

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **September 5—No school Labor Day**
- **September 6 Scholastic book fair starts**
- **September 8 Open House 6-8**
- **September 30 tuition due**

Open House on September 8

Thursday, September 8, we will be hosting an open house from 6-8 p.m. The teachers will be in their rooms for your child to come and show you his/her favorite things to do. The book fair is going on that night in the gathering area of church. We will also be building some yummy ice cream sundaes. Come and spend a couple of hours of fun with us. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Scholastic provides the books for the book fair. The company publishes books to be affordable so that families can build a home library for easy access to literature. The book fair will be available beginning September 6th at 10:00ish and will be packed up after school on Friday, September 9th. You are welcome to come and shop during preschool hours any of those days. If you would like to help set up on Tuesday after you drop your child off or take orders during drop-off/pick-up times, please speak to Holly.

At Faith Lutheran Church...

If you haven't found a home church yet, we'd like to invite you to join us for worship and Bible study. Pastor Schroeder would be happy to speak with you regarding any questions about Faith Lutheran Church. His door is always open to you.

Sundays: 9:15 AM
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10:30 AM

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

Sunday School for ages 2 and up
Bible Study for Adults and Teens
Worship with *staffed nursery*

Women's Bible Study (free childcare available, call Holly Buth at 770-683-3999 to reserve a child care spot)

Handwriting Without Tears

Several years ago, we added *Handwriting Without Tears* to our three and four year preschool curriculum. This program was written by Jan Olsen who wanted to make learning to write less stressful for her own child.

Handwriting Without Tears mixes music with tactile experiences such as building letters with play dough and wooden blocks to make writing enjoyable. It is also designed to help children to learn to write in a developmentally appropriate way. This means that capital letters are taught first and the letters are introduced in an order that helps students to build on the writing skills that they are learning.

As we teach the children, the letters are not introduced alphabetically. They are presented in an order that aids the development of the writing skills. The children will do plenty of other activities that will help them to master ABC order. Also, they will be singing, tapping, and building their way to being skilled and enthusiastic writers.

Frequently Asked Questions

What's up with those little bits of broken crayons? Do you need some donations?

No, oddly enough, using little broken nubs of crayons is part of our handwriting program. The children cannot help but hold the crayon in the correct hand position when the crayon is so small. Cool! :)

What are the words to the snack time prayer?

2's : Thank you Jesus for this food. Amen

3's (sung): Oh the Lord is good to me. And so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need the sun, the rain and the apple seed. The Lord is good to me. Amen!

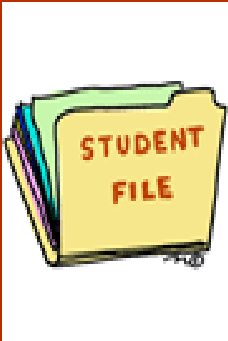
4's: Thank you Jesus for this food. You are loving , kind and good. You took all my sins away. Help me love you and obey. Amen

How do you stand the crying?

Experience has taught us that your child is going to have a really, really fun time at our program. So if we take a deep breathe and lovingly help your child transition during those tough first two weeks, we get to have so much fun with them for the rest of the year!

How can I see more of the fun my child has in your program?

As much as is realistic, we try to snap some pictures of the kids during their fun day here. We use a site called flickr.com where we post the pictures for you to see. There is a password so that only you and people that you choose to share the code with can view the kids. We are close to having the new year set up and some pictures loaded. When we have the new code, we will put a sticker in your child's folder that tells you the website and the code for access. That code will be good all year, and the sticker will be there for your reference. We hope you enjoy it!



Tuition is due on the 30th of every month except May (well, okay, and February...).



Important Reminders



If you wash your child's school bag, let it air dry. The bags will shrink beyond use otherwise.

You'll be receiving a four week survey to give us an idea of how we are doing so far. We take your opinions very seriously and they do affect how we do things around here. Please take a minute to fill them out and return them to

Holly. Thank you for your time.

The Preschool Directory is ready and in your child's folder. I hope this helps you connect with other wonderful families



Are you still signing your child in and out every day?

