



Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Preschool Newsletter January 2017

PARENT NOTES:

- Happy New Year! Welcome back to Fort Hill Preschool. We enjoyed seeing all of you at our Christmas program last month. Preschoolers delight in the lights, colors, sights and the sounds of the Christmas season. It is always a joy to see Christmas through their eyes. Thanks for all of the delicious goodies so many of you provided for refreshments. We have an assortment of Christmas platters and dishes left behind - please let me know if you would like yours returned.
- We do play outside on dry days, even if the weather is chilly outside. Be sure to send weather-appropriate outerwear with your child. Please label coats and hats so we can get them back to their rightful owners should they become separated.
- There is **no school on Monday, January 16th** due to the MLK, Jr. Holiday.
- I will be out the week of the 23rd - please do not text me changes in transportation plans. I will not get them! Contact your child's teacher directly or the church (864-654-2061) with any important information.
- It is important to update your teachers and myself with any contact phone numbers, email addresses, changes in who may pick-up your child, etc. that may have changed since September. Thanks!
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd and Friday, March 3rd, 2017. **There is no school on both of these days.** Conference time is a brief and special time to speak with your child's teachers about his or her progress. **It is not appropriate to bring your preschooler with you to your conference.** In the past, parents have swapped out child care on our playground or at another Fort Hill friend's home. Teachers will contact you next month with schedules.
- Registration forms for children attending Fort Hill Preschool will be sent home in your child's backpack during the last week of January. Registration for the 2017-18 school year begins on Monday, February 13th at 9:15 a.m. **Applications will not be accepted prior to the first day of registration.** Registration priorities include Fort Hill Presbyterian Church members, currently enrolled children, and then the siblings of those currently enrolled. Priority registration is in effect through February 27th.

- Mark your calendars: we will be having a first ever fundraising spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Sunday, March 5th. You will be receiving more information over the next several weeks. Please consider donating to the silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Hazel Sparks Scholarship Fund. Thank you in advance for helping to make this event fun and successful.
- Kindergarten registration occurs in January; please check with your child's school for dates and registration requirements.
- The fours' classes will be attending a performance at the Brooks Center on January 11th. Permission slips went home yesterday and need to be returned by this Friday. Please note that you are responsible for transportation both ways at the times indicated on the permission slip; no early morning care for four year old classes/students on that day. Please contact me if this is impossible and we will try and make special arrangements for your child.
- Tax letters will go home in backpacks later this week or next week.
- We continue to perform monthly head checks for lice, as winter is the season for these pesky creatures.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER: WE FOLLOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN. IF PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE ON A DELAY OR ARE CLOSED, WE WILL BE CLOSED. IF WE STRAY FROM THE PLAN, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL, TEXT, OR PHONE CALL.**

A friend loves at all times..."
Proverbs 17:17