

Prince of Peace Pre-School Newsletter

Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661



May, 2021

Children are a gift from God!



May Bible Verse: "I know that the Lord is great! (Psalm 135:5)

Dear Parents:

Where has the year gone? It seems as if it was just yesterday that we were clinging tightly to our mama's legs, wondering if and when she was coming back. This year we have all grown and made new friends. We have gained confidence and self-esteem. We have learned to sign in our name, how to control our wiggles, and how to play and share with others. We have learned about problem solving, colors, letters, shapes and numbers too! And on top of all of that, we have learned that our God is an "awesome God!"

But now it's time for the clean-up bell to hush. It's time to play in the sun, run through the sprinkler, ride our bikes, go on picnics, chase frogs and catch bugs, and we have that "awesome God" to thank for it all!

Thanks for a great year!

Wendy, Marianne and Jamie



A ministry of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Sundays: Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 AM, Sunday School at 9:15 AM

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Children's Spring Program

Your children will entertain us with their beautiful voices at the spring program on:

- May 10th for the Pre-K Class
- May 11th for the T-TH AM Class
- May 12th for the M-W-F AM Class

The program will be held in the church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All students should arrive at 6:45 p.m. and be dressed in their summer or casual clothes.

Your children will also be able to meet their Prayer Pals at this time.

FIELD TRIP TO PEARSON PARK

We will be taking a field trip to Pearson Park during regular class times.

- May 13th – AM Class (T-TH)
- May 14th – AM class (M-W-F)
- May 14th – PM Class (Pre-K)

(rain date of May 20th (T-TH) and May 21st (M-W-F/Pre-K))

We will need drivers for this field trip





TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



On Thursday, May 25th, we will have our annual **Teddy Bear Picnic**.

This is the highlight of our preschool year, as we follow the “bear-foot” trail around the classroom from station to station. Each station is a game or craft that the children participate in playing or making something with the adult they bring. It is very important that each child come with an adult, as the teachers will be very busy going around to the different areas and not able to help guide children through the walk. Everyone is asked to bring a **Teddy Bear** with them (adults too) and also a sack lunch and a blanket. After you have gone through the entire classroom, you may go outside and play some outdoor games. We will have balls for throwing, bubbles for blowing and many more activities. You can end your day with a picnic on the lawn. All in all, it is a great day to enjoy with your child.

MAKE A TEDDY BEAR POSTER FOR THE PICNIC! Please use your artistic talents to help your child make a **TEDDY BEAR** poster. (This will be their “**beary**” first homework!) Anything goes! Use items from around your home for a personal touch. These will help decorate our room for the **Teddy Bear Picnic!** We will need them in by May 20th and 21st. Thanks!



At **The TEDDY BEAR PICNIC...**

- The M-W-F AM class may arrive any time between 10:30 - 11:00 AM and stay as long as you wish
- The T-TH AM class may arrive any time between 11:00 – 11:30 AM and stay as long as you wish
- The Pre-K PM class may arrive any time between 11:30 - 12:00 PM and stay as long as you wish

We hope that staggering the arrival of the classes will prevent a back-up at the games and activities. Please make sure your child only takes one prize at each station to ensure the same fun for those arriving late.



Bears by Melvin Berger
Moon Dance by Frank Asel
God Gave us You by Lisa Bergren
All the Places to Love by Patricia Maclachlan
Goldilocks and the Three Bears



ART: Painting feet; planting seeds

DRAMATIC PLAY: Camping out with bears; trains and tracks

WATER TABLE: Fishing, looking for bugs!

CIRCLE: acting out Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Please remember to work on colors, numbers, and letters during the summer! Children will lose a year of knowledge during the three months of summer and, as always, read with your children daily!



HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER - AND GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU!

Best wishes to all families that will be going on—we will miss you all! Thanks for choosing to have your children at Prince of Peace for preschool! For those who will be returning next fall, we can't wait to see you back next year! Have a wonderful summer!

-Wendy, Marianne and Jamie



Bike Day date – May 17th and 18th

All the children will need a bike and bike helmet. Bring their labeled bike and helmet to school on the day of their event and leave them on the sidewalk by the bell tower. No flip flops or sandals, please!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2021-2022

Open registration has started! If you have not registered for the 2021-2022 school year and would like to, please do so. Our classes fill up quickly. If you know of someone who is looking for preschool, or has a preschool-age child, please feel free to pass on a registration form to them! Word of mouth is our BEST advertisement! Registration forms are available in the cubby room. Again this year is a certificate for \$10 off one month's tuition for any referral who attends POP preschool in 2021-2022. These are in your registration packet.

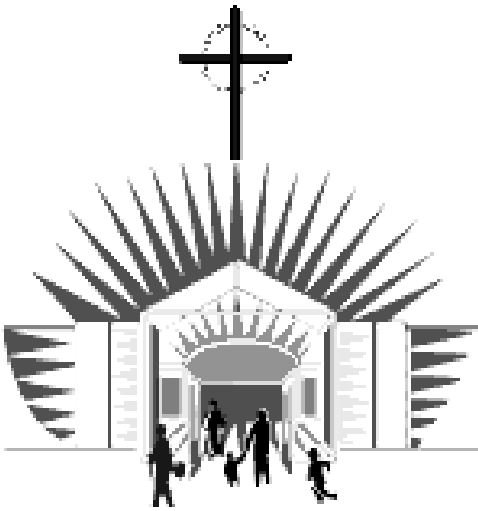
Note these dates:

May 3 rd and 4 th	Sunglasses and flip flops or sandals on May 3 rd (M-W-F/Pre-K) and 4 th (T-TH)
May 7 th	School Bus Visit
May 10 th , May 11 th and May 12 th	Pre-K (May 10 th), T-TH (May 11 th), and M-W-F (May 12 th) Spring Programs*
May 13 th and May 14 th	T-TH (May 13 th) and M-W-F and Pre-K (May 14 th) Field Trip to Park
May 17 th and May 18 th	Bike Day (weather permitting) M-W-F/Pre-K (May 17 th) and T-TH (May 18 th)
May 20 th and May 21 st	Rain dates for Park Field Trip
May 24 th	No School May 24 th (all classes)
May 25 th	Teddy Bear Picnic – last day of school!!!!