Happy Birthday to you!!!

2 year old classes

9/8: Bella
9/20: Dominic
9/30: Samuel

3 year old classes

9/7: Caleb
9/11: Chandler
9/29: Violet

4 year old classes

9/11: Tristan

If you plan to send in birthday treats, please make sure they are not processed in a plant that processes peanut/nut free. We cannot use them otherwise. Thank you for understanding.



Events coming up next month...

The firefighters will be bringing their truck and coming to visit the 2 and 3 year old Tuesday/Thursday classes on Thursday, October 6 at 11:00. Please come and join your children in this fun event which focuses on safety.

Please note that sometimes the firemen get called out and then this event does not take place. We never know ahead of time if this will be the case. The 4's and the MWF 3's will be visited by the firefighters later in the year.

School Pictures will be taken outside on October 19 and 20.



Mark your calendars for these fun events...



Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Kerri

We have lots of fun things planned for the month of September. The children will learn about body parts, families, pets, friends, and community helpers. We will continue exploring with our senses by feeling different objects in a feely box, looking at leaves with a magnifying glass, and making music with instruments. We also have lots of neat crafts planned. Making Joseph's coat out of fruit loops is a favorite, and the family apple tree with the children's fingerprints is always so cute.

From Mrs. Tiffany: The school year is off to a great start! The children have settled right into our routine, and I am amazed at how well they follow directions already. I love that so many children in this group are singers. I heard several little voices chiming in with me already when we were singing "Jesus Loves Me." What a sweet sound! They have also made requests with "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" being a favorite. The children have shown a lot of curiosity as we have explored our body parts and senses. They have particularly enjoyed listening to the sound canisters and guessing what was in them. I was impressed with how accurate their guesses were. Playtime has been very peaceful in our classroom with the children playing nicely "beside" their new friends. I look forward to watching the friendships that will blossom in the upcoming months. Rachel and I have really enjoyed the opportunities that we have had to get down on the rug and play with them too.

Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Rolling a ball with chin
 - Construction paper chalkboards
 - Doctor pretend play
 - Dressing up like community workers
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Our Bible Lessons this month:

Jacob Sees a Beautiful Dream
God has a Plan for Joseph
Joseph Becomes a Ruler in a Faraway Land
God Takes Care of Baby Moses

We are learning about:

Community Helpers
Hair, Chin, Knees, Elbows & My Face
My Family & Grandparents
Family Pets & Where I Live
Friends & Classmates

From Mrs. Kerri: We are off to a great year. Most of the tears are gone, and the children are already learning our daily routine. The children have particularly enjoyed our center time when they have begun exploring their senses. With our ears, we listened to different noise canisters, and with our noses, we smelled different smell puffs such as vanilla, peppermint, and even perfume. They really enjoyed the project using our eyes when we studied our fingerprint with magnifying glasses then explored around our classroom with them too.

We are still working on our departure routine each day. We ask all of the children to sit on the rug until their names are called. Please help with this by allowing us to call your child's name as we see each of you in the hallway. I am already impressed with the children's patience and how well they listen. We have been going out daily, and we make sure to have a drink when we come back in. I have enjoyed watching the excitement and diligence while the children are exploring, crafting, and playing.



Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

Dear Parents,

Our school year is off to a great start. The children are settling in to the schedule nicely. The weather is beautiful, and we are enjoying our outside time.

While we are inside, the children are learning new songs, dancing, and learning how to play instruments such as drums, shakers, tapping sticks, etc. We are starting to use scissors this month. There will be several painting projects with fall colors!

Some notes/reminders: on days that we can go outside please do not let your child wear flip-flops to school. It is hard to walk to the playground without them falling off and tripping themselves and other children. If your girl is wearing a dress, please make sure to put some type of shorts/bike shorts underneath. Please do not give your child gum to chew during school. Feel free to contact me with concerns.

