

"WHERE CHILDREN COME TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY"

MIRA MESA PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We have made it through the first three months of preschool! The separation anxiety and tears of the first few weeks have faded and happy smiles are everywhere.

Now that Halloween is behind us it's onto the holiday season! I do have some "preschool wisdom" mixed with "grandma advice" on how to survive this most stressful time of the year.

This holiday season help your family focus on the true meaning of CHRISTmas. Find activities that help establish family tradition; decorate your tree together, take a night time walk around your neighborhood to look at the colorful

decorations. Even baking refrigerator cookies can fill an afternoon with fun.

Be selective in the number of holiday invitations you accept. Never attempt to participate in "everything". Keep children on a fairly regular schedule or your family will suffer the consequences of whiny, tired and unhappy children. (And Mom's & Dad's!)

If you can think back to your childhood I believe you will realize the happiest holiday memories are of your family time together. So forget the stressful details and take time to enjoy your young children.

Friends of mine don't wrap "gifts from Santa", after all



when you see Santa's sleigh the toys are spilling over the top of his bag and none of them are wrapped! What a savings of time and money.

May you have a Blessed Christmas!

Diane Angus

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Due to several families moving out of the area or going on extended vacations we have a few openings in our program.

There are three openings available for prek students, children going to kindergarten in 2013 and one opening for an older three

year old.

If you know of someone that may want to know more about our program please ask them to call the preschool. A tour of the program can be scheduled any morning between 9 and 11 a.m.

Your help in sharing about our program is truly appreciated!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Two Day 12/13

Three Day 12/14

8:45 - 9:15

Parents and extended family members are invited to attend our very special MMPP Christmas program. Each class will have an important part in telling the Christmas Story. Pastor Brad Roth is our narrator. You will be filled with the spirit of the holy season when you hear children, dressed in their costumes, sing about baby Jesus.

Be sure children are in their classrooms by 8:30 and bring your camera!

FREE!!!! STAY & PLAY WED. 11/14

Our extended day program is so much fun and we want to increase the number of children attending. So here is a chance to try out Stan & Play for free!

Children over 3 years of age may attend on Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30, regular cost is \$10.00 per day. **Sign up in the office. Limit of 24 children.**



THANKS TO PARENTS!

MMPP parents are the MOST generous people! We would like to thank the following parents for helping to make our program a unique place for children and their families.

Elk's Vision Screening - Special helpers: Miriam Clay (Samantha) 4T, Linnae Kezer (Elle) 4T, Ramaa Choudhary (Eshita) 2T and Erica Noriega (Dylan) 3 M, Vicky Dinh (Hannah) 6 M. These parents generously donated their time

so that we could successfully screen nearly 80 students in two days!

Disaster Program - The following parents spent two mornings evaluating and organizing the disaster supplies you brought for your children. This is an amazing amount of work and our staff appreciates their help: Krista Kriel (Connor) 5T, Elizabeth Costarakis (Kellen) 2M, Ivy Lam (Evan) 2M

Souplantation Dinner— Many families enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship together. We appreciate your support. It will be a few weeks before we know the results of the fund-raising portion of the evening. Thanks for your attendance!

We were glad so many parents were able to stay to watch the Halloween Parade.

PRESCHOOL NOTES

MIRA MESA
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

FAMILY WORSHIP
&
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM

ADVENT BEGINS
DEC. 2

- Many children have NO extra clothing in their cubby to use in case they get messy or wet. It is nearly time to add a jacket for cooler days. Be sure to label clothing with your child's name.
- Did you know it is easier for your child to participate in preschool activities if they wear a short sleeved shirt. Long sleeves often get wet when washing hands.
- There are several children with items missing from their licensing file. Parents— please see Mrs. Angus or Mrs. Doherty in the office. Our school can be fined for incomplete children's files!

WHY WE TEACH PRESCHOOL -

Last week I was in room 4 reading to a group of children gathered around my chair. One little boy sneezed and a small drip landed on my pant leg. (This is cold season in preschool!) Before I knew it a small hand holding a new Kleenex wiped off the spot. That's known as preschool love!

VALENTINE BASKET FUNDRAISING

Each spring we celebrate Valentine's Day by awarding SIX beautiful baskets filled with many amazing items, to some very lucky people.

Each classroom has a theme-
Rm 2 - Pamper Yourself
Rm 3 - In the Garden
Rm 4 - Family Sports

Rm 5-Families in the Kitchen

Rm 6— A Day in the Park

Rm 7- Gift Card Tree

Parents donate items for their child's classroom and the school gathers certificates from the community.

On Wed. Jan. 23 with the help of parent volunteers the baskets will be assembled.

Ticket sales will begin Jan. 26 and will continue until the drawing on Feb. 12.

Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Proceeds from this fundraising event go to purchase toys for the classrooms.

Perhaps YOU will be one of the lucky winners!

