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The Early Childhood Corner

Dear parents,

FROM THE TEACHERS' DESK

The school year has begun! This is a time of firsts and new experiences for your child - new people, new surroundings: exciting and maybe scary too. We understand this and are doing everything possible to foster a warm, caring environment where a comfortable transition from home to school can occur.

The teaching responsibilities will be shared as follows: 4K & 3PM Preschool- Mrs. Zeuner, 3AM Preschool - Mrs. Zeuner & Ms. Rajer, Child Care—Mrs. Leuck, Mrs. Stiemke and Ms. Rajer. We will share Jesus' love through Bible stories, songs and finger plays. Readiness skills, as well as fine motor control, will be developed through activities and projects. Large motor control and socialization skills will develop through structured and unstructured play.



Our role as teachers is to work with you and build on what you have already developed in your child. To foster communication, we will post information and notes on the hall bulletin boards. If something pertains only to your child's class, it will be color coded to match your child's cubby and coat hook nametags - *3AM - yellow *3PM - green *4K - red/pink * Child Care- blue

We will also send home the followings:

- * an outline of each day as well as information you need through Lillio (everyone)
- * a weekly copy of the Bible story—save this in the folder we give you in November (PS/4K)
- * a snack list for each month (PS/4K)
- * this newsletter containing monthly information (everyone)

Please take the time to read this information when it arrives, mark important dates on your calendar and whenever you have a question or problem, contact one of us. Much of this newsletter repeats the information in the Meet the Teacher presentation you received.

We are looking forward to a great year!



In His service,

Mrs. Leuck, Ms. Rajer, Mrs. Stiemke, Mrs. Zeuner



SCRIP (now called RaiseRight)

Earn money toward your tuition. Each participating store gives you a percentage of your purchase as credit. 50% of the credit will go toward your tuition and 50% will go to the ECC.

At all times, you must order through the ECC to receive credit. Keep the store list at home which you received in the enrollment packet. Fill out the Scrip Order Form (quarter sheet) and put it with your money in the basket by the coatroom. You will receive your gift cards by the end of the day/class if they are in stock.

Anything else will be ordered, but may take up to 2 weeks to receive.

PRESCHOOL THIS MONTH

Jesus' Time



Sept. 1-4	Who is Jesus?
Sept. 7-11	God Made the World
Sept. 14-18	God Made People
Sept. 21-25	Noah & the Flood

Theme & Concepts

Welcome to School
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Weather
Fall yellow, #1

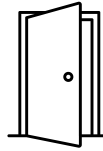
COMING SOON - PRESCHOOL

First day of school -
Tuesday, September 1

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

The Preschool/4K entrance is Entrance 3. **This year 3PM children are asked to use the Child Care entrance.** You may ignore the No Parking signs and park in the half-circle drive. If you arrive at school and the doors to the classroom are closed, please wait in the hall. The teachers are using this time to finish preparations for the day. The doors will be opened at 8:55 am or 12:25 p.m. for Preschool and 8:25 for 4K.

When you come into the classroom, help your child find his/her name in the coatroom. Outerwear and 4K backpacks are hung up here. Show-n-Tell stays in the backpack.



Tuition is put in the wall drop box and other papers go in the black basket on the table found to your left before turning into the coatroom.

We ask Preschool parents to help their child find his/her cubby. If there are papers in it, help your child put them into the backpack before storing it all in the cubby. (Show-n-Tell stays in there.) As your child becomes used to this routine, have him/her do more of it independently. This will help us develop things we would like your child to do on his/her own by the end of the year.

All children (and parents when staying for computer time, a party, etc.) must wash their hands before getting busy for the day.

If you are picking your child up after school, wait in the hall outside the ECC doors and we will bring your child to you.

On days when your child will only attend Child Care, please use the Child Care entrance. Ring the doorbell to be let in.

Also use this door if your child will be in Child Care before or after a Preschool/4K session.

In either case, help your child hang backpack and coat in the correct spot, put a blanket or sleeping bag in the classroom cubby and lunch on the shelf.

Pick your child up from Child Care using the same door.

The state requires that you write the arrival and departure time every day and include your signature on the sign-in sheet each week.

SHOW-N-TELL FOR PRESCHOOL & 4K



The day your child brings the snack or drink, he/she may also choose to bring something for Show-and-Tell. We do this to give each child a chance to talk to others in the class and to feel good about sharing something important to him/her.

If you need ideas, use the weekly themes, concepts or readiness skills for a guideline (i.e. - something red during red week). Favorite toys, photos of places you have gone, something you have done or nature objects work well too.

