

The Preschool Beacon

A Newsletter for Parents and Their Kids



**The
Preschool
in Montrose**

January 2012

Important School Reminders

Welcome back! Hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday break!

Registration begins January 2 for preschool families currently attending The Preschool in Montrose. February 1 will begin open registration. If you are planning on returning (and we hope you are!) Please get your registration form in as soon as possible. Current families have priority over those outside the preschool but only until February 1. If you know anyone looking for a great preschool, have them give us a call to set up a time to visit. 330-618-2357

Just because you are already familiar with our school doesn't mean you are not welcome to visit our other classes. If you would like to check out your child's prospective new class, you are most welcome! Let us know when you want to come for a visit.

On Thursday, January 12 and Friday, January 20 from 9:00-11:00am, we will be having an Open House at school. Mrs. Heislman and Mrs. Noble will be there on both of these days to introduce possible new students and their families to our school. It will be a normal school day for those children attending on those days.

We have found that the best way to promote our school is YOU! Please

be sure to tell all of your friends and co-workers how much fun we have at The Preschool in Montrose! Invite them to our Open Houses! Brochures are available to share with others. Just let us know how many you want!

In the next few months we may be having prospective new students visiting our classrooms. We try not to have more than one student at a time but on rare occasions we may have two. If parent helpers could please pack a couple extra snacks, just in case, it would be greatly appreciated. We want everyone to feel welcome!

Mark your calendars! Thursday, January 19 the Cuyahoga Valley National Parks will be at school performing "Winter Blues". "Animal puppets discuss their feelings about winter and learn what changes spring will bring." This program is for preschool age children. **Everyone is welcome!** The program will be from 10:00-11:15.

Once again, if the temperatures are above freezing, we will try to go outside to play. Please send hats, mittens, boots, etc. to school with your child. Unless it's that "perfect winter snow" we will not be out for more than 15 minutes-just enough time to breath in some nice fresh air!

Snow Day reminder! We go by the Revere Local Schools for snow days!



Did you know you can sign up to receive e-mail messages and/or text messages from television stations for notification of snow days? Go to one of your local stations' website and check it out. (www.wkyc.com, www.newnet5.com, www.woio.com, www.fox8.com.)

Mark Your Calendars!
Wednesday, February 15 at 10:15am, The Illusion Factory will be presenting "The Mirrorman". EVERYONE IS WELCOME! The performance this year is being funded through the Akron Community Foundation. In addition to the performance, the three's and four's classes will have the opportunity to participate in two workshops before the play. These will begin at 9:00am. The workshops will include some dramatic play, role-playing and theatre games. ****Three's class-since this is not our regular school day and I will be teaching the Mom-N-Tot class, an adult will need to stay with your child for the workshop and the play. Four's class parents-you are welcome to come to the workshop and/or the play.**

****Remember that drop off is at 9:00.** The teachers and parent helper need a chance to discuss the plans for the day before the rest of the children arrive. If the parent helper is running late, you may not leave until the parent helper has arrived. Pick up is at 11:30. Please be on time. Thank you!



From Mrs. Noble

Welcome back! Can you believe it's 2012! Oh my! A big thank you to our parents who planned our Christmas parties-everyone had a wonderful time!

Hope we begin having some wintery weather! Our themes this month will be winter, hats and mittens, snowmen and penguins. Our three class will also be learning about our 6 senses.

Special Days for the 3's class

Tuesday, January 10
Camp Out Day

Thursday, January 12
White Day

Thursday, January 19
"Winter Blues" (Cuyahoga
Valley Education Center)
10:00-11:15. EVERYONE
WELCOME! (Regular Class
time for the three's class)

Thursday, January 26
Circle Day

3's Class! On Camp Out Day, January 10, please bring and wear your camping gear! We will also be going on a "bear hunt". Please bring in one small teddy bear that we can "hunt" for. (You may bring it in any time before the 10th) Thank you!

Parent Helpers

When it is your turn to be parent helper, besides bringing in snack, please have your child pick a special book to bring in for you to read to the children after snack. Thank you!



Winter Time Poem

Icy fingers, icy toes,
Bright red cheeks and bright
red nose.
Watch the snowflakes as they
fall,
Try so hard to count them all.
Build a snowman way up
high,
See if he can touch the sky.
Snow forts, snowballs, angels,
too,
In the snow, so white and
new.
Slip and slide and skate so
fast.
Wintertime is here at last.



A special thank you to everyone who made cookies for our cookie trays for the church staff. They looked beautiful!

From Mrs. Heislman

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had wonderful Holidays, and enjoyed the time off with your families. I want to send a special 'Thank You' to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for making our Christmas Party a great success. I think the children had a lot of fun with the craft, and delicious snacks you provided. The children did a wonderful job in our program, I was so proud of all of them. I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as I did. They learned many songs in a very short period of time. This is what we will be learning about this month.

Letters M N O

Number 5

Color White

Shape Circle

Winter, Animals, and Senses

We will also be very busy this month getting ready for conferences, which will be held on Friday, January 13th. There will be no school on this day. I will be posting a sign up sheet for conference times. There will also be no school on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. And last but not least, we will be having two fun days this month Camp out day on Wednesday, January 11th and Olympic day on Friday, January 27th. The children will participate in special events and will all receive awards and medals for participating. We will all wear red, white, and blue to honor our country!

Remember!

Camp Out Wednesday, January 11

No School Friday, January 13

No School Monday, January 16

Olympic Day Friday, January 27



From our Treasurer, Betsy Barr

*Tuition payments are due on the first class every month.
Please place payments in the tuition mailbox located
outside of the 3's & 4's classroom, thank you!*

Peppermint Marshmallows

Ingredients

3/4 cup water, divided
3 (.25 ounce) packages unflavored gelatin
2/3 cup light corn syrup
2 cups white sugar
1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoons peppermint extract
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar



Directions

1. Line a 9x9 inch baking dish with lightly greased foil or plastic wrap. Grease another piece of foil or plastic wrap to cover the top, and set aside.
2. Place 1/2 cup of water in the bowl of an electric mixer, and sprinkle gelatin on top of water to soak.
3. While gelatin is soaking, combine 1/4 cup of water, corn syrup, and sugar in a saucepan, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Boil the mixture hard for 1 minute.
4. Pour the hot sugar mixture into the gelatin mixture and beat on high for 12 minutes with electric mixer, until the mixture is fluffy and forms stiff peaks. Add vanilla and peppermint extracts, and beat just until blended.
5. Pour the marshmallow mixture into the prepared baking dish, using a greased spatula to smooth the top of the candy. Cover the candy with the reserved greased foil or wrap, and press down lightly to seal the covering to the top of the candy.
6. Allow the marshmallow candy to rest for 4 hours or overnight. Mix together cornstarch and confectioner's sugar in a shallow dish. Using oiled scissors or an oiled kitchen knife, cut the marshmallow candy into strips, then into 1 inch squares. Dredge the marshmallows lightly in the cornstarch mixture and store in an airtight container.

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