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Dear Preschool Families,

A warm thank you to all who attended the Back-To-School Nights and our first Parent Workshop. We are off to a great start and feel energized by your presence and your input. This month you will be given a written opportunity for input as well, when the Family Surveys are distributed! These questionnaires are part of the Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement System which assesses early education programs for quality care. We look forward to this opportunity to learn from you—please turn in your form and let your voice be heard!

*My Thanks,
 Terri*

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 3-4 – Firefighters Visit
- Oct. 4 – Preschool Advisory Board
- Oct. 5 – Movement Classes Begin 4’s/5’s
- Oct. 6-7 – Music Classes with Jenny
- Oct. 11-Creations By Kids TTH 3’s
- Oct. 13-14 – School Photos
- Oct. 19 – Red Barn Farm Field Trip
- Oct. 20 – Stable T Farms TTH 3’s
- Oct. 20-21 – Creations By Kids 4’s/5’s
- Oct. 27-28 – Snacks With Stacey
- Oct. 27-Halloween Celebration 3’s/PM4’s
- Oct. 28 - Halloween Celebration PM 5’s
- Oct. 31 - Halloween Celebration AM 4’s

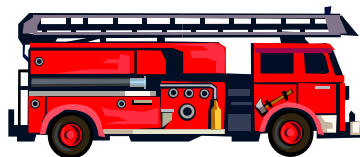
MOVEMENT IS FUN

We begin our “Movement is Fun” classes Wednesday, October 5th for our 4’s & 5’s. Our 3’s begin their movement class in January on Thursday mornings. This terrific program is designed to enhance the motor and cognitive development of our preschoolers. The children remove their shoes and socks before class and put them on again after. We really appreciate your help in working with us to teach these early self-help skills!

A Word of Explanation...
 When entering from the South parking lot, please note that the stairwell door nearest the playground is to remain locked. We request that you use the east-facing door for entry. This is simply a safeguard, preventing direct access to the preschool hallway should the need ever arise.



FIREMEN TO VISIT VILLAGE PRESCHOOL



The Prairie Village Fire Department will visit our

preschoolers in October for great lessons on fire safety; they show us all their gear and we even get to climb in the Fire Engine! They will be in all of the classrooms on October 3 and 4. (Note date change from original calendar.)

SPEECH, LANGUAGE & HEARING SCREENING

Children's Therapy Group will be conducting Speech Language and Hearing Screenings for the 4's & 5's on November 2nd. The cost for this optional screening is \$10.00. Forms will be sent home later this month for you to fill out and return to school if you wish to participate. Please note the checks need to be made payable to Village Church Preschool and returned to school with the Children's Therapy form by October 26th. Our three's will have this opportunity in March.

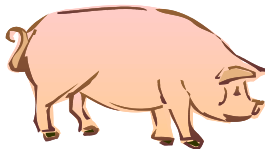
MUSIC IS FUN!

Jenny Hull, the new music teacher at Village Preschool, will begin our monthly classes on October 6th-7th. This month the children will "Meet the Marimba" as Jenny introduces them to our new outdoor instruments! A variety of music concepts will be explored throughout the year including: moving to music, exploring sounds, and developing melody.



STABLE T FARMS

Stable T Farms will be visiting our school Thursday, October 20th for our TTH 3's! They bring wonderful farm animals for the children to interact with and a fun pumpkin patch is set up on the south lawn beyond the playground...every child will bring a pumpkin home!! Our first visiting field trip for the three-year-olds!



RED BARN FARMS FIELD TRIP

We are so excited to offer this great opportunity for *both* MWF 4's and the PM 4's & 5's to go *together* on a field trip Wednesday, October 19th to the Red Barn Farms! It



will be a fun day of touring the farm, picking pumpkins and having lunch together in a beautiful setting! We will need *each* child to bring a sack lunch with their name clearly written on the sack (NO LUNCH BOXES ON THIS DAY PLEASE) and a disposable drink. All children will come to school at 9:00 a.m. in the morning and return to school by 1:30 p.m. NO AM or PM EPD. **School will be dismissed at 1:30 upon our return from the farm.** All preschoolers *must* be picked up at this time. What a great fall activity for all 4's & 5's to enjoy together!