Show and tell is a fun way for your child to share a little bit of themselves with the class. It will be the last day of the week for your child, either Thursday or Friday, depending on the class your child is in. The themes will be listed below and will also be on the wall by the classroom door on the calendar. Show and tell items are to help your child learn to describe things and helps with vocabulary and speech. Items must fit in your child's bag and be non-violent (no guns, knives, swords, etc.). Only one item per child, per week, please!

If you are interested in being a class helper, please let me know. I sometimes have things you can do at home to help.

Week one (Sept. 6):

Bible Lesson: Adam and Eve disobeying God

Topic: Circles and Yellow

Number 1 Shape: Circle Color: Yellow

Show and Tell: Something Yellow

Week two (Sept. 13):

Bible Lesson: Cain and Abel Give Offerings

Topic: Small Mammals

Number: 2 Shape: Square Color: White

Show and Tell: Stuffed Animal

Week three (Sept. 20):

Bible Lesson: God Saves Noah and His Family

Topic: Fall

Number 2 Shape: Triangle Color Black

Show and Tell: Something with a fall color (yellow, brown, orange)

Week four (Sept. 27):

Bible Lesson: Abraham Prays for a Son

Topic: Fish

Number 3 Shape: Triangle Color: Black

Show and Tell: Child's choice this week.





Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Kristine

August was a great start to our new year! We were Entomologists and loved discovering different insects. Thank you for returning their bags and folders daily, helping your child memorize their Bible verses and WOW are their behaviors on track!! Show and Tell is on Fridays and our weekly theme are as follows:

The week of Sept. 1st, we will finish our block on insects with the metamorphosis of our caterpillars. We will wrap up ourselves like cocoons and change into butterflies, too. We will challenge them with helpful and harmful insects, read the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, play the Butterfly Match game, and dance to Shoo Fly and Flight of the Bumble Bee music.

The week of Sept. 6th we will make pigtails, make the color pink by mixing red and white paint, play our own flutes, and blow down houses made from straw and sticks. Please check out our before and after pictures of Mat Man from the handwriting curriculum. This week is the Scholastic Book Fair, Open House and ice cream social.

The week of Sept. 12th, we will be exploring reptiles and amphibians. He will learn finger plays about turtles, play reptile memory games, make frog puppets, and observe the frog hatchery process. Check out our tadpoles and listen for our songs, "Crocodile" and "Five Little Speckled Frogs". We will begin handwriting with our first letter Ff.

The week of Sept. 19th begins a five week block on the food pyramid. Our topic will be about Dairy Foods and Food Things. They will love playing the ice cream cone match game as well as eating our ice cream cone cupcakes- come join us! They will measure with cups and spoons, make play dough cookies, and match food containers. Our letter this week is Ee.

The week of Sept. 26th will be about the food group-grains. We will continue to sample food, play with our rice tables, and sing "The Muffin Man". I will invite them to set up their own bakery. They will use spaghetti to sort by varying lengths, shortest to longest. Your children will collect manna from heaven. We will put cereal box puzzles to the test and read books like "The Little Red Hen and Pancakes, Pancakes". Our letter for the week is Dd.

During the month we will be learning our address, phone number, age, and birthday. We will continue to work with math rods 1-10. Our letter recognition, handwriting, and phonics have begun- letters F, E and D. I'm very excited about our reading initiative, the bees were really swarming in August, and we enjoyed our special "bee" snack. Our reading initiative for September will be frogs on a lily pad. Keep up the good work!

Thank you again for allowing us the privilege of teaching your children, and check out our pictures from the last month on flickr.com.



Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell
Show and Tell is on Thursdays and can be something from the theme of the week, the Bible story, or an item that begins with the letter of the week.

August 29-September 1

Bible story:

September 6-8

Bible story:

September 12-15

Bible story:

September 19-22

Bible story:

Sept. 26-29

Bible story:

"Caterpillars/Butterflies"

"Joseph Becomes a Ruler in Egypt"

"The Three Little Pigs"

"Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt"

"Reptiles and Amphibians" & Letter Ff

"The Plagues"

"Dairy Food" & Letter Ee

"God Leads His People through The Red Sea"

"Bread/Grains Food" & Letter Dd

"God Gives His People Food"

