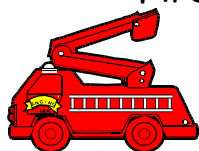




Cornerstone Preschool

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Fire & Police Safety/Community Helpers



This month we will learn about fire safety, stop, drop & roll, and using 911 for emergencies. We will talk about what an emergency is and when it is appropriate to call 911. Occasionally, children are so intrigued by this that they decide to "practice" on their own at home, so it's always a good idea to review these concepts with your children at home and make sure they understand what a true emergency is.

During this unit, our VPK classes will work on memorizing and writing their phone numbers. Some children already know theirs, but others need more practice. As you discuss emergencies and help your child learn his/her phone number, don't forget that if you have a password on your cell phone, your child will need to know the password in order to call 911 in a real emergency. We hope you will continue to review your phone number with your child even after this unit is done.

Police Safety week gives us the opportunity to talk a little about "stranger danger" in a generic way, but we also suggest that parents continue this conversation at home and make sure you answer any specific questions or concerns your child has the way that you want to. During Police Safety week the VPK classes also review their addresses. It can take some children a long time to memorize their address, so we suggest you practice this at home - perhaps beginning with just the street name and/or city and adding on from there. Preschoolers should know their first and last name, their parent's first and last names, and their phone numbers.



This month, during Community Helpers week we'll be learning about different careers and talking about what we want to be when we grow up. Plus, the leprechauns usually sneak in and make some mischief at the school on St. Patrick's Day... watch out!

March 2020 Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ March 1-31 - Registration for the 2020-2021 school year
- ◆ March 16-20 - Optional Vacation Week (school is open/No VPK)
- ◆ May 8 - Mother's Day Tea and Muffins
- ◆ May 25 - CLOSED
- ◆ May 29 - Last day of VPK (school remains open all summer)
- ◆ June 19 - Father's Day Coffee and Donuts

Vacation Week

- The week of March 16-20 is an optional spring break week at Cornerstone. School is open all week, but VPK is not in session, so attendance is optional
- Vacation/Tuition Policy: If your child **attends** school any day(s) during a vacation week, regular tuition is due. If your child is **absent** for the entire week, half tuition is due.
- Our policies can be found in the Parent Handbook (reminders are also on the Parent Info page of our website)

Cornerstone Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year takes place this month. Please submit your non-refundable Annual Enrollment Fee of \$75 by **March 31st** to reserve your child's spot for the fall.

VPK Registration

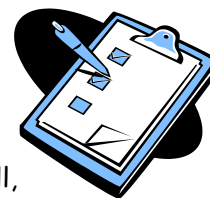
If your child turns 4 on or before September 1st and will be with us at Cornerstone next year, he/she must also enroll in the VPK program. VPK is a 5 day/week program. Please submit your VPK Certificate of Eligibility to us by the end of March to finalize your child's enrollment. Registration information can be found on our website or by visiting: <http://elcpinellas.net/register-for-vpk/>.

Kindergarten Registration

If your child is going into kindergarten in the fall, it is time to get a user ID and begin the registration process for the 2020-21 school year. You can find out more about Kindergarten registration and school assignments on the PCSB website at: <http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us>. The Zoned School Locator will tell you where your child will be assigned.

Surveys

Thanks to all who responded to our survey. We appreciate your feedback, suggestions, and support. We encourage you to call, email, or stop in the office at any time if you ever have questions or concerns. The only way we know what you are thinking is if you tell us!



New Phone Number? New Job?

Did you get a new cell phone? Has your work phone number changed? What about your emergency contacts? Please make sure we have current phone numbers and addresses on file so that we always have a way to contact you during the day if your child is sick or hurt. You can send any changes to us by email, call, or write a note. Thank you!



Car Seat Safety

Did you know that in Florida, motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of children ages 1-14? Recent studies indicate that many injuries and deaths result from improper use of car seats, booster seats and seat belts.

The Pinellas County Health Department has a Child Passenger Safety Program regarding safe practices for transporting children. The program details common misuse and proper installation of car seats and is offered throughout the county. Additionally, car seats are available at a reduced cost for those who qualify. For further information, call 727-824-6900 or visit <http://www.pinellashealth.com>.