



First English Lutheran Preschool

Upcoming Events

May 2017



May 3 and 4 at 11:15 St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Trike-a-thon Event

May 10 & 11 at 11:15 Singing and muffins/snacks with MOM

May 19: Paths to Quality Rater visit

May 24 & 25 End of the Year Celebration at 11:15 (all classes)

Thank you for choosing First English as your child's preschool, and we can't believe that this is the last month of the school year! Our learning and fun are about to wrap up in just a few short weeks. We do have several important events before we go though. Our trike a thon will be coming in a few days and children do need a **bike helmet and riding toy** on their school day. If they have received any monetary donations for St. Jude's, then you may bring it that day as well. Next week, we will celebrate our moms with some singing in church and then snacks afterward. We hope all moms are able to attend at 11:15 to hear us; next school year we hope to conduct a mom's activity in the evening! The end of the year celebration will include all classes and families may stay for a picnic lunch afterward (you provide your own food/drinks and FELP will provide the cookie dessert!) This is a weather permitting event!



We will post some sign ups soon, so families can share phone numbers or email addresses to keep in contact with each other over the summer. The playground is available to meet up with friends over the summer months as well; just make sure to cover the sandbox if it is used and take away any trash. We hope you all have a happy and safe summer! Fondly, Mrs. Tracy Gleissner gleissnerfelp@gmail.com



Family Network communications

We hope you have enjoyed reading the anecdotal notes about your child all through the year as well having a final report in December and April. If you are not regularly logging in and reading from the Family Network then ask your child's teacher for a paper copy. This service is paid for with the Paths To Quality incentive that we receive each year. The cost per child is \$20 so we want to make sure that it is used as well as enjoyed. If you have any comments about the program please speak with Mrs. Gleissner. One parent at conferences had asked if there could be an email notice when new notes appear! It will be a suggestion I make to them as we close the year.



Come to the Fall Fun Fair!

Save the Date! September 22nd from 4:30-7:30p.m. we will have our Fall Fun Fair and Auction here at the preschool! We will have a Bounce House, Horse Rides, Kiddie Games, and a Concession Stand. It will be lots of fun! Please bring the whole family for this fun fundraiser. We are looking for donations for the auction and will be making up baskets with themes of *Grandparent Sleepover*, *All Snowed In*, and *Arts/Crafts* if you would like to contribute something to these baskets. We will accept any other product donation or service. There are donation forms available. We will have a volunteer sign up available in the fall to help us with this fundraiser. Families moving onto Kindergarten are invited to return to their 'old school' to see their 'old teachers'!

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Music Monday: we completed a musical crayon activity with the whole school!



Tasty Tuesday: Classes enjoyed their own yummy snack; 2's had a fruity picnic outside, 3/ 4's enjoyed pancakes while Pre K made their own mini pizzas!

Work Together Wednesday: we truly had team work on the playground as we used buckets to help us spread mulch and add dirt to our new raised planter boxes.

We did post some photos and video to our First English Lutheran Preschool Facebook page!



Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary,



How Does Your Garden Grow!

We are going to attempt in the next few weeks to plant some small pumpkin, Indian corn and gourd/squash seeds into our raised planters. We will hopefully begin to see them sprout before we leave for the summer. As they will need the next few months to grow and we will not be in session to care for them (add water when Mother Nature doesn't supply it), then we are asking for some help. If we could have several families take a week during June, July and August to make sure that the plants are doing ok (weeding and watering if necessary), then we will be able to harvest them in September. We will put a sign up near the bathroom doors for week turns or you may email Mrs. Gleissner to specify a week when your family will be responsible. Mrs. Gleissner will send out an email reminder after Memorial Day to all families who are able to participate.



We do have a few openings in all classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Currently we have 4 openings in our 2's class (2 M/W and 2 T/Th) with four openings in our M/W 3/4's class. We are also looking to see if there are any current families interested in the extended day portions of M/W or T/Th who might not have previously registered for it. The Pre K class also has a few openings for their M/W class. If you know of anyone interested in our program please let them know! We will be running our of days to give class tours soon!



Thank you



It takes many hands to make our preschool run efficiently. We want to thank again, Don and Jasper Wisner for putting out all the items in Trout Hall on Monday mornings. They have been so faithful and only had a few weeks off with 3 Monday vacation days!

Margot Borger and Chrissa Swank have been on playground fence duty this fall, winter and now spring. We keep the parking lot open for our morning drop off and then after our families leave they close the big gates to keep the playground safe for the children.

Thank you to all those families who submitted their Martin's Supermarket card so that we receive the shopping dollars spent in point values. We were able to "buy" six figures' worth of points in supplies. This is the largest amount we have had in many years. We will have some new large motor activities for trout hall and outside but also able to get items for the classrooms, in addition to some craft items.

Thank you to all those families who bought Scholastic books over the school year. We were able to buy books all through the year with the points we have earned and we will replenish our birthday box over the summer with them too!

Thank you to the Unwin family for painting and repainting the Pre K classroom chairs. The white chairs didn't look as good as the red ones so a few more coats of paint are needed before the project is complete.

Thank you to those who donated spring cleaning items to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. We had several boxes of items we collected from our April service project.



Packets of next year's registration/enrollment papers will be available in the coming weeks for families to fill out over the summer; this will keep your child's information up to date! They will be due by the first week of school, September 5-8th.

