



Peace Lutheran Preschool

Pieces of Preschool

Peace Lutheran Preschool partners with families by providing a Christ-centered learning environment designed to develop the spiritual, social, intellectual, and physical skills of each child in a warm and loving atmosphere.

News from our business administrator

Angie Curry

Don't pay for May!

You already made your final payment of the school year in April, and you paid for May in advance when you registered. Don't submit any checks this month for tuition.

Farewell

I just wanted to extend a farewell and a thank you to everyone. Next month I'll be moving across the country with my family. The preschool board should have a new business administrator in place before the end of May for a seamless transition. All contact information for the office will remain the same.

I'd love to leave you all with one piece of advice after 17 1/2 years of parenting and working with preschoolers for 8 years: relax and enjoy! My son is about to go off to college. It all went way too fast. My biggest regret from his preschool years was being too uptight when things went awry or when he would not do what he was "supposed" to do at preschool performances or when he awoke his baby sister (and me!) with his boisterous "good morning!" I *know* that the days are very long at

that age, and they seem to never end. But they do... all too soon. So, relax, enjoy, and rest in God's grace at all times, in all situations.

Fall class openings updates

Twosday class: 5 openings.

Threes class: 8 openings

Fours class: full with a waiting list

Beginnergarten class: 3 openings

Have your friends call the preschool office line (253-631-5876) or email

(preschool.peace@comcast.net).

Summer hours

The office is staffed just 2 hours per week until August. Tours are by appointment only, and if you need anything, it may take a few days before someone can get back to you. Thanks for your patience.

What to expect this fall

If your child is re-enrolled for a class this fall, then you should hear from us sometime mid-summer with a calendar for the new school year and what to expect the first week of school.

A note from Pastor Paul

iAdios!

Even if you don't know a single other word of Spanish, you probably know this word means "goodbye." Actually, its meaning is a bit deeper, but I'll get to that in a little while...

We're coming to the end of another school year and soon we'll be saying "goodbye" to one another, at least for a while. Your children will be saying "goodbye" to classmates who have become good friends, and to their teachers, whom they've grown to love so very much. Saying "goodbye" can be a sad thing.

I know that all of our staff here at Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool will be sad to say "goodbye" to the preschool families who

we don't see regularly as a part of our worshipping congregation, if even just for the summer. We'll miss you! (It's gets really quiet around here in the summer, at least until Vacation Bible School gets going with a roar.)

Soon I'll be saying "goodbye" as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church. The congregation has known this for some time and are very actively and prayerfully seeking out who God will send to be the next pastor of this special family of faith. I certainly trust that God knows what he's doing in guiding me to seek out what he has next for me, but I'll miss the families of Peace, and I'll also miss our preschool children. What a

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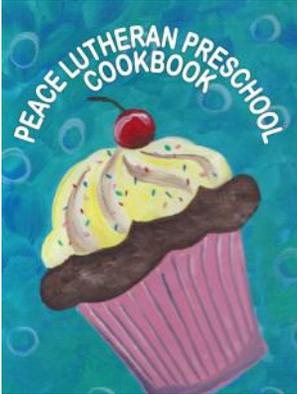
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School fundraiser



Preschool Cookbook fundraiser a big success!

We raised \$1,840 in cookbook sales (and counting). Thank you, everyone, who bought a book, contributed a recipe, and supported the fundraiser. We will be updating several things on our playground over the summer with these funds. Those returning this fall: be sure to check out the playground when you return.

If you have not yet purchased your cookbook, it's not too late. We can print and bind them on demand up to the week before school is out. Just contact Angie in the office and she'll hook you up. Cookbooks are \$25 each.

From Pastor Paul (cont.)

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joyful blessing they are!

And so, let me say "goodbye" to you, but let me also say "adios!" For years before coming to Peace, I did much of my ministry and lived much of my life not in English, but in Spanish. Indeed, I'm hopeful that my next ministry will have me speaking Spanish, at least part of the time. To us Spanish speakers "adios" sounds like "a Dios", or "to God." When I say "adios" I know that I'm commending that person *to God*, to his care and love. Indeed, similar things are true of the English word "goodbye," but few English speakers think about that. "Goodbye" comes from the old English "God be with ye!"

And so, let me say to you, with all sincerely, "adios" and "goodbye." May God be with you! I commend you and your families to his love and care in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In Jesus,
Pastor Paul

Teacher Appreciation Week



Shhhh . . . next week is National Teachers Appreciation Week (May 4-8). I know that many of you do little things all year long to appreciate your child's preschool teachers here, but now is a great opportunity if you have not thought about it or if you just want to do more. Here are some examples of what you can do (all free - or close to free):

- Sign up to volunteer in the classroom - *in fact, let's fill in the volunteer calendar for each class session that week!*
- Write a note. Here are some specific ideas about note-writing I found while searching online for "teacher appreciation:" Commenting on the teacher's specific skill, trait or characteristic is more meaningful than general gratitude or praise, but your children's teachers will treasure anything you care to write. If you choose to send an email or a more formal letter, be sure to direct a copy to the (church administrator/preschool board), who are in positions to put your kind words into the teacher's file for consideration during the annual evaluation when raises and/or promotions are considered.
- Give a hug.
- Verbally tell the teachers something affirming.
- Cook a treat.
- Make a craft.
- Simply say "thank you" at pick-up/drop-off time.



And let me take this time to say thank YOU for entrusting us with your children's preschool education. We thoroughly enjoy it and appreciate you!

School's out for summer!

Twosday, Fours, & Begindergarten last class day: May 19

Threes last class day: May 21

Twosday Class News

Jeannie Bolton

As we come to the end of another preschool year I thought I would pass on a few bits of wisdom that have helped me be a better parent.

