

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

July 15, 2021



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A Note From Ms. Jean

The countdown has begun! Just about 3 weeks before the start of school!! What a wonderful (and fast) summer it has been! We have had 4 camps so far, our last one is next week for 'alumni' students headed to Kindergarten—a chance to wipe all the cobwebs out from the summer!

Thank you to all of those who have responded with your orientation preference! If you have not responded, please do so by Monday, July 19. Everyone gets their preferred date, and those who are flexible, I will assign a date to balance out the attendance for each day. You will receive confirmation of your orientation date along with specific class placement, teacher and first full day of class by the end of next week! I will send it via email, so look for it soon!!

I am trying to plan a Meet & Greet the teacher even before orientation, so I will keep you posted! Hopefully, it will work out! We did it a couple of years ago and it was so much fun!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Blessings,
Ms. Jean

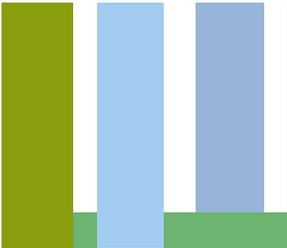
Parenting Tips

Tips from Preschool Teachers to Parents

Continued from last newsletter: Preschool Teachers to Parents to help build and grow your preschooler's independence.

- ◆ **Give Structured Choices**—Choices are a great way to get your child to comply; however choices are often misused. Both choices have to be a path to reach the desired result. For example—You can hop like bunny to bathroom to brush your teeth or you can crawl like a bear. With those choices, they are now thinking how they want to get to the bathroom to brush teeth. Choices give a feeling of empowerment, but you are still controlling the desired outcome.
- ◆ **No 'ifs'**—Changing your language can be key to more compliance. Instead of saying "If you clean up, we can go to the park" try 'First clean up, then we go to the park'. Using the word 'if' suggests that your child won't do what you are wanting.
- ◆ **Prioritize Play**—Kids are less likely to play imaginatively than kids of a decade or two ago. Too much of their day is spent in structured activities. They need to just play—and provide plenty of dress-up clothes, paint, paper, big cardboard box and playdough for them to use their imagination and creates.
- ◆ **Do it to Music**—There is a reason 'cleanup' songs work! Set a task to music and suddenly it is fun!
- ◆ **Let your child work out conflicts**—Time out does not work because it doesn't teach the child anything. Equipping your child with the tools to solve social conflicts and giving them the opportunity to use them is the best gift you can give your child. Conflict Resolution is powerful and key to being a successful adult and it starts in the first 5 years of life. So instead of swooping in and solving the problem for them, what tool can you teach them so that next time they can solve the problem themselves.

There will be more in the next newsletter!



New Process for Delayed or Exempt Immunizations

If your child is delayed in receiving immunizations, or exempt from immunizations, there is a new process this year.

Medical Exemptions:

Students will need a completed Certificate of Medical Exemptions signed by and advanced practice nurse, a delegated physician assistant, or physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine.

This certificate must be turned in for student to attend on first day of school

Nonmedical Exemptions:

Beginning this school year, the process of submitting a nonmedical exemption has changed. There are 2 ways to submit a nonmedical exemption.

1. Submit a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider in Colorado who is a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice nurse, delegated physician's assistant, or pharmacist.
2. Take the Online Immunization Education Module.
At the completion of the module, you will complete an electronic form to obtain a Certificate of nonmedical exemption. This takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Link to the Module:

<https://www.dcpapps.dphe.state.co.us/storyline360/story.html>

For more information, visit:

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>

ALL MEDICAL AND NONMEDICAL CERTIFICATES MUST BE TURNED IN PROIR TO YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

A DELAYED SCHEDULE is considered 'Not Fully Immunized' and required to complete the above.

Orientation for 2021-22 School Year

An email will be going out the week of July 5th for you to choose your orientation date

Preschool's new year begins the week of August 10th with Orientation Day! Orientation Day is your child's' first day of school. FLP believes that it is important for preschoolers to become familiar with their preschool classroom and new teachers, in the loving and secure company of a parent/guardian. FLP **requires one** parent/guardian to attend school with their preschooler on Orientation Day. It is very comforting for your child to have a familiar hand to hold when trying so many new things and meeting so many new people on that first day.

Every child, whether new or returning, must have a parent/guardian at school for the entire class time on Orientation Day. Please bring **only** your registered preschooler (NO SIBLINGS) to school on Orientation Day; it will be a very memorable time for both of you!

The first part of class time will be spent with your child in the classroom. During the second part of class time, children will spend some time on the playground with the Assistant Teacher, so that your child's teacher can have some time with you to describe class goals and routines, and answer questions. Then, the children will return to the classroom and parents will meet with me in the Church Sanctuary to discuss FLP philosophy, policies and programs, and answer any additional questions.

Each class will have two Orientation Times, one for each half of the class. I will send out an email in early July with your choices and you can select whichever one fits into your schedule.



Deadlines Approaching Reminders

- ◆ Please choose your preferred orientation date if you have not done so yet.
- ◆ For New students (new to FLP and Alumni) - please return your child's white enrollment folder by **July 20th** so I can gather all necessary information by the start of the school year.
- ◆ **ALL** students need a current General Health Appraisal Form and updated Immunizations on file at the start of the school year. The General Health Appraisal Form is valid for 1 year after your child's last well check.
For Returning Families—your child's health form that is already on file should be valid until their next well check.
- ◆ Lunch Bunch will begin the week of August 16th. I emailed confirmation of your lunch bunch request. Lunch bunch will be finalized the week of orientation.
- ◆ No need to purchase school supplies! The one time school supply fee covers everything and we do the purchasing for you!

What to bring to Orientation:

- ◆ Backpack—students will learn where to hang their backpack
- ◆ Water Bottle LABELED— We are big water drinkers! Students will learn where to place their water bottles.
- ◆ Snack—Bring a Peanut/Treenut free snack—students will learn where to place their snack and the process for snack time!
- ◆ Change of Clothes—because you never know!

Announcements

Tuition

August tuition will be due the week of orientation.

The deposit that was required goes toward May 2022. So once May rolls around, you will have already paid. Think of tuition as a yearly tuition that is broken down into 10 equal payments, so every month, regardless of number of days, will

STORYTime

Continue to enjoy Story Time at the Philip S Miller Library! Here is the link for times and sign up
<https://www.dcl.org/storytime/>



SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 18th
11:00—3:00**

NOW HIRING @ FLP!

There are a few positions available at FLP for the upcoming school year!

- Lunch Bunch
- Specials Teacher

Hours and qualifications vary based on position
If you or anyone you know is interested, please have them contact Ms. Jean at:
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