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This Month at Preschool



October 2020

Preschool is now well underway, with the first month already behind us! Our students have had busy days full of playing and exploring various shapes and colours during the first part of September.

With October now upon us, we turn our imaginations to the ideas, images, sights, and sounds of Thanksgiving and Halloween. Perhaps your child can tell you about the Thanksgiving playdough tools they have been using, or a Halloween book the teacher read. More information on Halloween at preschool can be found on the reverse of this page.



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

- Friday Oct 9: NO SCHOOL – PD Day
Monday Oct 12: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday Oct 27: PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
Friday Oct 30: NO SCHOOL- PD Day
Wednesday Nov 11: NO SCHOOL – Remembrance Day
Friday Nov 20: NO SCHOOL – PD Day
Tuesday Nov 24: PAC Meeting (7:30 pm)
Friday Dec 4: NO SCHOOL- PD Day
NOTE* Last day of class before Christmas Break has been changed to:**
Dec 14th for 4-year old classes
Dec 15th for 3-year old classes
Monday Jan 4: Classes Resume
Friday Jan 29th: NO SCHOOL – PD Day

Thank you to everyone for being diligent about the health screening forms, and keeping your children home when they present with any cold symptoms.

This school year is different from any we have seen before.

Please note that the possibility of a program having to close unexpectedly for several days is a realistic one in the "Covid World".

We are keeping up with the cleaning protocols from AHS, and the preventative measures from CBE, and we hope for the best outcome through our school year.



Reminders

- Check out the preschool's website (glenbrookpreschool.org) and any updates and information!
- To maintain consistency in the classroom, we kindly ask that you encourage your children to address their teachers using their surnames. They are Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. McConnell. Thanks for your assistance with this!
- Our classroom tends to get quite warm. Please keep this in mind when dressing your children for school. We suggest t-shirts, not hoodies or sweatshirts.
- October through June, the regular class time will be: 9:15-11:30 for the morning classes and 1:00-3:15 for the afternoon classes.
- No parking allowed in the staff parking lot.

Halloween at Glenbrook Preschool

Due to the new restrictions in our school, Halloween costumes will not be part of our celebration this year.

We encourage you to have your child wear orange/black, and or a special shirt with a Halloween theme. Please remember that some children are fearful of pictures of ghosts, werewolves etc, so help your child choose an appropriate Halloween shirt.

Three-year olds will celebrate Halloween in class Oct 29th.

Four-years olds will celebrate Halloween in class Oct. 28th.

No outside food is permitted due to severe allergies in some of our students.

****NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY October 30th ****



Registration Spots Still Available

There are several three-year-old Am and four-year-old PM vacancies at the preschool. If you know of any families that may be interested, please direct the towards our website: glenbrookpreschool.org.

Open House for Potential Preschool Families

On Wednesday, January 27, from 1:30-2:30, the preschool will be hosting an open hose for potential preschool families. This is a regular classroom day for all of the children who currently attend. The open house portion is for adults only, not their children, to meet the teachers and ask questions about our preschool.

What is a ghost's favorite ride?? A Roller Ghoster



We are a Peanut Free Zone

Glenbrook Community Preschool will be providing a healthy snack for your child during their preschool class, so there is no need to pack one. In addition, please do not send any other food, such as birthday or holiday treats, to school with your child due to allergy concerns.

Even food that has come in contact with peanuts can be potentially dangerous for some children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Learning through Play

Wooden building blocks are a perennial favorite in preschool classrooms around the world and our classroom is no exception. Kids loves blocks! In addition to providing hours of fun, did you know that block paly can help children to:

- Learn about gravity, stability, balance, weight, and trial and error
- Understand shape, size, space, depth, width, and height
- Develop hand-eye coordination and muscles
- Learn to plan and ask questions
- Gain confidence in their own abilities
- Learn to cooperate and share others

Enjoy the fun at home!

No Cook Playdough Recipe

2 cups white flour
1 cup salt
2 tsp. cream of tartar
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
2 cups of BOILING water with food colouring added to it.
Mix all ingredients in a bowl, turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.

Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Dates for the 2020 – 2021 Pre-School Year:

October 27th, November 24th, January 5th, January 26th,
February 23th, March 23st, April 27th, June 1nd

All meetings are held at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Dates listed above are tentative. Any changes will be communicated via the monthly newsletter. If you'd like to attend, please email

Katie at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org or
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