Discipline means to teach. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Say yes to your child as often as you can.

Be consistent and establish clearly defined boundaries, this is the foundation for building a child's self-esteem.

Be a positive role model, children love to share the undesirable things their parents do when they are having dinner at a friend's house.

Remember to have fun with your children they'll be grown before you know it.

Here is a poem for Moms in honor of Mother's Day:

Mom's the Word

by Jane S. Mackay in Woman's Day

Mother's Helper: What every child suddenly

becomes when they want to borrow money.

Mother Tongue: The only tongue on earth that has ever had to utter, "Did you flush?" to another member of its species.

Working Mother: What a woman becomes the instant she leaves the delivery room.

Mother-To-Be: Woman who still takes sleeping through the night and doing errands alone for granted.

Mother's Day: What is made each time a child uses such beautiful words as "thank you" or "I love you."

Wishing everyone a safe, fun and blessed summer!

Special Events & Invitations

Preschool Graduation

If your child is in their last year of preschool this year and moving on to Kindergarten this fall, then they will be a part of a very special graduation ceremony on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm. Parents of graduating preschoolers will receive a paper invitation soon. If you would like extra copies for grandparents or other friends or family, we'll have extras available in the flyer holders in the hallway outside the classroom. You may also ask our business administrator for extras anytime.



End-of-Year Potluck Parties

Combined Fours/Begindergarten Celebration:

On Wed, May 20, from 11:30-1:00, bring a lunch dish to share (sign-up sheet will soon go up outside classroom). We will have a bouncer for the kids and lots of fun!

Threes class celebration:

On Friday, May 22, we'll have a special end-of-year program for parents to watch at 11:30 in the Event Hall (just up the hallway from the preschool classroom). The kids will sing a few songs, and we'll have a photo slideshow. After the short program we'll have our potluck lunch and party. We will have a bouncer for the kids and a great time together!



Fours & Begindergarten Tae Kwon Do field trip

For full details, see the flyer that was sent by email.

What: parent/family-accompanied field trip

Who: 4s & Begindergarten (together)

When: Tues. May 5, 10:30 am—no class will be held this day, neither morning nor afternoon.

Where: Phillips Tae Kwon Do, 27317 Maple Valley Black Diamond Road SE, Maple Valley, Phone: 425-432-6642

How: parent/guardian participates in field trip with preschool child. Siblings are welcome. We will all meet there.

Cost: FREE!



Tae Kwon Do field trip

May 5, Tuesday, 10:30 am

For Fours and Begindergarten classes



Book Show-n-Tells

Fours and Begindergarten students have been assigned specific dates. They will wrap up in May. Email the office if you don't know your child's date or need to request a change.

Twos carnival

May 19, Tuesday, 9:30-11 am
Fun time for the Twosday class!



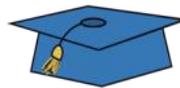
Celebration Luau

May 20: 11:30-1 for Fours and Begindergarten classes combined
May 22: 11:30-1 for Threes class (includes program at beginning)

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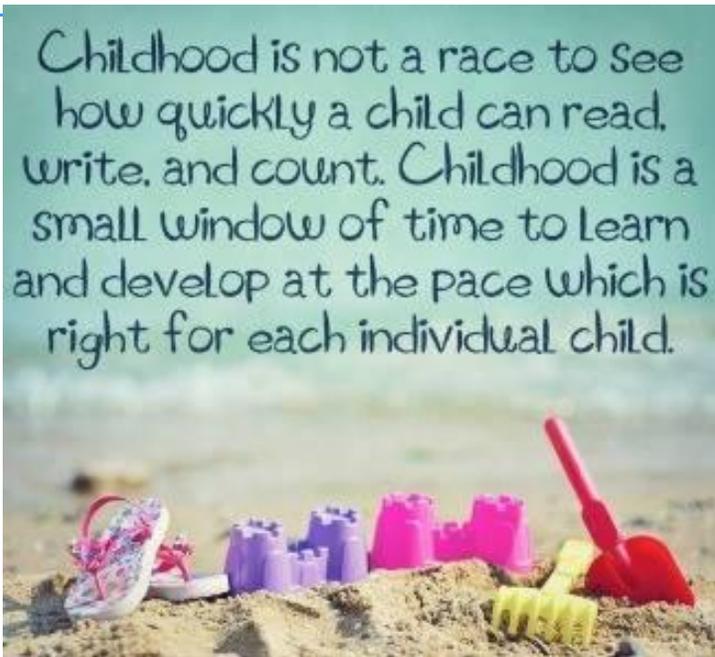
Special ceremony for those moving on to kindergarten.



May 25-Aug

CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK

Thanks for a wonderful year! Enjoy the summer break!



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For all classes:

- May 4-8: teacher appreciation week
- May 25 - mid-Aug: closed for summer break
- Sept. 1: new school year begins

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Just for Twos:

- May 19: last day of class

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Just for Threes:

- May 7 : celebrate May birthdays
- May 14: celebrate summer birthdays
- May 21: last day of class
- May 22: 11:30-1 program and luau

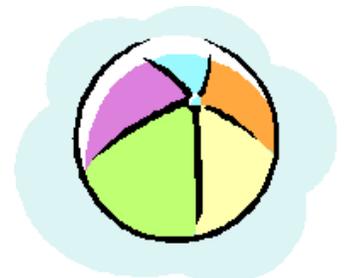
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Just for Fours &

Begindergarten:

- May 5: tae kwon do field trip (no class)
- May 6 : celebrate May birthdays
- May 13: celebrate summer birthdays
- May 19: 6:30 pm graduation for those moving on to Kindergarten
- May 20: 11:30-1 luau

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