

January 2020

Grace House Preschool



**Tuition is late after
January 10th!**

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 6th - Return to School
Jan. 15th - Staff Meeting
Jan. 17th - Scholastic
Orders Due
Jan. 20th - No School, MLK
Holiday
Jan. 21st and 22nd -
Pancakes with Grandfriends
Jan. 21st - 100 Acts of
Kindness Starts
Jan. 23rd & 24th - No School
(possible snow make up
days)
Feb. 3rd - Feb. 7th
2020-2021 Registration for
GHP families only
Feb. 10th - 2020-2021
Registration open to the
public
Feb. 14th - 100 Acts of
Kindness Ends
Feb. 14th - 100th Day of
School

Happy New Year!

We are so glad that each of you has returned to Grace House in this New Year. We hope your child learns lots of new things while they are here, but most of all we want to teach your children about how much God loves them. One of the ways he loves us is through the kindness and service of others toward us. Our parent's love, the doctor's care, the soldier risking his life, the firefighter ready at a moment's notice; all of these things are examples of God working through others to love and care for us. This month we will be looking at both the life of Jesus and of Martin Luther King Jr. as examples of loving others and beginning January 21st we will start logging all of the acts of kindness that we see the children doing while at school and you too can log the ones you see at home. Our goal is to reach at least 100 acts before Valentines Day. So be on the lookout and help us encourage our children to show the love of Jesus to others.

Ms. Lori

Spring Consignment Sale Dates!

March 12th - 14th

Here are some of the opportunities you have to help...

pricing donated items

posting signs, then collecting them

flyer distribution to local preschools and daycares

set up/**clean up**

accepting items, Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening
from 5 to 7 pm.

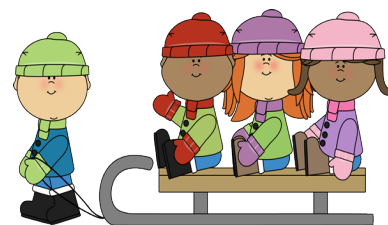
donating baked goods to our bake sale

working the actual sale, **especially Saturday morning**

delivering donated items on Saturday to Next Step

If you have anything you wish to donate to the sale, you may go ahead and drop off the items. If you are available to price the items that are donated, please let Lori know. Also tags are for sale in the preschool office, 50/\$1.

Remember, volunteers will have a private sale just for them on Thursday, March 12th at noon!



Gotta Play Outside!

Children will play outside daily even in the cold, so outerwear such as hats, gloves, and warm coats should be sent with your child daily. Don't worry; our playground is nice and warm when the sun shines because it is close to our brick building.



Scholastic book orders are due January 17th. Take advantage of great prices on books for your home library!

Everyone needs a change of winter clothes in your book bag!

Don't forget to change over to winter clothes and please bring back any clothes that we have loaned your child.

No School

Our preschool will be closed on Monday, January 20th due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as well as January 23rd and 24th. Enjoy your long weekends!

Inclement Weather (Snow Days) Policy

When Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we are **closed**. If WSFCS are on a one or two hour delay, we open preschool at **10:00 am**.

Spring Sale Cont.

The sale is vital to the operation and sustainability of the preschool. Volunteers are essential to the sale. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the preschool hallway soon. Thanks in advance!

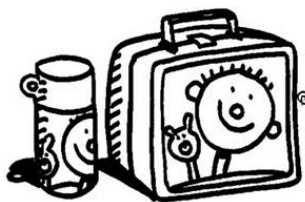
2020 – 2021 Registration

The first week of February is when we begin pre-registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Families that are currently enrolled at Grace House will be given the opportunity to register before extending the invitation to the general public.

The registration fee for the 2020-2021 school will be announced by the first of February. It is non-refundable, and must accompany the registration form in order to save your spot for next year.

State law requires immunization forms to be submitted for every student enrolled in our program. Each child must have a current immunization record on file in order to attend class on the first day of school. Open House will be held in early September.

If you have any questions regarding your child's registration, please let Ms. Lori in the office know.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch bunch is available every day of the week. It is a time for the kids to eat lunch with their friends and get a little more time to play before going home. It

is great practice for our four year olds to acclimate to eating in the cafeteria in Kindergarten. It gives our 2 and 3 yr olds a chance to learn from the big kids about how to sit and eat at the table. The cost is \$5 per child, per day. If you sign up to stay every day that your child attends preschool in advance, the rate drops to \$3 per day. Both sign up sheets are on the preschool bulletin board. We hope your child(ren) will join us.

Grace House Sick Policy

Please take a moment to review our sick policy. It is in your parent handbook as well as posted by the classroom doors. The policy is in place for everyone's protection. One detail to note, it should be 24 hours since the last episode of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea before your child returns to school. If they have recently been sick we want to make sure the illness is completely gone. Thanks for your help and courtesy to others.



Save the Date!

We invite all Grandparents or Grandfriends of our Grace House students to come and enjoy a pancake breakfast with them on January 21st and 22nd at 9 am in our fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!



