



April

IMPORTANT DATES

- ☂ March 30th-April 6: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
- ☂ April 30th: Snow makeup day-School's on!
- ☂ May 11th: 4 year olds Mother's Day Tea

Staff Bios of the Month:

2 day THREE year old teachers

Jenn Swain: I received my BS in Early Childhood from College of Charleston, and am currently preparing to pursue a masters in Early Childhood Education. I have been teaching for 17 years. Six of those years were in Boston, working in the Boston University's Children Center. Living there was an amazing experience, but our family is from South Carolina, and after 11 years, it was time to come home! We still love the Red Sox, and Patriots! This is my fourth year at Fort Hill (my Clemson family), and I look forward to being here next year! I am married to a Clemson professor, and have two amazing boys!! Elliott (14), and Sam (10). They are best friends, and my heart!! Thank you for sharing your children with us! I absolutely love working with young children. It is my passion, it is exciting, and I enjoy every bit of it!

Janet Harrell : This is my 16th year at Fort Hill Church. I started in the Mother's Morning Out program and then transitioned into the Preschool program. My husband Rod is a professor at Clemson University. We have three children: Tyler who is in Medical School, Courtney who is a NICU nurse in Orlando, FL, and Chad who is a Junior at Clemson. Chad first attended preschool at Fort Hill in the 2-year old class and continued through kindergarten. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Fort Hill. Working with all the children throughout the years has been a joy, and I especially love working with 3-year olds as this is such a fun age.

Wow! It is hard to believe we are approaching Easter Sunday. We have so much to celebrate and are thankful for this time to share about Jesus and what he has done for us. If you need any resources to continue these conversations at home please reach out to me!

NEWS

- ☂ Spring break is next week. There will be **no school this Friday, March 30th thru April 6th**. School will resume April 9th.
- ☂ Priority registration is now closed. Most of our classes are full with waiting lists. If your plans have changed please let me know as soon as possible.
- ☂ Now is a good time to revisit our policies and procedures. They are posted on the preschool website as well as in our handbook that was sent home the beginning of the year. Reminder please no sippy cups, rolling backpacks, or umbrellas.
- ☂ We will have school April 30th. This is a snow makeup day for Pickens County Schools. Our policy states we do not have to make this up but our teachers have worked it out and we will have school this day! Make this change to your calendar!
- ☂ Pick-up starts at 11:45 and concludes by 11:55 most days. Due to an increased number of children being picked up late repeatedly, we are instituting a policy of charging \$1/minute for getting here after 12 noon. Picking your child up late is disruptive to not only your child, but to the teachers and their schedules. Time after the children are gone is used for meetings, classroom clean-up and set up for the following day. We understand this happening from time to time but please be prepared to pay this penalty for repeated occurrences.
- ☂ In May we will begin cleaning toys. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help us accomplish this tedious task. Your help is greatly appreciated. Look for more information to come in the next newsletter.
- ☂ Four year old classes please mark your calendars for the Mother's Day Tea. The tea is scheduled for May 11th at 11:00. This is a special time for the 4 year olds and their mothers. Tea and tissues will be provided 😊.

****ATTENTION****

Tuition is due by the 5th of the month. Payments can be dropped off in the little red school house located outside the director's office.

Scholastic book orders can be done online. I will be submitting orders on April 18th. The preschool code is MHWVZ.