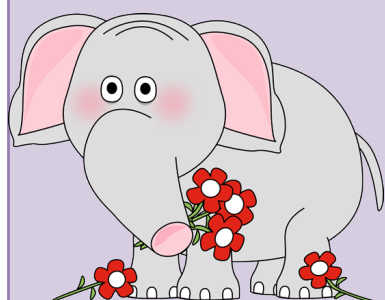


February 2020

Grace House Preschool



**Tuition is due on
February 1st!**

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 3rd - 2020-2021
registration begins for
current GHP families

Feb. 10th - Registration
opens to the public

Feb. 12th -14th - Valentine
Parties

Feb. 12th - Staff Meeting

Feb. 15th - Dental
Hygienist Visit

Feb. 14th - 100 Acts of
Kindness Ends

Feb. 14th - Scholastic Book
Orders Due

Feb. 20th - Dental
Hygienist Visit

March 2nd - 6th - Read
Across America Week!

March 12th - 14th - Spring
Consignment Sale

March 16th - Possible
Teacher Workday, No
School

March 30th - No School

Winter Greetings!

Some of you may know that I was the enrichment teacher here at Grace House in 2012 - 2013. That was the year that I started the 100 Acts of Kindness project. I was inspired by one of my heroes, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was quoted as saying, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that." He also said, "I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great a burden to bear." So from Dr. King's birthday to Valentine's Day I challenged the children to accumulate 100 acts of kindness that they could do for others. The project continues every year and this month we are counting up another 100 acts of kindness. Teachers are on the lookout for acts of kindness and you as parents can be as well. When you see your child demonstrating kindness to someone else, jot a note down and put it in your child's folder and we will add it to our bulletin board. Let's see if we can pass 100!

Blessings,
Lori

preschool registration



Registration Information for the 2020 - 2021 School Year

We will begin accepting
registration for the 2020 - 2021
school year this month. Current

preschool families will have the opportunity to register their children before we open it up to the public on February 10th. Look for a registration form on the table under the lunch bunch sign up sheet. There is a \$40 registration fee due with the enrollment form in order to save your spot. (\$35 for each additional child) After April 30th the registration fee will increase to \$45 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year all children must be 1 year old by August 31, 2020 in order to enroll at Grace House. We hope all of our families will be back next year. If you have any questions, please see Lori.





Spring Consignment Sale

Twice a year our school has its biggest fundraiser, the consignment sale, and we desperately need as many volunteers as we can possibly get to help with this project.

As with any fundraiser it doesn't happen without lots of help. There are things that can be done before and after the sale as well as during the week of the sale. **Most importantly and difficult to secure are**

volunteers for the actual sale shifts on Friday and Saturday and the clean up shift.

If you could please plan to help with this sale it would be a tremendous gift!

Here is a list of areas for which you can volunteer and there will be a list on the sign up board as well. Thank you in advance for your time and help with the upcoming sale on March 12th - 14th.

- pricing donated items
- delivery of flyers and posters to local schools, daycares, and public bulletin boards
- put up and take down yard signs in the community
- donating to the bake sale
- being a consigner
- working the set up shift, receiving shifts, sale shifts, or clean up shift
- providing childcare for volunteers on Saturday
- taking donated items to Next Step on Saturday afternoon

Items for consignment will be accepted the Tuesday and Wednesday before the sale both during the morning and the evening (March 10 and 11). Donated items can be dropped off now during preschool hours so we can get them ready for sale. Thank you so much!

Read Across America Week March 2nd – 6th



We have a super fun week planned in celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday. We can't wait to read a lot of great books!

We thought it would add to the fun to have a school spirit week to go along with our themes. Here is how we will celebrate each day.

Monday - March 2nd

Crazy Hair Day - Wear that crazy hair!

Tuesday - March 3rd

Wear Stripes or Crazy Socks Day

Wednesday - March 4th

Wacky Tacky Day- Wear your wackiest and tackiest!

Thursday - March 5th

PJ Day - Wear your pjs!

Friday - March 6th

Green Day - Wear green or your Grace House shirt!!



Enrichment

During the month of February we will continue to carry out our Acts of Kindness theme. Parents please continue to help us by taking notes of all of the acts of kindness you see at home as well. This month we will also explore activities related to Ground Hog Day and Valentines Day. Come on early spring! We will play, learn, and create as we venture into some new stories. Please remember to send your book and bag back to school each week. It is always a pleasure to spend time with your children each week. Ms. Andrea



Little Peeps

Happy Valentines Day! The Little Peeps would like to welcome two new friends River and Nelle to our class. We are so glad you both are with us. This month our color is purple and our animal is a rabbit. Our theme is God is Good. We will continue to learn more about winter. We are continuing to use simple signs but are encouraging the "Peeps" to use their words. We also are working on using "walking feet" in the classroom so we don't trip and fall. We will go outside if weather permits, so please make sure to send a coat and hat! Thank you again for the joy of teaching your children. Ms. Christy, Ms. Ally & Ms. Jessica