Instructions for a color/shape box, a number bag and an alphabet box (4K only) are attached to the September snack list. The explanation for these special Show-n-Tell days give you some guidance as to what to do for these days. After the object is chosen, talk with your child about what he/she will tell the class about it.

4K THIS MONTH

	Jesus' Time	Theme & Concepts
Sept. 1-4	Who is Jesus?	Welcome to School
Sept. 7-11	God Made the World & People	Welcome to School #0
Sept. 14-18	The First Sin/Tower of Babel	Weather #1
Spet. 21-25	Abraham & Isaac	Fall Ll - leaves, orange

COMING SOON - 4K

**First day of
school** - Wed,
September 2

No School -
Mon., Sept. 7
Labor Day

LIFE SKILLS

Many of the things your child needs to learn this year are considered life skills, such as putting toys away when done playing, managing a coat, washing hands independently, etc.

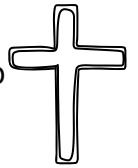
Each month we will let you know what the skill is that we are focusing on and if you work on it at home, it will be that much easier for your child to master.

We will post the skill on the bulletin board and list it in the lesson plan and newsletter.



FAMILY TOOL BOX

Your most important job as a parent is to help your child develop his/her faith and have a life-long relationship with Jesus.



Our job is to help you do this. Every month we will share an idea of something age appropriate you can do at home. You will find this in the Family Tool Box in the lesson plan, newsletter and on the bulletin board.

September Life Skill: Handwashing and self-sufficiency in the bathroom

September Faith Development: Pray at meals (The monthly snack prayer will be sent home on a 3x5 card (4K) and included in the bi-monthly Jesus' song sheet (Preschool & Child Care)

SNACKS

PRESCHOOL & 4K - You will receive a snack list each month (color-coded). If your child's name is in bold print, send a nutritious snack. If there is an asterisk (*), provide the drink - juice or milk. If you send juice, it must be 100% fruit juice. A 36 or 48 oz bottle works best. The current number of children in the class is printed at the bottom on the right side of the calendar, as well as any food allergies.

Each week will be labeled with the theme and concepts. This might help you get ideas for Show-n-Tell and/or snacks.

Once a month we will "cook" our snack at school. If your child's name falls on this day, you will receive a list of ingredients to send for the snack that day.

CHILD CARE - Snacks and milk/juice/water are provided in the morning and afternoon. We also provide milk for lunch. You may send a special snack for a birthday.



SNACK IDEAS FOR PRESCHOOL & 4K

For each snack we must provide at least 2 (the drink counts as one of these) of the following: a fruit or vegetable, a meat, a grain or dairy. Snack ideas are listed below. We will supplement the snack if it doesn't meet the required guidelines. If you have questions, ask one of us. A special diet based on a food allergy may be served upon the written request of the parent. Another food or drink is provided by the ECC when the snack is inappropriate for these children. Food allergies will be posted on the snack lists and the bulletin boards.



vanilla yogurt	Ritz crackers	cucumber slices	graham crackers	bagels
kiwi	orange sections	yogurt dip	apple slices	applesauce
peanut butter	strawberries	gingerbread	cantaloupe	saltines
English muffin	vanilla yogurt	green grapes	graham crackers	peanut butter
ham slices	cottage cheese	pears	biscuits	bagel
wheat bread	peaches	corn muffins	cinnamon applesauce	apples
cheese cubes	cheese curds	animal crackers	Swiss cheese	soft tortillas
pineapple	grapes	yogurt	carrots	cheese or meat
banana	string cheese	carrots & celery	banana bread	wheat thin crackers
vanilla wafers	wheat crackers	dip	applesauce	yogurt
granola	soft bread sticks	chicken noodle soup	peaches	fruit cocktail
yogurt	pizza sauce	crackers	teddy grahams	graham crackers
pretzels	bagel	crackers	granola bars	sliced turkey
cheese sauce	peanut butter	sausage	fruit	apples
banana muffins	rice cakes	zucchini bread	blueberry muffins	pumpkin bread
watermelon	raisins	Teddy grahams	mango	yogurt
mini pizzas	fruit kabobs	crescent rolls	cereal mix	vanilla wafers
mandarins	vanilla wafers	hotdogs	with dried fruit	pudding



Preschool/4K—Since many children's birthdays fall in the summer or not on a class day, we choose a date as close to it as possible and mark it as such on the snack calendar.



We will celebrate August birthdays in September while June and July birthdays will be celebrated in May. Feel free to send a "special snack" on this day.

If you send something sweet, the state requires you to also send something from one of the 4 food groups. Healthy but fun alternative ideas are bulleted to your right.

