

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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A Note From Ms. Jean

“Children, obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord” Colossians 3:20

Last week was filled with Easter activities and learning about the true meaning of Easter! In addition to our extended Chapel, we made Resurrection Rolls and I read The Parable of the Lilly. I have included a link to the Resurrection Rolls and the story that is on our YouTube channel from last year when we had to close down.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3SadNg_OLY&list=PLzHAWPJancWGeTtQnkfhG02YMgdBIDtJd&index=14)

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Next week are Parent Teacher Conferences! These are always so exciting because you can see how much your child has grown throughout the school year! At the beginning of the year, the conferences are more about getting to know your child and getting to know you, and how we can best support your child.

What to keep in mind is that we look for each student to move through ALL stages of growth and development in ALL areas: gross motor, fine motor, social/emotional, cognitive, language and spiritual. As mentioned at the beginning of the school year during orientation, it is so important that each child go through all stages in order to build a firm foundation. Moving too quickly or skipping any stage can cause a deficit down the road and our goal is to give each and every student that firm foundation. Adhering to what is developmentally and age appropriate in alignment with the order in which learning occurs builds self-confidence, self-esteem and a solid cognitive foundation. Kids just don't learn how to write or how to read, there are SO MANY precursor skills leading up to those skills that they have to master first in order to be successful at those higher level skills.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Ms. Jean

Parenting Tips

Stages Kids Go Through

This year has been a bit of a crazy year to say the least! One of the things I miss most is having Parent Seminars. This is an opportunity for you as parents to learn about Early Childhood Education, Child Development (from physical to cognitive) and why we do what we do in the order in which we do :). With conferences coming up, I wanted to give a crash course in ECE 101:

- The body develops Gross Motor (large muscle) to Fine Motor (small muscles). That is why we walk before writing
- Writing takes more than just finger strength, writing requires the whole use of your arm starting with the shoulder. That is why painting on easels is so important to help build upper body strength
- The body develops from the core outward. That is why we sit before walking. Also why writing comes later because the body and brain have to develop all the way to the fingertips
- Creeping and crawling as a baby are so important to brain development. There is actually a correct way to creep and a correct way to crawl. If a child skips one of these stages or does not creep/crawl correctly or long enough, it can lead to some challenges down the road.
- There are 80 stages of scribbling that the brain goes through in order to process that horizontal, vertical, diagonal lines along with circles are put together to form letters.

My full Power Point is included in this email. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Chapel

We are headed back to the Old Testament!!

This week we started our series on Moses!

Our first story began with Baby Moses' mom saving him from the mean king by putting him in a basket and placing the basket in the river for the Princess to save him!

Moses' mom knew that God would take care of Moses!

Next week we will learn about Moses and the Burning Bush!



Looking Ahead to the New Year!

Many thanks to those of you who were able to fill out the Parent Survey sent out before Spring Break! I truly appreciate your feedback as I look for ways to continue to grow our program and our staff in order provide the best quality Early Childhood Education possible!

I just wanted to share some of the feedback received. To new families this year at FLP, this has not been our 'typical' year in regards to events, drop-off & pick-up and having connection and communication with teachers one on one. That has been the most challenging area to navigate while still following guidelines set forth by OEC & Tri-county.

Environment:

In order of importance of what families look for in a preschool: Security; Communication; Child/Teacher Ratio; Faith Based are the top 4

Security has always been an area that we are constantly looking at and tweaking accordingly. We have had a representative from Homeland Security & Secret Service review our plans and the outlay of our building in order to continue to provide a safe environment. We are constantly tweaking and improving our safety protocols.

Curriculum & Learning Environment:

This is an area that parents are unable to get as much insight into as in years past due to the limited access parents have inside the building & classrooms. So if you were unsure answering these questions on the survey, there will be more clarification and understanding at the upcoming conferences. It looks like through the results, teachers are meeting the various needs of the students in all the various categories. This area remains fluid throughout the school year and from school year to school year as needs, abilities, interests, skills continue to change and grow.

Looking Ahead to the New Year! Continued

Improvements:

Several of the suggestions for improvements centered around communication with teachers and knowing what is going on in the classroom. For new families to FLP, again, this has not been a typical year and this area is one, under normal circumstances, we excel at. With restrictions and having drop off and pick up being so different this year, we (the entire staff) do miss that one on one and personal touch that we have been able to provide in the past. Many changes had to be made due to COVID this year, some have been positive and some not so positive. We will be looking at how things were done differently this year and re-evaluate everything to see which changes to keep and which ones need re-working.

One area that I personally felt a void in this year was my connection with parents and the parent seminars. The seminars are a way for me to educate parents as to why we do what we do, why we do things in a certain order, how to deal with certain things (behavior or academic progress) so that we can partner together. I have provided in each newsletter tips, information, strategies, what is developmentally appropriate and why, as well as tools to use to help your preschooler grow, so hopefully you had an opportunity to read that section in each newsletter!

We are looking forward to next school year!

I want to thank each and everyone of you in making this school year so successful! Everything was new and different! The staff and families rose to the occasion and we have taken some challenging circumstances and made the best of them for the sake of our children so they can learn, laugh and play together!



*Muffins
For Mom!
May 5 & 6
We invite all
moms to drop
off and your*

*child will have specially
made muffin for you and
maybe even a special gift too!*



**Parent Teacher
Conferences
April 15 & 16**



**COLORADO
SHINES**

**START EARLY
START STRONG
QUALITY EARLY LEARNING**

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Rating System

Every 3 years FLP goes through a Quality Rating Improvement System to ensure we are offering high quality childcare! And it is that time again!

March & April will be our rating window. There will be one parent survey that you will need to fill out, but I will let you know when that is!

What we are rated on:

- ⇒ Support Children's Health & Safety
- ⇒ Ensure childhood professionals are well-trained and effective
- ⇒ Provide a supportive learning environment that teaches children new skills
- ⇒ Help Parents become partners in their child's learning

End of Year Programs

**Our End of Year Programs will take place the week of
May 17th!**

The last day of classes will be:

Wednesday, May 12 for Mon/Wed only kids—Emerald and Teal

Thursday, May 13 for all Tues/Thurs students

Friday, May 14 for all Mon/Wed/Fri students

Gold & Silver will have their last class on Thursday, May 13

The following week you will only come on the designated day and time of your child's class program.

Each program will last anywhere from 20 minutes for smaller groups, to 45 minutes for larger groups.

After each program, there will be a photo op and an opportunity for us to wish you a wonderful summer—we never say 'Good bye' :)

In years past we have had a reception after each program, unfortunately we are unable to do that this year.

Monday, May 17

9:00 Teal

10:00 Emerald

11:00 Red

1:00 Yellow & Blue

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 Magenta

10:00 Green

11:00 Orange

1:00 Gold

Thursday, May 20

9:00 White

11:00 Purple

1:00 Silver

Drive In
**MOVIE
NIGHT**



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
APRIL 9th 7:00 pm
All you can eat popcorn will be provided!