

Newsletter

COURTHOUSE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & AFTERCARE



November 2020

Happy Fall! We hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. We wanted to take this time to thank all of you for the amazing understanding and support of all of us at CCPA as we navigate through all the new safety and health requirements. The entire CCPA staff has stepped up and we appreciate all that they do to keep our children in school! There is so much joy and laughter filling our school each day, and this would not be possible without the amazing support of our families. Thanks for being on this new journey with us!



A Few Important Reminders...

We will always continue to take the learning outside! The cooler weather is starting to creep into the air. With the arrival of cold weather come a few changes in what you bring to school. Please make sure that the change of clothes in your child's classroom is weather appropriate. Remember to include not only pants, underwear, and a shirt, but also socks. Also, please dress your child to go outside. Outside play is critical to young children's well-being, and we aim to be outside for at least 30 minutes each day, weather permitting. Our school policy is to go outside every day, with the exception of inclement weather. Make sure your child has a coat, hat, mittens, and scarf as needed for our outside time. Please label everything with your child's name.

Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)

As we approach December, the school's Parent-Teacher Organization will be planning ideas to give gifts for the Church's Food Pantry clients with their Christmas Food Basket. We had to cancel our annual Santa's Workshop, a special day that would provide new and gently used toys for our food pantry guests due to COVID safety regulations. The Santa's Workshop allowed families in need to provide donated items to their children ensuring a Merry Christmas for all! Since we are unable to do that this year, we are hoping to come up with an idea where we can donate a stocking full of small gifts for children. Join us on zoom at the PTO Meeting to discuss. Our next ZOOM PTO Meeting is **Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 in the Studio.**

Upcoming Dates

11/3 - Public school closed/ Preschool open

11/11 - Veteran's Day—CCPA closed

11/17 -PTO Meeting- 6:30 on ZOOM

11/19 & 20 - Progress Reports are sent home

11/ 25 -27 - Thanksgiving Holiday- CCPA closed

12/2-16 - Donation collection for Stockings Stuffers for Food Pantry Clients

Student Birthdays

Hayden G 11/3

Clara 11/8

Ryleigh G 11/11

Bennett 11/14

Sutton 11/16

Ryker 11/17

Braeden 11/18

Avery B 11/24

Miles 11/29

Adalynn 11/30

Staff Birthdays

Ms. Mary K 11/4

Ms. Leah 11/5

Ms. Kenda 11/16

November Chapel Updates and Outreach Projects

This month, we will begin talking about how God provides for us. We will be learning about how Jesus fed the five thousand with bread and fish, and how we can help feed others too. In conjunction with CCUMC, we will be collecting food items to assist in the church's tradition of food pounding. All food we collect will be put together into Thanksgiving boxes and delivered to needy families in the area. Our preschoolers will also be making cards to accompany the food boxes in wishing others in our community a happy holiday. We will begin discussing this project in chapel this week and will be encouraging the children to talk with their families. We suggest involving your child in either earning money to purchase items, selecting the items, or both. We will collect all the items the week of November 9 at chapel. Chapel dates are November 12 and 13. You can send in your food donation anytime that week! *Please purchase from the suggested list to the right.*

CCPA Thanksgiving Feast

Unfortunately, we have to cancel our annual Thanksgiving Feast which was scheduled for November 23 and 24. Just a reminder CCPA will be closed Wednesday, November 25-29 for Thanksgiving. Please be sure to let us now if your child will not be here on 11/23 or 11/24.

Staying Healthy at School

We all know the extra precautions due to COVID and now we are entering into cold and flu season. I wanted to take a moment to review the licensing policy regarding illness in preschool programs. Social services require any child who exhibits any of the following symptoms to be sent home: a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher; vomiting; two bouts of diarrhea; any rash; or significant or colored drainage from eyes or nose. In addition, it is now recommended that your child be picked up if s/he is lethargic or otherwise unable or unwilling to participate in normal activities. By our policy, your child needs to be picked up within one hour of hearing from us. This policy helps us to limit illness exposure for everyone. If your child becomes ill, social services requires that s/he be symptom-free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours before returning. We appreciate your assistance with this. On our end, we practice regular handwashing and use hand wipes frequently. Children are encouraged to use tissues and immediately clean their hands, and teachers disinfect and sanitize classrooms and materials daily. If you are ever interested in making a donation to our school, we can always use the following: tissues, antibacterial hand wipes, disinfecting wipes, Softsoap (must NOT say "keep out of reach of children"), Clorox anywhere spray, or Lysol.



Food Pounding List

- Can of corn
- Can of Sweet Potatoes
- Package of Cornbread mix
- Can of Cranberry Sauce
- Pie Crust (dry mix works best)
- Can of Gravy
- Box of Macaroni & Cheese
- Jar of Jelly
- Can of Evaporated Milk
- Can of Green Beans
- Box/Package of Dressing Mix
- Can of Pumpkin Pie Mix
- Box of Instant Potatoes
- Can of Apple Sauce or Fruit
- Jar of Peanut Butter
- Can of Soup
- \$20 Food Lion/Harris Teeter/Kroger Gift Card

Another option is to give a donation of \$45 on Breeze. Use the drop-down box that says Food Pounding. This would purchase a complete box!