Child Care celebrates as close to the date as possible.

Birthday Treat Ideas

- * Parfait with low-fat yogurt, fruit and granola (serve it in a cone)
- * Trail mix (low sugar cereals, raisins (plain or yogurt covered), dried fruit, pretzels, etc.)
- * Seasonal beverages (warm cider in fall, a fruit smoothie in summer)
- * Bananas dipped in yogurt, rolled in crushed cereal and frozen
- * 100% fruit juice freezer pops
- * Fruit pizzas using whole grain tortillas topped with low-fat whipped topping and fruit
- * Fruit salad or apples with caramel dip



WISCONSIN MODEL EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

Our Educational Standards

WMELS are standards that were created and adopted in Wisconsin to help families, teachers and policy makers use the same language when planning for the well-being of children from birth to first grade. This helps everyone know what appropriate developmental expectations are for young children in all areas of development so that the best experiences can be provided for them.

St. Paul Early Childhood Center has a curriculum that incorporates these standards. To help you see how we do this, we have posted pictures in the rooms showing the children doing something and the standard it follows. To help you become more familiar with this, we will introduce some of the standards each month and explain what we do to meet them. If you want to know more or have questions, please ask. We are always happy to answer questions you may have.

LIBRARY DAYS

The 4K class goes to Memorial Library in Sheboygan Falls once a month for story time. We will leave school about 10:50 am to get there. You will pick your child up at the library at 11:30 am. We will need drivers to get us there. If you can help, indicate this on the permission slip as well as how many children you can take. (We can provide booster seats.)



The exception to this will be in September and May, if the weather is good. We will meet outside the library at 8:30 am, walk to the falls, play at River Park and walk back to the library. Look for more information on the permission slip.

The first date for 4K will be Wednesday, September 9. Miss Britt, the librarian will visit the Preschool and Child Care at school on Thursday, September 10.

WMELS STANDARDS Positive Social Relationships

Emotional Development:

- 1. Expresses a wide range of emotions*
- 2. Understands and responds to others' emotions.*

*We help the children verbalize their own feelings as they interact during the day.

*Activities allow the children to express the various emotions they feel.

*The children learn empathy for others as we pray for friends and their families who are sick, upset or need Jesus' help.

Self-Concept:

- 1. Develops positive self esteem.*
- 2. Demonstrates self awareness.*

*Children are encouraged to try new things and are positively supported in their attempts.

*Each child gets to share pictures and information about him/herself with the class as a "Special Child of God".

*Children receive positive feedback and praise from the teachers.

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State Law Reminders

- * If we aren't notified of your child's absence, we must call you within the first half hour of your scheduled arrival time.
- * The name of anyone picking up your child must be on the emergency card. We may ask for photo ID.
- * The health history and emergency card must be turned in by the first day of school. Doctor and immunization forms are due no later than Friday,, October 2..

CHILD CARE

Child Care is available Monday—Friday from 7 am—5:30 pm for children aged 2.5-5 years old.

The cost is \$5.75 (3-5 yrs)/\$6.00 (2.5 yrs and/or not potty trained) per hour **or any part of an hour** when scheduled the week before. The drop-in rate is \$7.00/\$6.75 per hour.



This program can be used before and/or after attending Preschool or 4K, on days when your child's class is not in session or occasionally when you have an appointment and need care.

We provide a safe, loving environment with educational programming that coordinates with the themes and concepts used in Preschool and 4K. You send a lunch and we provide milk as well as morning and afternoon snacks.

If you are already scheduled to use Child Care, please **confirm your start date and times** with Mrs. Leuck. During the year, if you will need other days or times, please ask about availability as soon as possible, since we have very limited space right now.

WAYS TO HELP

Things to Save

We will take any of the following:

- Cell phones (working or not) & tablets
- Used or expired ink cartridges
- HP toner cartridges (businesses have to recycle them.)



We receive anywhere from \$.05—\$3.00 for any of the things listed above. Put them in the box in the center hall that looks like a black and green ink cartridge or the black tray by the PS/4K coat room. Thank you!

Things to Collect

We need:

- * Crystal Light tubes
- * Large washers and bolts
- * Metal baskets golf balls come in
- * Plastic Christmas ornaments (round only)



4K Field Trips

Besides a trip to the library once a month, a few additional field trips have been planned. All of these trips are dependent on parents' availability to drive.



Each month the permission slips for all trips will be sent home with the newsletter. Please return the right hand side of the sheet indicating whether you give permission or not for the trip. Keep the left hand side of the sheet to help you remember which days we have trips.

If you are willing to drive, a background check and proof of insurance need to be filled out.