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

These are fun days with special classroom activities and stories. While we add costumes to our house areas for worktime, **WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED UP IN COSTUMES**, reserving that fun tradition for after school celebrations. If you signed up to bring snacks, drinks, etc. for your child's classroom your room mother will be calling to remind you!!

Tuition Reminder

Please remember that tuition is due the 1st of every month and delinquent after the 15th. To figure your individual amount for each month:

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| # of Preschool Days/Week | _ X \$55 |
| + # of EPD Days/Week | X \$60 |
| = Tuition Amount /Month | \$! |

Parent Volunteers

We look forward to beginning our Parent Volunteer program this month for 4's and 5's classrooms and in November for the 3's classrooms. Parent Volunteer packets have been distributed to all new parents. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack in the hallway for those who may need another...hopefully the ideas inside will be helpful as you join in the classroom fun! Sign-up sheets are on the Parent Information Bulletin Board outside the preschool office. Please remember the "twice per semester" limit so all may participate. Thanks!

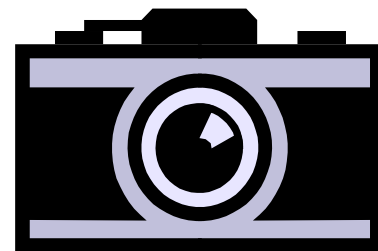
Book Event

Help us help others! Operation Breakthrough volunteers are in need of MANY new and/or gently used books to distribute to the preschoolers they read with each Wednesday morning through a partnership with Village Church. As parents and educators of young children, we all know how important this is. Your book donations can make a world of difference in the life of another preschooler in our Kansas City community. Please consider dropping a book off in the basket beneath the tuition box in the office.



Tommy Austin Studio Preschool Photos

Tommy Austin Studios will once again take individual school photos on Oct. 13 for TTH 3's, PM 4's and 5's and Oct. 14 for MWF 4's. Photos will be returned to families in time for any holiday gift giving. If you wish your child to have their photo taken with siblings we can work that into the schedule, just let us know! Thank you in advance to all the parents who signed up to help on picture day!!



Back-To-School Night



NAEYC Evaluation Findings

Dear Preschool Families:

At the end of last school year, our families were asked to fill out a survey supplied by the National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC). Over the summer we compiled the results and are happy to report back to you some very favorable findings. I am pleased to tell you that 87% of the distributed surveys were returned! Thank you so much for taking the time to share your opinions. We truly value your input and use the information to better our practices. Of particular note are the three questions which elicited **100%** of “Yes” responses:

*I have a good relationship with my child’s teacher and other staff.

*The teacher takes good care of my child, helps my child learn to get along with others, and is a good teacher.

*I have received information at enrollment and/or throughout the year about the program mission and philosophy.

Our lowest percentages came from the questions designed for families who are non-English speaking at home or for families with babies, which leads us to consider the format may need to be adjusted since many appeared to be confused about whether or not to respond to the question, thus dramatically skewing the results. We consider this a good learning opportunity and next year will ask for permission to reformulate those questions in a way that everyone feels clear about answering. (4 questions out of 24 with less than 80% “Yes” responses.)

All other questions elicited a “Yes” response rate of 80% or above, placing our “Pass Rate” at 92.94% overall. While we feel very good about this result, as a staff we have targeted those questions which received less than 90% “Yes” responses as goals to be mindful of this year. Itemized below are the remaining questions that received less than 90% “Yes” responses:

*I talk with a teacher about my child at least once a week.

[80% yes, 17% no, 3% don’t know or blank]

*When I disagree with how a teacher works with my child, I feel comfortable letting the teacher know and working together to find a solution that works for both of us.

[87% yes, 0% no, 13% don’t know or blank]

*The program gives me information to help my child make a smooth transition to kindergarten or first grade. [89% yes, 4% no, 7% don’t know or blank]

*When program evaluations are completed, I receive information about the findings.

[83% yes, 1% no, 16% don’t know or blank]

It is our hope that you find this information, as well as all the information we strive to communicate to families, both relevant and responsive to your needs as our partners in providing a quality Preschool experience for your children!