



Parent Information

Summer Camp Registration

In spite of enjoying a warmer than usual winter, I've still been wishing for summer to come. Naturally my thoughts turn to summer camp.

Summer camp registration is beginning now. See the attached registration form. We sent home a hard copy as well today.

This year we will be offering one week of summer camp immediately following the end of school—June 12-16—while the MCPS students are still in school.

We will be offering five different classes this summer, one for each age group plus both a

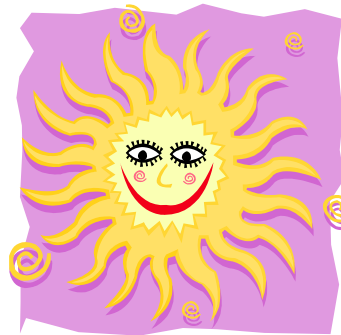
mixed age science and also an art camp.

Each camp will meet daily for the week from 9am-noon. The cost of the week of camp will be \$225 which includes all camp activities and a daily snack. The teachers for each class as well as the themes offered are listed.

Summer camp also offers some fun activities on the playground including bubbles, tubs of shaving cream, sprinklers, and other water play.

Sign up now! Camp only runs if it fills so get your forms in now.

The year is rushing by. Don't forget to get your co-oping done. February and March are great months in which to co-op. Go to sign-up genius to sign up for your days.



February 2017

From: Lee Walsh

Upcoming Events

- ☺ February 10: I Love You Luncheon
- ☺ February 11: AUCTION!! (see story inside)
- ☺ February 15: Advisory Council Meeting at 12:30pm
- ☺ February 15 & 16: Dental Health Visits
- ☺ February 20: No School (Presidents' Day)
- ☺ February 10: Advisory Council Meeting at 12:30pm
- ☺ February 21: Staff Meeting at 12:30pm
- ☺ March 1: Financial Aid Applications due
- ☺ March 6-10: Literacy Week Celebrations & Scholastic Book Fair

CCUMC is hatching chicks!!

Our monthly community activity for February is chick hatching which will begin on February 22nd. We will be supplied with an incubator for some lovely chicken eggs as well as some live little chicks to enjoy. Over the course of the month following their arrival here the classes can chart the progress of the eggs and candle them too!!

In addition, they can study the chicks that we will have. I hope to be able to provide you with pictures of our new hatchlings. I am personally really excited about this activity. We will be keeping everything in the preschool office so come for a visit yourself. The cuteness of these chicks will be hard to resist.



Quinn and Colten enjoying our first day with the chicks last year.

Speech & Language Milestones

Proper speech and language development is essential for enabling a child to make friends, follow directions, express his/her needs and function productively in the classroom. Our teachers are trained to look for children who are not progressing properly, but parents are well-placed to spot difficulties early on. Early intervention for speech and language issues can make a big difference in a child's self-confidence and behavior so here are some milestones to look for in your child(ren).

12 months: Should look at person saying name; follow simple commands, speaks 1-2 words, imitates non speech sounds

18 months: Understands 50 words, can ID 6 body parts or clothing, speaks 15 meaningful words, names 5-7 objects, uses t, d, n, h correctly

24 months: follows new

commands and 2-step related commands, uses 2 word phrases frequently, has 50 words, refers to self by name, early pronouns, can produce different consonant and vowel combos, is intelligible 50% of the time

27 months: Understands the concept of 1 as well as size concepts, uses 3 word phrases frequently and action words

30 months: Understands simple questions, location and spatial phrases as well as pronouns; can ID objects by function, can say greetings, asks questions, and knows how to express negations

33 months: Can ID parts of objects and understands Wh questions. Can speak about personal experiences and knows several verb forms. Converses in sentences.

36 months: Is intelligible 75% of the time; can answer Wh questions, knows

gender, first & last name, and understands descriptive concepts (adjectives); can follow 2-step directions that are unrelated (brush your hair and then go get in the car). They should be able to produce the following letter sounds: m, n, h, w, y, p, b, t, d

Remember that the intelligibility percentage is based on what someone apart from mom or dad can understand as moms and dads can usually understand a great deal more than the average listener.

Should you need a referral for speech and language testing, the preschool office can help you locate private or county-based testing.

Check out the Preschool's Facebook page for pictures and videos of happenings at school.



We will be filming a short video at school on February 15th to post on our website. More details to come.

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Our preschoolers are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day in a few weeks. They eagerly await the chance to share their offerings of friendship with each other. All classes follow the same protocol. You may make or buy the Valentine's for your child's class. Please make sure that there are enough for each student to have one. We ask that

you have your child sign the valentines with his/her name, but **do not** label the valentines to the individual classmates. Doing so makes the process of passing out the valentines that much slower.

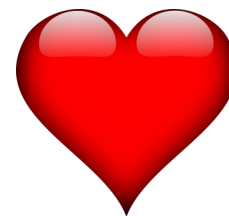
Valentine's parties will be celebrated on a day designated by the teacher. Please see your child's teacher for details.

Financial Aid for 2017-18

Financial Aid applications for the 2017-18 school year are available in the preschool office. If you would like to apply, please turn in your application by March 1. Please consult Lauren should you have any questions.

February is Dental Health Month Love is this month's virtue

February is dental health month so we are excited to end the month with presentations to all the kids that will focus on positive dental hygiene. A dental hygienist from the office of Dr. Ricardo Perez. They will be demonstrating the basics of good brushing using our large tooth model. Children in the pre-K classes will also have the opportunity to look at my wisdom teeth that were extracted 6 years ago. (You know that you are suited for work in a preschool when you are excited to have your wisdom teeth extracted so that you can show them to the kids!) Kids are fascinated by the roots that they see coming from the teeth



This month we will emphasize the virtue of love which is an obvious choice for the month of February. Talk to your children about the many ways that we show our love for each other. Consider reading for yourself *The Five Love Languages of Children* by Gary Chapman. I find it very helpful as a parent. He argues that individuals have a preferred love language (acts of service, physical touch, affirmation with words, gifts, quality time). If we speak a child's love language, then it is more easily felt by the child and gives them the grounding and self-confidence that allows them to be the wonderful people that we hope that they will be.

Auction Excitement

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual CCUMCP Auction on February 11th at the Columbia Country Club!

We have collected a fantastic assortment of raffle and auction items including staycations, dinners, sporting tickets, fitness packages, massage & beauty treatments, wine & beer baskets, amazing class: photos, artwork, baskets and teacher adventures, summer camp packages and more! We will be emailing our full list of items next week so please keep an eye out for it and be sure to plan accordingly!

Silent Auction & Raffle 7:00 - 9:00pm Live Auction 9:30pm

Proceeds from the Auction will be placed in our Capital Improvement Fund that will go towards items like helping us to refresh the preschool playground, to refurbish the bathrooms, and to provide enrichment programs for the children!

There is still time to rsvp! Contact Lauren Bailey at lbailey@chevy Chaseumc.org if you would like to attend.

\$90 per ticket

Wine pull \$20 each ~ \$10 per raffle ticket (5 for \$40)

*Cocktail attire. *Jacket and tie required (no denim please)*

Valet Parking will be available.