

# FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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## A Note From Ms. Jean

I cannot believe June is almost over and July starts this coming week! The summer seems to go by so fast, but that also means that we will be starting soon!

Castle Rock has grown so much it seems over the past year and so many new families moving to our wonderful town! Which also means we are completely full for the upcoming school year already! I have to turn away several families *a day* seeking preschool, which saddens me—I wish I had space for all of the preschool age children in the community!

We have had 2 wonderful camps, and our third one starts on Monday! It is wonderful to have kids in the building filling it with laughter! For those of you who have kids headed to Kindergarten, we still have some spots in our Kindergarten Readiness camp July 19-22! This is to help clear the 'cobwebs' and refresh their brain on what they already know to help build their confidence going to the Big School!

Start looking for emails from me regarding orientation dates! That information will go out after the fourth of July!

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.

- ♦ **Praise is Key**—especially if your child is not in a cooperative phase. Try to catch them being good—kids repeat behaviors that get attention. They seek this attention and do not care if it is positive or negative attention, so you want to focus on the positive so that the positive behaviors and the ones being repeated, not the negative ones.
- ♦ **Develop predictable routines**—Kids cooperate in school because they know what expected of them and follow essentially the same routine day after day. While it would be impractical to have the same level of structure at home, the more consistent you are, the more cooperative your child is likely to be.
- ♦ **Lighten Up & Make things fun**—If there is something that you struggle with getting your child to do—turn it into a game! Nobody wants to clean up their toys, but how can you turn it into something fun? Race against the timer to get it done. Won't brush teeth—play the 'Let's Guess What You Ate Today' game and they will willingly open their mouth for you to search.
- ♦ **Warn of Transitions**—If your child pitches a fit whenever you announce it's time to switch gears, it could be that you're not giving advance notice. Preschoolers have no concept of time, so telling them 2 or 5 more minutes means nothing to them. Use visual timers like a sand timer so they can 'see' when it's time to transition.
- ♦ **Use sticker chars and rewards JUDICIOUSLY**—if your child is always working for the reward, they won't learn the real reasons for doing things—that they should pick up their toys because family members pitch in and do their part. Reserve rewards for finite endeavors, such as potty training, but avoid offering them for everyday things, such as dressing themselves or brushing their teeth.

There will be more in the next newsletter!

# *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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

- ◆ 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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# Announcements

## Payments, Dues & Fees

Please be patient as we are a bit behind on processing payments. Ms. Sheila has been out due to a family emergency, so I do have someone helping out, but we are also trying to catch up from the last few weeks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!



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/>

## NOW HIRING @ FLP!

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

- Teachers' Assistants
- Lunch Bunch
- Specials Teacher

If you or anyone you know is interested, please have them contact Ms. Jean at:  
preschool@faithcrco.org  
303-688-3532



Kindergarten Readiness Camp  
July 19-22

**STILL SOME SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

*This week is only offered to those kiddos headed to Kindergarten in August! This will be a 'refresher' course reviewing fine motor skills, letters, numbers and how to meet new friends!!*