



Little Swatara Preschool

January 2021



Dear Friends,

Welcome back to Preschool as the 2021 New Year has begun! The past month we were busy with the celebration of the birth of Jesus and reviewing academic skills. This month, our classes are looking forward to growing and learning by engaging in fun activities.

Little Swatara Preschool will continue to offer the same high quality care and teaching your children received in 2020. In the classroom our students will continue to learn the value of having Jesus as a life long friend. Our Circle time lessons will continue to teach of the love and hope He offers to each of us through the examples we find in the Bible. We will also continue academic studies in our Kindergarten Readiness lessons. Each day we get to see the children's smiles when they have new experiences and when skills are mastered.

Or, when they have learned to share and to wait without complaining. Teachers are here to encourage them to keep trying until they complete their task. And, oh the pride we all share when their task is completed to their best ability. It is a privilege to be a part of your child's life and to witness their growth daily. I thank God for each child we have in our Preschool program. There is something special and uniquely wonderful about each child in our program. And please know we feel blessed to have the ever important role of teacher in their lives.

Now that Christmas and New Year have passed, we are able to think about the past year and to plan for the future. Please refer to the class calendars for specific information. Stay warm, healthy and safe. Have a blessed 2021.

In Christian Love, Miss Cindy

Current staff:

Preschool class: Miss Brooke and Miss Danielle

Pre Kindergarten: Miss Diana, Miss Becky



REMINDER: BACK TO PRESCHOOL

We **return** to class on Monday, January 4, 2021.

We **will** have class on Monday, January 18, 2021.

If your child will not be attending, please tell your child's teacher.

We will be in session Monday, January 18th when Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday is observed.



ART SHOW:

An Art Show is scheduled for Saturday, February 13 in the Fellowship Hall of Little Swatara Church. This event has been planned for current preschoolers and their families. However, due to current restrictions of the number of people allowed in the building, and being socially distanced, we are rethinking the format of our traditional Art Show. We will forward more information as it becomes available.



Healthy Habits

The children are discussing using healthy habits including hand washing, covering mouths when we sneeze or cough, learning how to use tissues effectively, and, wearing masks when with people who are not family members. It is our hope that using good habits help us not spread germs to our friends and keeps all of us healthier.



Please keep your child home if they have had a fever within the past 24 hours. If your child has been potentially exposed to the COVID-19 virus the student is to be out of class for a 14 day quarantine. They may want to come to Preschool, however, another day of rest will serve them well. When they come back to class they feel ready for a full day of activity. Please refer to our Handbook and contact us with questions.



Update Contact Information

Please remember to notify teachers of changes with telephone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts and who may pick-up your child.



Thank You to everyone for paying Preschool tuition promptly. If paying tuition becomes a difficulty or you have question about your account, please speak with Miss Cindy.

THANK YOU: We're sending a great **BIG** thank you to those that brought in food for needy families at Christmas. The groceries that were collected by our students went to the Bethel-Tulpehocken Food Pantry. Your response was *heart warming*. The children were proud to be helping and caring for others by giving the gift of food. This is a great lesson to learn at an early age. Thank you for giving over and beyond what is expected. Your caring has blessed our community.

Vision Screening

Berks County Association For The Blind is returning to LSP this month on **January 7**. A **free vision screening** will be provided for our students that were not screened in December. It has been stated that 1 in every 16 children has an undetected vision problem. And that early detection means a treatment can begin sooner. **Ann Heiser, a case-worker will conduct the screenings here at Little Swatara Preschool on January 7.** A yellow card will be sent home with the Tues/Thurs students. The card needs to be completed and signed by a preschooler's parent in order to complete the screening. The screening takes approximately 3 minutes per child. A parent does not have to be present at the time of the screening, but the yellow card must be completed and on site. Please direct your questions to Miss Cindy.

Updated Foul Weather Closings:

In cases of bad weather, we will follow these guidelines: Preschool closings will follow Tulpehocken School District's policy for closing school due to bad weather.

If Tulpehocken Elementary is : -closed due to bad weather we will be closed.

-delayed we will run a modified session.

Preschool sessions will run 10 am-12 noon.

Pre K session will run 10:30am -12:30pm.

- 3 hour delay our morning sessions will be closed.

In the past bad weather delays and cancellations have been listed at the bottom of the television screen of the following TV stations:

WGAL Channel 8 - Berks Cable 8, WFMZ Channel 69.

Little Swatara Preschool will try to post foul weather notices on our LSPreschool Facebook Page.

