

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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A Note From Ms. Jean

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!! We just finished up our first camp and getting ready for camp #2 next week! What a joy it has been having the kids back and filling the building with laughter!!

I will be sending out a brief newsletter a couple time a month over the summer just to keep you up to date on upcoming deadlines, enrollment information and orientation details!

If you ever have any questions at all, please feel free to email me. My office hours are limited this summer, but I always check my email!

For families who still owe pre-payment of May 2022 as a deposit to guarantee a spot, I emailed earlier this week. Please let me know if you have any questions.

If your plans have changed and your child will not be attending FLP in August, please let me know that as well.

Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,
Ms. Jean

Parenting Tips

Tips from Preschool Teachers to Parents

Here are a few tips from Preschool Teachers to Parents to help build and grow your preschooler's independence.

- ◆ **Expect More**—Most people have a way of living up (or down) to expectations—preschoolers included. At school we teach and expect the kids to throw away their trash, hang up their backpack and jackets—and they do! But then they'll walk out of the classroom at pick-up and everything is collected and done for them.
- ◆ **Resist doing for them what they can do themselves**—While it may be quicker and easier to do it yourself, it won't help to make your child more self-sufficient. Appeal to their sense of pride—kids always want to do it for themselves!
- ◆ **Don't Redo what they've done**—If your child makes their bed, resist the urge to smooth the blankets. If they dress themselves in stripes and polka dots, compliment their "eclectic" style. Unless absolutely necessary, don't fix what your child accomplishes. They will notice and it will discourage them.
- ◆ **Let them solve simple problems**—If you see your child trying to assemble a toy or get a book from a shelf that they can reach on a stepstool, pause before racing over to help. Provided that they are safe, those moments when you don't rush in, when you give children a moment to solve things for themselves, those are the character-building moments. It's natural to want to make everything perfect, but if we do, we cheat kids of the chance to experience success.
- ◆ **Assign a chore**—Putting your preschooler in charge of a regular, simple task will build confidence and a sense of competency. A child who is entrusted to water the plants or empty the clothes dryer is likely to believe they can also get dressed or pour own cereal. Just be sure the chore you assign is manageable and that it's real work, not busywork, since even preschoolers know the difference. The goal is to make your child feel like a capable, contributing member of the family.

There will be more in the next newsletter!

Orientation for 2021-22 School Year

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 pre-school 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.



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Deadlines Approaching

- ◆ Please have your deposit made to guarantee your child's spot as soon as possible.
If you are a new family that has just registered in the last few weeks, you will find your timeline on your confirmation that was emailed to you.
- ◆ 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.



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