



FEBRUARY FUN FACTS

Happy February! It's one of my favorite months because I love Valentine's Day! It's so nice to have a day set aside to let special people in our lives know how much they are loved. My mom instilled a love for this holiday and I want to carry on the tradition of making it special. We need something to celebrate in February! ;) February is a short month, but it's filled with a lot of activities.

FUNDRAISERS: Thank you *so much* for supporting our school fundraisers. Just an update on monies that have come in this year: Pecans: \$1446.00, Photographer: \$485, Artsonia purchases: \$138, and KidStuff Coupon Books: TBD. We truly appreciate your support!!

- Playground help needed: We are wanting to spruce up our playground with our fundraiser \$\$\$. If you would like to meet with ideas or know of any contacts, please see me or email me at vickie@firstchurch.org! I'm looking for advice and assistance.

PARENT COMMITTEE: Thank you to all who have been involved in many ways. We will continue getting together monthly and brainstorming new ideas to help you feel connected with our Preschool families. We would love to reach out to *all of you* and invite you to join us for our upcoming monthly meetings. If you haven't been able to attend, we would be thrilled to have you join the "team." It does take a village to accomplish everything! Below are the dates through the remainder of the year. Bring your ideas! Check out the Parent Committee letters that are printed on lavender colored paper! Sign-ups are on our Parent Board in the Hall!

FYI: COLD WEATHER HELP FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN: If you have ideas on how we can organize and help moms/dads/grandparents etc. with little ones during our bad weather days, please let me know. We would love to work out a system that allows them to leave their little ones in the car (supervised, of course) at drop off and pick up on days with nasty weather. Maybe we can have parents with little babies' park by the cemetery and have volunteers to watch the cars with babies while parents escort children in. Come see me with ideas.

- Parking lot SAFETY is a top priority! Please remind your children to stay with you and not run ahead unsupervised. We want to keep everyone safe.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 26 @ 5:30-7:15 Family Fun Night/ Art Gallery and Book Fair: Join us for an evening out with other Preschool families! There will be dancing with the band called Ned, pizza dinner, gallery stroll, and Scholastic Book Fair. You won't want to miss out. Registration will be on-line. Space is limited so don't delay when it's time to register.

We could use lots of help with set up and preparing our "Master-pieces" for the Art Show. Sign up on our Parent Board. Thanks in advance.

SNOWY DAYS: We follow the **Wethersfield School schedule**. (*not the Wethersfield Preschool notice*)

- **Extended Sessions make-up days:** If we cancel Extended due to inclement weather we are happy to extend a 'make-up day' on another day that your child is not registered.
 - **FYI: 90-minute delay:** only pertains to the a.m. classes. Starting time is **10:15**.
 - **Early Dismissal:** pertains to p.m. classes, Add-on Classes, Lunch Bunch and Extended Sessions. Always check our Website for updated info.
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SCHEDULED CONFERENCES for our children are **March 7 and March 8**. No school for the children on those days. (Sign up with your child's teacher)

- The crib room will be available, if you would like to help watch each other's children during the conference times. You can check the schedules and see who is assigned around you and coordinate & swap sitting services. They are very brief, so it shouldn't be hard. Just let me know if you'll be using it.

I've had a question about our health policies, so I copied and pasted our policy from your Parent Handbook as a reminder. Basically, if your child is sick and could spread germs to others, PLEASE keep them home. Thank you, Parents for supporting this policy. We appreciate you helping in this way

HEALTH CARE POLICIES

A child who is not well does not benefit from school. If sick, they will feel fatigued or exhibit other unhealthy symptoms. They will also present a health risk to other children and adults that they may come in contact with them. In order to insure healthy conditions for your child and other children, we have compiled a list of recommendations to be used as guidelines when determining whether your child should attend school or not.

- Colds (with symptoms of coughing and sneezing) and colds (runny noses with yellow or green discharge)
- Any fever accompanied by: cough with deep breath, spasms of cough, sore throat, earache or draining ear, etc. ***Child must be fever free, diarrhea-free and vomit-free for 24 hours before returning to school.***
- A rash of any kind until diagnosed, treated and declared harmless by physician.
- Red, runny or matted eyes (possible pink eye [conjunctivitis]).
- Bronchitis (if your child is coughing frequently).
- Coughing accompanied with phlegm.

If you have any doubts regarding your child's health, please keep your child at home and contact your physician.

Should you have any questions or suggestions *ever*, remember to stop by my office or send me an email. I want to always have an Open-Door policy. Your input is important me! We are always looking for ways to improve or want to hear what we are doing right.

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