Shooting Stars

Our shooting stars are busy with learning, sharing, and having a blast playing with each other and creating friendships! They do a great job lining up on our colored tape, sitting at chapel and during circle time! Our color this month is pink and our shape is a heart. We will learn and do crafts with

the letters P, Q, R and S. Our animal this month will be penguins. Our verse is Matthew 22:39; And the second is like unto it, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. We will continue to learn about Jesus' love for us. Some of our shooting stars are learning bathroom skills and we will continue to work with them as you let us know they are ready for that step. Our days outside have been few due to the weather, but we will go out as much as possible. Please be sure they have their necessary clothing to be outside for at least 15 minutes.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a party on February 14. There will be a sign up sheet outside our door if you would like to contribute to our special snack. There will also be a time to exchange valentines if you would like! There will be an updated buddy list in your child's folder. Please let myself or Mrs. Jennifer know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for sharing your sweet children with us! Ms. Kristen and Ms. Jennifer



Explorers

Happy Valentine's Day! What a fun January we had in the Explorer's Class with all things winter! We enjoyed making snow and frost in our classroom. The kids are beginning to understand the months of the year and the four seasons.

In February, we look forward to learning about God's love and how we can love each other. We will talk about how God has special plans for all of us. The Explorers will also learn about healthy eating habits. The preschool will have a special visitor to help teach the children about dental health. We will conduct a couple of experiments on how sugary foods affect our teeth. Our class will have a Valentine's Day party on Feb. 13 and 14. There will be an updated class list sent home if you wish for your child to make Valentines to exchange. (Please note: if you send in candy with the valentines - please make sure it is peanut free). A highlight of the month will be learning all about dinosaurs. We will have a day for showing

off our pets (with photos only) and how much we love them. Our letters of the month are N - Q and we will continue learning the numbers up to 13 and counting backwards. We will continue with our 100 acts of kindness. Please remember to let us know if your child did something especially nice. They are doing a great job so far! The Explorer's class is such a joy. It has been fun spending time with each of them and getting to know them. Mrs. Beth and Mrs. Mona



Busy Bears

February is here and with it brings so many fun things on our calendar like our 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. We continue to concentrate on preparing your Busy Bear to be a little more independent, a skill that will help them once they leave us to attend Kindergarten.

We will kick off our month with Groundhog Day. As a class we will make predictions on whether or not Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow and possibly be more winter, or will he come out and not see his shadow and bring us an early spring. (wink, wink)

Our 100th day will be on Feb 14th. (Weather permitting, if there are snow days look for a new date.) There will be a ton of fun centers and lots of counting going on that day. Please be on the look out for a take home activity; it will be a note about collecting 100 objects to bring in to share with the class.

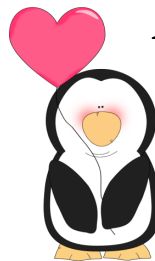
We will have a class Valentine party on Wednesday, February 12th. Everyone is encouraged to bring a valentine to share with each of their friends. You can find the class list in the back of their snail mail folder. There will also be a class sign up outside the classroom for a special snack. I will post this to Class Dojo as well.

We will continue to review our letters and numbers all month. We will do this with various activities and games. They will be counting to 10 in Spanish as well. Our color for the month will be pink and our shape will be the heart of

course. We will be using items such as candy hearts for math and science projects. On February 20th it will be Love Your Pet day, so we are encouraging every child to bring a photo of their pets to share with the class. We will talk about what it means to have a pet and how to take care of them. There will be a "veterinarian" center for dramatic play.

Our Bible story this month will be Zacchaeus. This story teaches us about the acceptance that Jesus showed to all people, even a disliked tax collector. Our Bible verses will be John 3:16 and Corinthians 13:4.

February is a short month but very full of activities. We hope to encourage each and every one of them to be their best self, to be good citizens during class time, and to be a good friend. Ms. Christy, Ms. Ann, and Ms. Laura



Art Class

Art Class will feature painting this month. We are going to use various brushes and types of paper. We will use all of the special days in February as inspiration for our projects. Enjoy their creations!



Make It Fresh Monday!

This is an opportunity to bring in fresh food for snack on Mondays or Tuesdays. We are hoping to introduce our students to more of a variety of fresh foods and maybe help them find a new favorite. Don't be afraid to mix it up a little. Healthy options are welcome such as fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, and pumpkin seeds. However, we cannot serve any tree nuts or peanuts. We are not looking for sweets such as cookies, ice cream, or candy and we want to stay away from processed foods as well. Please bring your donation washed, peeled, cut and ready to serve. Thanks in advance for your help with this project!

Grace Presbyterian Events

GRACE HOUSE FAMILIES ARE ALWAYS INVITED TO ATTEND!

THE JOEL MCCLAIN MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE will be held at Grace on February 22 from 9am to 1:00pm.

LADIES' SPRING BIBLE STUDES continue weekly with several opportunities to participate including Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, and Wednesday evening. Bible studies are held at Grace Presbyterian members' houses, however, Grace House moms are welcome to attend. Please see Lori for details.


MISSIONS CONFERENCE: WHAT IS YOUR MISSION VISION? GPC's annual missions weekend is February 7-9. We will gather Friday evening to eat party food and learn more about the missions we support. Sunday we will have a brunch with mission speakers at 9:30am as well as worship at 10:30am. More details are on Grace Presbyterian Church's website and Facebook page.

BUILDING EXTERIOR WORKDAY: February 15th from 8 am to noon. We will be working outside.

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Don't forget we have a possible Teacher Workday scheduled for Monday, March 16th. If we have any snow days between now and then, this workday will be canceled. This is a new addition to the calendar and will be used for staff training.