.

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.

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 building is warm and safe, we will likely remain open. It is always best to call ahead or check one of the methods above to make sure we are open 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/>

Dismissal: Please notice the signs and colored tape lines in the hallway near your child's door, indicating where parents should line up for teachers to dismiss students from that room. 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!

Curbside Assistance: We will continue to offer this free service for those who need help getting their children in and out of the building. It is helpful (but not required) to let us know when you will be using curbside, especially at dismissal. This is intended for those who have other children in the car, and those who have difficulties getting in and out of the building with children. We will continue to do Curbside at the front of the Church this year (Far Hills parking lot, door 13), on the Alex Bell end of the building, near the white wooden lattice covered sidewalk. Please pull up to the sidewalk where you see the Curbside STOP sign (your passenger door will be on the building side, the nose of your car facing Bob Evans). As the line moves forward, please continue to pull forward, always watching for

pedestrians. Our aides will only be taking students from 3 cars into the building each trip, unless they give a signal otherwise. Please be patient, as it may take us more than one trip to get all of the Curbside students to and from the building. We will offer this service at arrival from 8:55-9:05, 11:55-12:05, and at dismissal from 11:20-11:25 and 2:20-2:25. If you arrive later than the posted times, please come into the building through our normal entrance.

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

* 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!

*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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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