* Children should be at church by 6:45 p.m. for their Spring Program. Programs begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening.



You are always welcome!



- **The family at Prince of Peace always welcomes you and your children to Bible Study and worship!**
- **Bible Studies are Tuesdays and Sundays at 9am**
- **Thursday evening Bible Study will resume in the fall**
- **Good News class – for those interested in Christian Basics – begins Tuesday, May 4th, 7pm.**
- **Worship every weekend begins at**
 - **5:30 p.m. (Saturday)**
 - **8:00 a.m. (Sunday, relaxed traditional service)**
 - **10:30 a.m. (Sunday, praise band)**

Would you like to talk with Pastor John?

You are a part of the Prince of Peace family! Pastor John would love to talk with you any time if you have questions, comments, or just to say hello! Stop in or contact him at pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com.

Thanks for being a part of our Prince of Peace Pre-School Family!!



Children at Play

After watching your children at play in our classroom, we hope you have gained an understanding of how important play really is! Through play, children...

- learn to feel competent
- discover that learning is fun
- refine skills through repetition
- become less stressed
- learn to see things through another's eyes
- develop imagination
- learn to be sharing
- become curious
- become inventive
- compare the known to the unknown
- practice thinking skills
- practice emotional and social skills
- learn from real experience

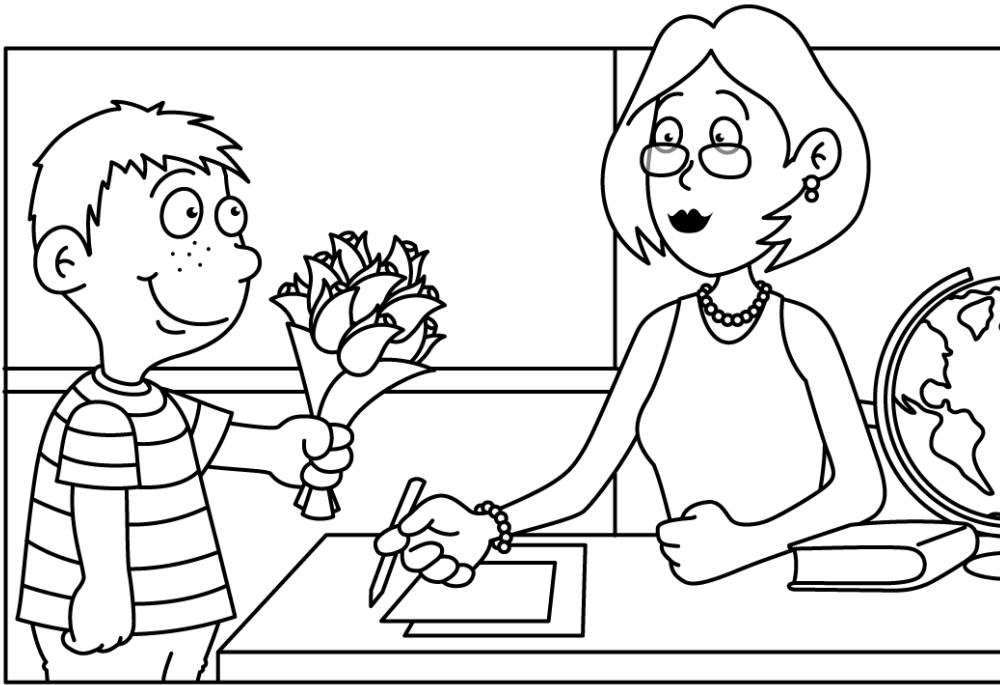


We hope that as we get into the summer months, you will be inventive and provide many opportunities for you and your children to be playful because it is through play that children learn about life. Take time to play, to laugh, and be silly! Enjoy your children and have fun!

Enjoy your children this summer!



NOTE: ON THE CALENDAR ARE ACTIVITIES AT PRINCE OF PEACE THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEE JULIE. THEY ARE ALL IN BOLD AND ITALICS, AND NOTED WITH AN ASTERISK (*).



MONTH of MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 *8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast
2	3 Sunglasses and flip-flop or sandals day – M-W-F/Pre-K	4 Sunglasses and flip-flop or sandals day – T-TH	5	6 *Zoe Bible Study	7 School bus visit	8
9	10 Pre-K Spring Program	11 T-TH Spring Program	12 M-W-F Spring Program	13 T-TH Field Trip to Park *7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies	14 M-W-F and Pre-K Field Trip to Park	15
16	17 Bike Day	18 Bike Day	19	20 Poster Board Homework Due!!! *7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies	21 Poster Board Homework Due!!!	22
23	24 No School	25 Teddy Bear Picnic	26	27	28	29