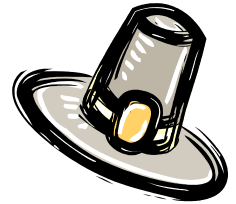




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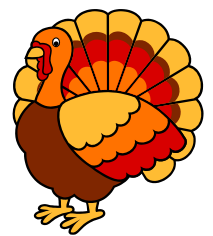
Dear Preschool Families,
 What do you get when you take one creative, environmentally-conscious chef; a discarded salad bar; and an industrious, problem-solving maintenance staff?? Why, a wonderful preschool sand/water table, just perfect for our outdoor playground, of course! In this season of gratitude we are especially thankful for the staff members of Village Presbyterian Church who support this preschool program in ways you may not even imagine, yet whose touch we feel on a daily basis. And of course, when counting blessings, we count you and your precious children who grace each moment here with abundant joy. We thank you!
 The Preschool Staff

CONFERENCES!

This month we are looking forward to the opportunity to spend a few minutes with each of you as we reflect on your child's experience thus far. Sign up sheets will be posted on the Parent Information Board beside the preschool office. Please remember while there is no preschool on conference days, your child's EPD schedule remains the same!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 1 - TUITION DUE!!**
- Nov. 2 - Speech Screening for 4's and 5's**
- Nov. 2 - Return Tommy Austin proofs to school**
- Nov. 8 - TTH 3's conferences - NO AM PRESCHOOL**
- Nov. 16 - MWF 4's conferences - NO AM PRESCHOOL**
- Nov. 22 - PM 4's/5's conferences - NO PM PRESCHOOL**
- Nov. 22 - Paul Mesner Puppets for the 3's**
- Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving vacation- NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 29 - Parent Information Coffee for prospective parents**



It Takes a Village...

Did you know you don't have to be a Village Church member in order to benefit from the many programs they provide for young families? Here are just a couple of examples:



Christmas Night Out:

Dec. 2, 5:30-8:30 pm

Offered by Children's

Ministry, this event provides fun activities for children ages

2-10 while parents are free to enjoy the evening on their own. Member registration through 11/15, then open to the community. See details in our literature rack or on the church website.

Family Building Support Group: This newly formed group is intended as an inclusive, open community of sharing and support for anyone experiencing primary or secondary infertility or pregnancy loss. Spouses, family members and friends of those struggling are also welcome. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30—8:00 pm in the Village Cup (lower level, south side) Contact Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin at 913.671.2369 for more information.

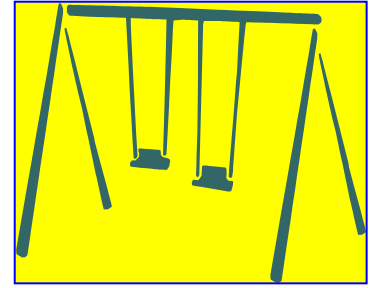
Stay-at-Home Dads: Interested in learning more about forming a dads group? Contact Cindy at 913.671.2331.

BOOK ORDERS

As the holidays approach, we are happy to announce that Village Preschool is again participating in the Scholastic Book Clubs Website. Introductory information can be found on pg. 4! All orders are due by Nov.28 and will be returned to you before the December break.

PLAYGROUND PRIDE!

“Thank You” hardly covers our gratitude to Cliff Middleton, Certified Playground Safety Inspector, for his extremely generous



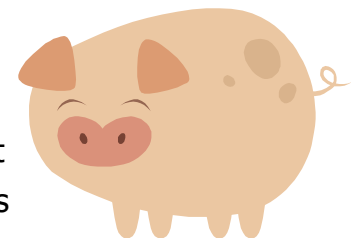
donation of time and expertise in conducting our site inspection AND personally making the indicated repairs. As Village Church members, Cliff and Liz have truly been friends of preschool throughout the years and we feel blessed to have them in our midst! **[Remember when using the playground – the sandboxes need to be covered after use]**



A recently reported “close call” behooves us to remind everyone to use the utmost caution when driving in the parking lot AND when walking through the parking lot with your children. This is one time not to let their budding independence overtake common sense! Please keep children close to you as you enter and exit the building.

PAUL MESNER PUPPETS

Tuesday, November 22nd
at 10:00 a.m. in
Friendship Hall, our three-year-olds will have a treat when Paul Mesner Puppets comes to



entertain them with “Old MacDonald’s Rhyming Ranch”. A BIG hit with our preschoolers! Join us if you can!!



Meet our Preschool Advisory Board!
 2011-2012 Village Preschool Advisory Board
 L-R: Michelle Dawdy, Patty Legenza, Leigh Nottberg, Mindy Ott, Terri Gaeddert, Debbie Smith, Aimee Strobl (not pictured: Debbie Spurlin and Ruth Davidson/photographer)

The Preschool Advisory Board is a sub-committee of Children's Ministry, devoted to focusing on issues concerning Village Church Preschool. It is made up of a church elder, Preschool, EPD, and Children's Ministry administrators, 2 Village Preschool teachers, and 4 Village Preschool parents. We are working for you! Please remember you can use the parent representatives as a resource for questions, concerns, and ideas. Some fun initiatives are in the works for the new year!

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

As we approach the cold weather season and a possible increase of illness, we want to share with you the Johnson County Health Department's requirements for exclusion from school:

- Oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher **(must not return to school until fever free for 24 hours!)**
- sore throat
- persistent cough
- swollen glands
- earache
- red or sore eyes
- discharge from nose, eyes
- nausea and or vomiting
- diarrhea
- signs and/or symptoms compatible with a communicable disease, particularly if that child has been exposed to a communicable disease.



You can help us slow the spread of germs by enforcing our school hand washing routines!

LOST AND FOUND

Missing a jacket or clothing article? Check the hanging strip in the Ramp Hallway. Missing other items? Check the Preschool Office!

Along piece of...



String!



Get Your Hands on a Good Book!

Book Club Order Due Date : November 28

Online Ordering Information

Web address: scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: JGQ6Z

Dear Preschool Parents,

In response to parent feedback we have decided to try ordering Scholastic Books exclusively online. Find the perfect books for your child by shopping our NEW online Book Clubs Website. Choose from a much-wider selection of books than in the printed flyer. Plus, you can send your orders directly to me online and use your credit card to pay.

Best of all, **we earn a FREE book for the classroom library every time a parent places an order online.***

Here's how it works:

- **SIGN UP** at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page, click the "Register" button in the "First Time Here?" section. Register for your own user name and password. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code shown above. This unique code ensures that your order is sent to me.
- **SELECT** the books you'd like to order -- choose from thousands of titles -- many more than in the monthly flyers.
- **SEND** your order to me online by the due date and your child's books will be delivered directly to your child's classroom.

We hope this simplifies the process for those interested in purchasing books from Scholastic. Give it a try and let us know what you think!

Thank you,
Terri

*Excludes eBooks.