



Preschool Press

Trinity Lutheran Pręschool

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One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'" Mark 12:28:31

Happy New Year! **Happy New Year!** Happy New Year!

Wow, it is hard to believe that half of the school year is gone! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and you are ready for 2017. I know that God has a lot of plans for all of us for this year. Always pray and God will guide you to the right path. Enjoy your new year!

The staff and I would like to say "thank you" to everyone for the wonderful gifts that were given to us for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



Reminder! Pręschool will be closed Monday January 16th for Public School Holiday of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Reminder! Please continue to collect aluminum cans, used postage stamps and Campbell Soup Labels for the pręschool!

THANKS Thanks to everyone for all you do in your help and support of the pręschool.




Food Pantry!

The children and parents had a great time delivering the food to the Sealy Christian Food Pantry on Friday December 16th. Each year it is amazing how much food is collected.

Thanks to all the pręschool parents and their children, along with Cotton Boll Quilters, Ladies Aid Society, and Church Members. We thank you for all the food collected! Thank you to the Food Pantry for informing the children why the Sealy Christian Food Pantry is so important to the community.

The children were so cute taking their walking field trip to the Pantry with the parents pulling the wagons. Most of all the children learn why we collect the food and the procedure of how food is given to the ones in need.

 **Themes!** The theme for the month of January is Community Helpers, such as doctors, firemen, policemen, veterinarians and many more. The children will play out roles in their classrooms and learn the importance of these careers and how people serve and help the community.

The letters for the month for the classes that are ready to move on are P, L, U, G, and H. The shape and color for the classes will be learning are SQUARE and YELLOW.

The Bible Stories for the month are:

Jan. 2nd - Jan. 6th

Jan. 2nd-4th Preschool Closed

"A Sick Servant"

Jan. 9th - Jan. 13th

"The Farmer's Seed"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"A Tiny Seed and a Big Tree"

Jan. 16th - Jan. 20th

Jan. 16th Preschool Closed

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"The Net"

Jan. 23rd - Jan. 27th

"The Treasure and the Pearl"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Wind and the Waves"

Jan. 30th

One Touch

The Bible Verse for the month is:
"Trust in the Lord and do Good" Psalm

37:3. The Commandment for the month is: **You Shall Not Murder**. The children will learn the meaning that we should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The children will also learn the Commandment: **You Shall Not Commit Adultery**. The children will learn the meaning that we should fear and love God so that we lead a pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.



Dress As A Community Helper! On Wednesday, January 25th we would like the children to come to school as one of their favorite community helpers! During the entire month we will be learning about our community and how our community helpers provide the necessities for us to live a better life.

Who knows what these little preschoolers will be when they grow up. But what an opportunity to have them dress and act out a role who they think is an important part of their lives and the encouragement to grow and become one.



Junior Inspector Training! Eric Gum and his partners from the Sealy Police Department will come to the preschool to talk to the children about

law enforcement on Thursday, January 12th at 9:00 am.

This theme will help inform children about the role of the police. Their job is to enforce the law. They do this in many different ways, by patrolling the streets, getting to know the people who live in the town, helping people who have accidents, directing traffic to avoid accidents and more.

The children will pretend they are police officers or detectives to look for the clues. Children in groups of 5-10 will have to solve an imaginary case using special clues hidden throughout the building. What fun these children will have and who knows if one would like to become a police officer or detective.



Wear Yellow Day!

On Wednesday January 11th the children can wear the color YELLOW to reinforce the color for the month.

Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program we have that gives an opportunity to share their family with everyone. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

Your child should bring about five to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the gym. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be

family of the week. Families of the Week for the month of January are:

Jan. 2nd - Jan. 6th

No Family

Jan. 9th - Jan. 13th

Aubrey Lockstedt

Bailey Lopez

Jan. 16th - Jan. 20th

Lucia Lopez

Finley Krampitz

Jan. 23rd - Jan. 27th

Gabby Matus

Lucas Mlcak

Jan. 30th - Feb 3th.

Olivia Mock

Paige Nanez

Please hand your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Crazy Hat Day! On Friday January 13th, the children are having a Crazy Hat Day! This is a fun day for the children to wear or decorate a hat and make it as silly as possible to wear to preschool.

We always enjoy and love to see the children on any silly day because they are so cute and adorable! I love when the parents help their children get very creative on any silly day. So decorate a hat and make it silly!



Popcorn and Movie Day! Did you know the official popcorn month is in October but according to the tradition the national popcorn day is celebrated on

January 19th? Did you know that the Native Americans actually discovered "Corn Popping." Popcorn became famous during the Great Depression of 1933 that spread across the world and United States. During the depression, popcorn was considered a snack food.

During the days of the Great Depression, corn was the only weapon for the struggling farmers of America who used it to raise their income. Today, we rely heavily on microwavable popcorn, which was introduced in the 1980s. To celebrate National Popcorn Day, children may bring popcorn and enjoy it while watching a movie with their friends!

On Friday January 27th, the preschoolers will enjoy the history of popcorn along with a movie. Please have your child bring a snack bag of popcorn to preschool and a boxed drink so we can enjoy our popcorn with a movie. The preschoolers will watch a Veggie Tale Movie.




At Home Safety! Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Safety at Home. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn what to do if someone comes to the front door. Do I answer the door or what do I do? Mr. Gary will also talk to the children about telephones, guns, matches,

electricity, household products and helmet safety.

Some of us have swimming pools, so he will talk to the children about pool safety, floods, streams, creeks and other water safety issues.

He will talk to the children about storms, lightning and tornadoes and what we need to do about critters such as raccoons, good snakes, bad snakes, spiders, bees and much more.

All this will take place on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 am. Maybe your child will come home and teach you a little about safety at home!

 **Camouflage Day!** On Friday January 20th, the preschoolers can come dressed in camouflage pants, tops, hats etc. This can be any color of camouflage and if you do not have camouflage, just wear the colors of camouflage.

Camouflage also means to hide, just like Jesus hid in the tomb for three days before he joined God. But even though we are blended, God still wants us to stand out. So don't forget Camouflage Day!

A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart.

~Author Unknown

In Christ, Ms. Maggie