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January 12, 2010 Newsletter

Welcome back! It is good to be back into the routine, and especially nice to be back together with our friends. We have lots of exciting plans for 2010. There could be more delay days and closings ahead. Keep your snow day schedule handy, just in case!

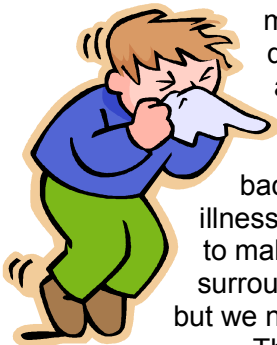
are always glad to know about our students. We worry about them when they are not here.

Parent-Teacher CONFERENCES

On January 19 & 20, we will be having our parent/teacher conferences for parents of 3-, 4- and 5-year-old students. (See the calendar for your child's exact time.) There are sign-up sheets posted by each classroom door. If you are typically not in the building, you may want to call the preschool office and ask Mrs. McMullen or Mrs. Douglas to put your name on the teacher's schedule for you. We are happy to do that for you.

Conferences will happen during your child's school time, and school WILL be in session on that day.

HEALTH NOTE TO REMEMBER



Remember that a child must be free of fever, diarrhea, constant cough and vomiting (when not medicated) for at least 24 hours when coming back to school after an illness. We are doing our best to make sure that your child is surrounded by healthy children, but we need your help.

Thank you for calling us when your child will not be at school. Whether it is due to illness or some other reason, we

Snow Day Information

If weather is questionable,
tune in to any local radio or TV station.

When PWC schools are open - we are open.
When PWC schools are closed - we are closed.
When PWC schools have a delay - we have a delay.

When PWC schools announce a
two-hour delay our schedule will be:

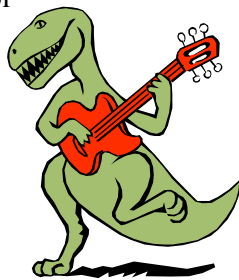
Morning classes	begin at 11:00 AM dismiss at 12:45 PM
Afternoon classes	begin at 1:15 PM dismiss at 3:00 PM

THANK YOU

To the many preschool families who made monetary contributions to the preschool during the holidays, we say a huge collective "Thank You." You can add to our scholarship fund throughout the year, and the holiday donations are really special to us. Your generous gifts will make special things happen here at Good Shepherd --- things that wouldn't happen without you. You are our angels.

DINO-ROCK

Please look at the separate flyer that came home about DinoRock. It is a wonderful enrichment opportunity to which we've been invited. We will have no school that day. Everyone is invited to come see the exciting show at Dale City Baptist Early Learning Program.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

It is hard to believe that it is time for registration already! We will send home a separate information sheet with your child very soon. Each child must re-register each year.

For now be sure to make note of the following dates:

February 2 – Registration open to currently enrolled families and to church families

February 9 – Registration open to “faithful families” – those who have had children in our program in the past, but do not currently have a child with us

February 16 – Registration open to the public

VALENTINES

Our system for valentine-sharing is that each child may bring in a valentine for each of his/her classmates and teachers; however do not put names of who the valentine is "to". The children will enjoy sharing the valentines without concern about reading names. EXCEPTION: Mrs. Stroud's class of 5's. This class WILL put friend's names on the outside of the envelopes.



BEACH WEEK

The week of Jan25-29 will be Beach Week here. Plan to have your child wear swim suit or shorts OVER regular clothes that week. We will have lots of beach fun all week.

OPEN HOUSE

Jan. 25 all day and Jan. 26 AM only

This will be time when those who do not know about Good Shepherd can come, look around and ask questions. You can invite your friends who are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd.

2010

Jan. 4	School Reopens with regular schedule
Jan. 12	Chapel Music AM 3's @ 11:00 AM
Jan. 15	Chapel Music All 4's & 5's and PM 3's @ 11:00 AM & 12:45 PM
Jan. 18	School Closed: Holiday
Jan. 14	Chapel Talk – (11:00 AM) AM 3's only
Jan. 13	Chapel Talk – (11:00 AM) & (2:15 PM 3's) & (2:30 PM 4's & 5's)
Jan. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences - for AM 3's classes – <u>we will have regular classes for all</u>
Jan. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences – for ALL 4's & 5's and for PM 3's – <u>we will have regular classes for all</u>
Jan. 22	DinoRock – enrichment activity at Dale City Baptist at 10:00 AM (separate paper with information went home last week)
Jan.25 - 29	Beach Week – ALL School (sand & water play here at school)
Feb. 1	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Work Day
Feb. 2	REGISTRATION for Fall 2010 begins for Preschool and Church families
Feb. 9/10	Chapel Music
Feb. 11/12	Valentine's Day Parties during regular school day planned by staff
Feb. 15	SCHOOL CLOSED – Holiday
Feb. 17/18	Chapel Talk
Feb. 26	Winter Family Day – Snow & Story at Prince William Ice Arena (more Info later)

All above dates are subject to change.

For your convenience, you will be able to pick up registration packets on or about January 26. (We can send a packet home with your child upon request.) You may also pick up the registration packet when you come to register – filling out the paperwork in advance is not necessary.

For questions, please call the preschool office 703.670.4244