Enrichment

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. In Enrichment this month we will be reading stories about winter, and since we can't have winter without snow we will also have fun exploring, playing, and learning about snow! As always it is a pleasure seeing your children each week during enrichment. Your children bring lots of joy and smiles to Grace House Preschool. Quick reminder, don't forget to bring back your library books and bags each week. Thank you!
Ms. Andrea



Little Peeps (Toddler)

Happy New Year! I can't believe it is 2020 already. We want to congratulate Greta on becoming a big sister last month! In January our animal will be a penguin and our color will be black. We are also going to learn about winter! We are hoping to have lots of sensory time learning about how cold feels, how things get cold and what happens to different items when they get cold. We are also hoping to have some dramatic playtime to exercise our gross motor skills by putting on and taking off winter hats, mittens and scarves. We will continue to working on taking turns, keeping our hands to ourselves, and listening. Thank you again for sharing your child with us! It is such an honor to get to love on them and watch them grow and learn! Ms. Christy, Ms. Ally & Ms. Jessica



Shooting Stars (2 yr)

Happy New Year! Mrs. Jennifer and I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas break! In the month of

January we will be learning about Jesus' life and His love for us. We will also learn about winter, snow, and the letters M, N, and O. Our color of the month is white and our shape is a square. Our animal this month is the polar bear! When the weather permits we will be going outside so please don't forget those coats and hats! Mrs. Jennifer and I are looking forward to another great month with your Shooting Stars! Thanks for sharing your precious children with us. Ms. Kristen and Ms. Jennifer



Explorers (3 yr)

Welcome back to preschool and Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a special time with your family over the Christmas holiday. In January we will jump into learning all about the winter season and the snow and cold that it brings. The Explorers will do a science experiment on making frost and melting ice. We will make snow in our class for the kids to play with and try out some ice skating around our classroom. We might even have a fun snowball fight. The class will learn about how animals survive in the cold months. We will work on our cutting skills and start talking about position words and sequencing. Our letters for the month will be K thru N and our numbers will focus on 10-12. The Explorers will learn about David and how he trusted God to be with him for our Bible verse this month. The kids are doing an amazing job with tracing their names each day on their afternoon work. We will start having them try to write it on their own this month. They are even able to recognize many of their friend's names. In class, the children are working on putting on and taking off their own jacket. Please continue working with them on zipping it. This is a great skill for their age. Please remember each day we will try to go to the playground if weather permits so wear sneakers, a coat, and a hat if needed. Thanks for sharing your child with us. Mrs. Beth and Mrs. Mona



Busy Bears (4 yr)

Happy New Year Busy Bears!

Welcome to the year 2020 and the year your Busy Bear will leave us and go on to Kindergarten in the fall. With that being said, we are kicking into high gear to prepare them for their new adventure. We are constantly working on self-help skills, building relationships with our friends, and respect for our teachers and classmates. Our themes for the month of January will be winter, penguins, space and the planets, as well as Dr. Martin Luther King with a focus on how we are alike and different, but we are all children of God. We will begin talking about how being kind can spread his love to all those we meet. Be on the look out for more information about 100 Acts of Kindness.

The focus of our bible stories this month will be on the parables that Jesus told to help teach people how to live as God wants us to live. We will read The Good Samaritan and discuss ways that we can help others. Our bible verse for this month: Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to each other, forgiving each other, just as in Christ Jesus forgave you."

We will be continuing with our alphabet working on mastering those uppercase letters and moving onto lowercase. As we get closer and closer to the 100th day of school we will still be working on different ways to count to 100. Our and shape is an oval and our colors are white and blue.

We will be offering "On Track to Kindergarten" homework sheets at the first of the month. These are little activities for each day of the week. There may be a coloring or writing activity or possibly just singing a song. They will be optional. I will send one home with every child the first week back. If you do not wish to continue in the month of February just let us know. They are a fun way to get your future kindergartener excited and ready for homework.

Ms. Christy, Ms. Ann, and Ms. Laura



Art Class

Angels and gingerbread - well yes, that was December in art class.

Tradition at Grace House is for our 4 year old classes to decorate gingerbread houses. This year the younger classes decorated a gingerbread man. It was fun to see their faces "light up" over their achievements.

As we look forward to the New Year, we have lots more to create. First will be a combination of paint and crayons to imitate a famous painting. It is such fun to work with the children and to also work with all of the other teachers. Their ideas and caring inspire me. May this New Year be one of the best that God has created for you. Ms. Mona

Kindergarten Information

Our four-year-old classes will be going on a field trip to a local elementary school sometime this spring. If you decide to keep your 4 year old in preschool for one more year, Grace House would welcome your child back for another year to further strengthen his or her academic skills as well as their social and emotional development.

Grace House Wish List

If you (or someone you know) is getting rid of any of the following items Grace House would love to give you a tax deductible receipt for them.

1. bird seed
2. some leftover one way reflective film for windows (not much needed).
3. paver stones, any size
4. a small amount of safety fence (looks like a plastic chicken wire fence)
5. play structures suitable for toddlers (ie slides low to the ground, the slide/swing combo set from Little Tikes, etc.)
6. potting soil
7. children's size picnic table (outdoor) or table and chairs (indoor or outdoor)
8. changing table - preferable longer than 32 inches
9. Clothes, jacket and socks to fit 12 months to a 2 yr., boy or girl, summer and winter.
10. Socks for all preschool ages.
11. Toys such as Calico Critters, Rescue Heroes, Littlest Pet Shop, play binoculars, play baby doll bottles, and larger plastic animals other than dinosaurs.



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