



# Ascension Lutheran Church Preschool

Love • Learn • Grow

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!

It appears that winter is here! First time we have had significant snow in the last couple of years. Hope that everyone is enjoying it!!

We will monitor the outside conditions to determine if it is safe to have the children outside on the playground. We make every attempt to get out in the fresh air when ever possible, even if it is just for a short period of time.

We are also outside for carpool so **please make sure your child has:**

- \* Warm coat
- \* Hat
- \* Mittens

Reminder that we follow BCPS for inclement weather days. If they close then we are closed. If they open late we open **1 hour late** and dismiss at normal time. Early closing will depend on how early BCPS closes. We will also send a message through Brightwheel.

## Registration is now open to the community

- \* We currently only have a few spaces available in some of our classes. If you did not register during our priority registration period and you intend for your child to attend Ascension next year, be sure to register now.
- \* If you know of any one who is looking for a preschool please have them contact the school office and I would be happy to give them a tour.
- \* Our families are our best advertisement. Thank you for spreading the good word about our school.

January/February 2024

## Important Dates

Monthly tuition due	2/1
Parent info Session: "Preschool Behaviors" Let us know if you want to attend	2/6 9:30 am
Summer Fun Registration opens	2/15
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Presidents day	2/19
School closed Teacher in service day	2/20
Tuition Due	3/1
Donuts with Dad/VIP Miss Katie's class Miss Charlottes class	3/7 3/14
Photo Days Info will follow on which day is your child's day.	3/12 & 3/13

# Summer Fun

Registration for the summer fun sessions will open February 15th! More information is on our website.

## Lunch Bunch

- ◆ If your child has not come to any lunch bunches yet this year you might want to consider having them try it out.
- ◆ You do not need to commit to the whole month you can just sign them up for 1 day to see how it goes.
- ◆ Please remember to send in **NUT FREE** lunches only. It is helpful for the teachers if you label it Sun or Soy butter.
- ◆ Please no glass containers.



# Happenings in our Specials

## Science/Art

### January:

#### **4's**

This month in Art/Science we will learn about Sculptor, Alexander Calder. We used his stabile technique to make our artwork really POP! We experimented with static electricity and then created a piece of art using the balloons we experimented with. Using the idea of stretch from The Mitten by Jan Brett, we will see what materials stretch and which do not. Then, we will create a piece of art using rubber bands! Lastly, we will study a little forensic science by using fingerprints to find out who stole the cookie from the cookie jar.

#### **3's**

This month in Art/Science we will also learn about sculptor, Alexander Calder. We will use his technique of balance to create a mobile. We experimented with static and made firework art to celebrate the new year. After learning about how animals use camouflage in the wild, we created a polar bear using forks instead of paint brushes. We will learn the importance of fish scales and will create a piece of art accentuating the scales by using celery to create our scale patterns. Lastly we will mix primary colors to make new colors (secondary).

### February:

#### **4's**

We will start the month learning about the Chinese New Year and create a piece of dragon art! Then we will use shapes to write a coded message. Lastly, we will begin our study of artist, Alma Thomas by making cool and warm color art.

#### **3's**

This month in the 3's we will create artwork to celebrate winter! First, we will celebrate the Year of the Dragon when we learn about the Chinese New Year. Then, we will see what happens when we freeze paint, build a home for a penguin, and work on a snowy day collage.

## Music

**January:** All ages...

We are using movement, activities and games to enhance our songs about snow and cold weather animals!

**February:**

The 2's classes will use rubber duckies to add some fun and movement to bird, duck, bubble, bath time and lovey songs.

The 3's and 4's classes will be singing about pet love and friendship this month. We will use matching, counting, sharing, and movement to enrich songs.

## Creative Movement

**January:**

The children are focusing on Tossing and Catching this month with Miss Brook & Miss Katie

**February:**

They will be enjoying activities that focus on Balance.

## Intro to Dance program

The children who are participating in this afterschool program are learning different aspects of dance.

The theme is animals in January and Disney in February