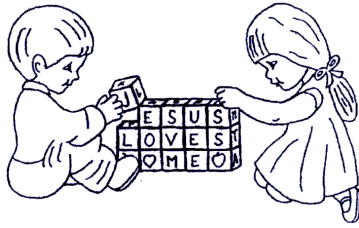

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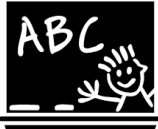


Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool

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September 2019



WELCOME

We are anticipating an exciting year of working with you and your preschooler. We pray that our program and efforts will be beneficial to all. Do not hesitate to call, email, or ask a staff member if you have any questions or concerns. The school phone number is 342-7083 and Mt. Calvary's Preschool email is mclcpreschool@grics.net

ORIENTATION MEETING

Thank you for taking the time to attend the orientation days for preschool. We hope we have answered most of your questions and given you sufficient information so you feel familiar with our program. If you have any other questions, please ask. If you haven't already done so, please turn in all paperwork by Friday, Sept. 6th (emergency contact, biographical data, birth certificate, physical, field trip permissions, grandparent envelopes, grandparent list, DCFS signature form). Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP MONIES

There are partial tuition assistance scholarships available. The monies are from PTO fundraisers and congregational donations. Any student enrolled at Mt. Calvary is eligible—based on need. Application forms are available in the church office and on our website and should be returned to the church secretary by September 13, 2019. The Board of Education's Scholarship Committee will review all applications and award the money as they see fit. Scholarship monies do not apply toward September tuition. Recipients will be notified prior to October 1st.



TUITION

Tuition is due each month on the first day of school. Payment envelopes are available at school. For September, please take care of tuition the first week of school. Thank you.

PTO LUNCH MEETING

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Pre-School PTO will have their first meeting with lunch at 11:30am in the gym on Friday, September 6th. (Those attending Tues/Thurs. are invited as well. Pizza and drinks will be provided. We will be electing officers and choosing fundraisers. Please consider serving as an officer and bring your ideas for activities and fundraisers for the year. All family members are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please talk to Leah Koch or any teacher about how you can be involved.

COLLECTIBLES/RECYCLING

We recycle ink cartridges at Staples. We are paid \$2 each for up to 20 cartridges per month. This helps with expenses for school supplies.

SNACKS

Please note the attached snack calendar with snack assignments. We encourage you to send nutritious items. Due to licensing regulations, all snacks must be pre-packaged from the store in original, unopened containers. Check the handbook for some ideas. Please be sure your snack is nut free and has not been prepared in a facility that also processes nuts. (A handout with nut free snack ideas is available in the office). Please send cookies, donuts, or cupcakes for birthday celebrations only. There are 15 students in Mrs. Whitte's M-F class, 15 students in Mrs. Hunt's MWF AM class, 12 students in Mrs. Cramer's MWF PM class, and 12 students in Mrs. Hunt's Tu-Th class.



BOOK ORDERS

Mt. Calvary will send book order forms home periodically. You are not expected to purchase anything. We offer these as a service only and as an opportunity for our school to earn free books. Please note the "due by" date on each form and return promptly if you do plan to order.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool is based on units. The units may last one or more weeks. Art activities, games, stories, songs and gross motor activities, etc. are usually related to that theme.

Our curriculum also emphasizes self-help and general readiness skills throughout the year. Each student is encouraged to practice, saying audibly their own name in a sentence, parents' names, telephone number and address. We would encourage you to help your child master these important survival skills.

SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM

During the month of September, the curriculum units will be as follows:

2 Day Class

Learning our new friends' names
Exploring the building/Learning procedures & limits
Talking about Creation
Realizing that God has made each of us special
Learning about Fire Safety
Shapes, #1- #4, C, M, F

3 Day and 5 Day Classes

Sept. 3-6 Getting to know our new friends & classroom, Gingerbread Man
Sept. 9-13 "C" for Creation/Caterpillars, circle, #1
Sept. 16-20 "F" for Fire/Fall, square, #2
Sept. 23-27 "M" for Me/Monarchs, triangle, #3



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you join us for worship at Mt. Calvary. We meet: Sundays at 8:45am for Sunday school for kids and Bible Class for adults
Sundays at 10:00am for our Worship Service
For more information, ask Leah in the office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES/WISH LIST

If you and your child would like to donate school supplies, please check the tear-off supply list posted in the hallway and bring by the date needed.

STAR STUDENT

Each week we would like to feature one of our preschoolers as the "Star Student" of the week. When it is your child's turn, please provide appropriate pictures and information or a pre-made poster to be displayed on the "Star Student" poster. Pictures will be returned to you.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture Days will be Thursday Sept. 26th and Mrs. Hunt's Tues/Thurs Class and Mrs. Whittle's M-F Class, and Friday, Sept. 27th for Mrs. Hunt's MWF AM Class and Mrs. Cramer's MWF PM Class. Morning pictures will be taken beginning at 9:00am and afternoon pictures will be taken beginning at noon.

FIELDTRIP

Our first fieldtrip of the year will be a walk across the street to the fire station! Mrs. Hunt's Tues/Thurs Class will go on Thursday, Sept. 19th. Mrs. Whittle's M-F and Mrs. Hunt's MWF AM Class will go on Friday, Sept 20th. Mrs. Cramer's MWF PM Class will go in the afternoon on Friday, Sept. 20th. Please have your child wear his/her blue Mt. Calvary T-shirt. Family members are welcome to come along! Please be sure you signed a permission form.

EXTRA FIELDTRIP DAY- SEPT. 24

Mt. Calvary is hosting our Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rally on Sept. 24th, 2019. Over 100 women will be in attendance. All preschool classes that meet on Tuesday, September 24 will go on a fieldtrip that day! We will meet at Discovery Depot at 9:00am. The PTO pays for Mt. Calvary students and one adult per child. Extra tickets cost \$6. Unfortunately, yearly passes cannot be used. Please sign up and let us know how many will be going! The other classes will go to the Depot in April!

SHOW AND SHARE

Beginning in October, we will have a day each month for students to bring in an item to show the class. On that day, we ask the students to also bring along an item to donate to a local charity. In October, the children may each bring in one item of their choice to show, and we ask, if possible, for them to bring a gently used cold weather item that we will take to Lutheran Social Services.

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Mt. Calvary will be hosting a Back to School Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 29th from 4-7pm. Everyone is welcome. Meat and drinks are provided, please bring a dish to pass.

