



February 2024 Preschool News

It has been such a joy to see your children usher in 2024 with smiles and excitement as they arrive at school each morning. Even in the middle of a long winter, children love to share the natural joy living in their hearts, and we are grateful that they share it with us each day! In January we have enjoyed playing our way through winter themes, and in February we will turn our attention to celebrating LOVE. Red and pink construction paper hearts, lace paper doilies, and lots of glitter are always a great way to create something special to say "I love you!" In the midst of the cold, gray winter days, Valentine's Day provides just the right amount of warmth, fun, and joy to remind us about love, the most treasured gift that we can possibly hold.

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
(1 Corinthians 13:13)*

Please Join Us! Our "Hugs and Kisses" Breakfasts are right around the corner, and we would love to have you join us! Your child will bring home an invitation to our Valentine event that will take place from 9am-9:45am on either Thursday, February 8th or Friday, February 9th. On your child's special day, they are invited to bring one or two important adult family members/friends to help celebrate Valentine's Day! We hope that you will join us for breakfast snacks, crafts, and games. On the day of your child's "Hugs and Kisses" breakfast, classroom time will begin at 9:45am. Teachers and staff will be running the breakfast, games, and crafts, so they will not be supervising the children until 9:45am when the children will go to their classrooms with their teacher. This event is designed for you to enjoy with your child. If you are unable to attend this event with your child, our preschool day will begin at 9:45am. Please line up at the main preschool door for our drop-off procedure.

Looking Ahead: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is off to a great start! New families joining our program are sharing such wonderful comments from conversations that they've had with our current families. Thank you for sharing your love for Mt. Pisgah Preschool with your friends and neighbors. We still have openings for next year, so please continue to spread the good word about us with anyone looking for a new preschool community.

Joining Our Team: Exciting plans are under way for the upcoming school year, and we'd like to bring on new staff as well as substitutes. If you have a teaching background or a heart for working with little ones, I would love to talk with you; just reach out to me in the preschool office. We will need to start the onboarding process this school year to have everything in place before the first day of the 2024-2025 school year. Our preschool is an equal opportunity employer, and qualified

applicants must successfully complete pre-employment background checks including fingerprinting.

Teacher Continuing Education: Did you know that our teachers participate in continuing education each year to keep current in the field of early childhood education? As a reminder, our preschool will be closed on Friday, February 2nd for teacher training. We can't wait to see what new and exciting things our teachers will bring back to their classrooms.

It's cold outside! Since outdoor play is such an important part of a child's natural development, we spend time on our playground when the temperature is above freezing and the ground is not saturated or covered with snow. Please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, mittens, and a hat/hood for outdoor play. In wintertime our playground is mostly shaded, so layers will keep your little ones warm as they play!

Inclement Weather Reminder: Our program follows the Chesterfield County Public School System for closings due to inclement weather. If CCPS is delayed one hour, we will open one hour late but end at the normal time. If CCPS is delayed two hours, we will open two hours late and extend the day by one hour. Please send a packed lunch/larger snack for your child. If we need to make a closing decision that does not follow with CCPS, we will communicate directly with our preschool families.

Sight and Sound: Warm days in the middle of winter are so much fun! We love seeing the excitement of classmates playing together at the end of the school day on the church grounds. Please help us maintain the safe environment that we promote during the school day by monitoring your children through both sight and sound and teaching them to play respectfully with items on the church grounds. Thank you!!!

During the Preschool Day: Sometimes it is necessary for us to contact you during the preschool day, so please make sure that you remain accessible through both email and telephone. If a need arises, we want to be able to get in touch quickly. Thank you for helping us stay connected!!!

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

February

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| Thursday, February 1st | Tuition is due. Thank you for paying on time! |
| Friday, February 2nd | Preschool is closed (Teacher Continuing Education) |
| Thursday, February 8th &
Friday, February 9th | Hugs and Kisses Breakfasts: Terry, Donna, Judy (9-9:45am)
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| Monday, February 19th | Preschool is closed (CCPS) |

March

Friday, March 1st	Tuition is due. Thank you for paying on time!
Monday, March 4th & Tuesday, March 5th	Spring Pictures (Individual and Class)
Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th	Lucky To Have You: Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, March 29th - Friday, April 5th	Preschool Closed: Spring Break (CCPS)