

Preschool Press

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We are so excited for SPRING! We are hoping that the weather will continue to warm up, the sun will begin to shine a bit more, and we can once again get ALL of our classrooms of children outside! Spring is also a time for us to think about new life and growth—both for God's amazing creation, as well as in your children! We are absolutely grateful for you entrusting your precious children to us this past school-year! We look forward to watching their continued growth in these last few weeks of school.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

What a joy it was to share all the growth, learning, and changes your children have made over this past year! For parents who were not able to schedule a conference during the scheduled times, please contact your child's teacher to find a time that is mutually convenient. Of course, any time you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We are here to help in any way we can!



Enrollment

It is not too late to get your child or a child of a friend, neighbor, or family member into our preschool program for next year. We still have room in most of our classes, however the spots have been filling up fast! If you are planning on enrolling your child at Eastminster for another year or if you have younger children you'd like to enroll, please fill out the enrollment form on our brochure or enroll online at : eastminsterkids.org and send in the \$100 enrollment fee or pay that online as well. (If you enroll online, please also send me an email as we've been having some problems receiving all the enrollment forms. Thanks! Brochures can be found on our website or at school. Tuition assistance applications are available if a family is in need of financial assistance. Encourage any interested families to call or email or enroll online at: eastminsterkids.org. Phone messages will be retrieved weekly in the summer and email is checked a few times a week.

Upcoming Dates

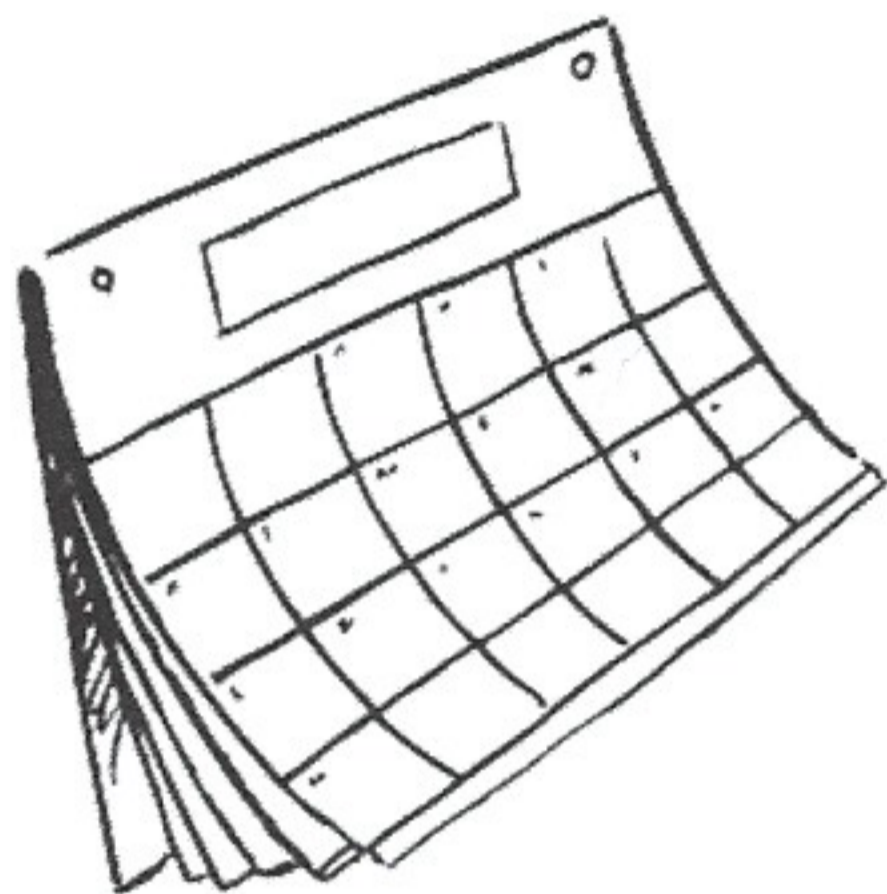
April 25 - May 8 EMPS Art Show on display

April 26/27 Gray Days for 3's classes

May 8 Open House and Art Show 6:30-7:30

May 19 Ada Park Fun Day for children and families 10:30-12:00

May 23/24 Last days of school for this year



Curriculum

Themes:

Threes:

3/27 - 4/20 Farm Animals

4/24 - 5/4 Spring

5/8- 5/24 Bugs!

Fours/Fives:

4/10- 4/20 Pond Life

4/24 - 5/11 Spring

5/15- 5/24 Year-End Fun

Dramatic Play:

Threes:

3/27 - 4/20 Farm

4/24-5/24 Lemonade Stand

Fours/Fives:

4/10-5/4 Pond Life Habitat

5/1- 5/24 Ice Cream Shop

Chicks and Butterflies, Oh My!

Spring will soon be in the air at Eastminster Preschool as we anticipate having baby chicks (hopefully) as well as Painted Lady butterflies! We are hoping our eggs will hatch at school and are hoping our Painted lady caterpillars progress from pupas to chrysalises, and finally to adult butterflies!

We'll be sure to let you know when new birth happens!



Buttercup

We want to thank all of the wonderful Eastminster families who have so lovingly cared for our class guinea pig, Buttercup during this past school year! Now we are in need of some loving homes to stay at during our summer school break. A sign up genius will be emailed to you soon. She is a wonderful pet and a great "low-commitment" opportunity to try out a first-time pet for your family. Cage, food, and bedding are provided— you supply the _____ cuddles and love!





Art Show/Open House

Our Spring Open House is scheduled for Monday May 8 from 6:30—7:30. This will be a time for our families enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year to see where the children will be having class next year and to meet some possible teachers. This will also be a time for any families still searching for a preschool to see what a wonderful school we have here at Eastminster—spread the word to family and friends who may be unfamiliar with us! Our Eastminster Art Show will also be on display, so if you haven't yet seen your child's art from throughout the year, stop in to see it! Reminder: The Art Show will be on display from April 25 through May 8, so stop in anytime after your child's class to take a look!

Ada Park Family Fun Day

Our annual year-end parent/child outing to Ada Township Park is planned for Friday, May 19 at 10:30 am, and we will end right around noon that day. This is an outing for the entire school, and even though we do not usually have classes on Fridays, we look forward to seeing them that day! All Children **MUST** be accompanied by at least one adult for the entire time. Please arrive at 10:30 am. While we love if parents can make this a special one-on-one time with their preschooler, siblings are invited to attend if you prefer to make it a family outing. There are great nature trails and a playground at the park. The teachers will have fun activities to try out as well. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch, drink, and blanket. Look for a flyer going home in children's backpacks and an email as the date draws nearer. In case of bad weather, we will cancel the event and let you know via e-mail.

Final Tuition

Final Tuition payments are due no later than May 17. May tuition for families who pay full tuition and who paid the enrollment fee are calculated as full-tuition minus \$50 from the enrollment deposit. The May amounts will then be:

2 morning 3's classes: \$ 90

4 morning 3's and AM 4's: \$ 200

Pm 4/5's: \$ 220

The last week of school, you will receive a statement detailing the payments you have made through May 17. We always welcome tax-deductible donations to our tuition assistance fund at any point in the year. Just note it as a "tuition assistance donation" or you can make a donation from our website and we will send you a receipt. Thanks so much!

Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes









We have just finished a Fairy Tale unit in our fours and fives classes, and Nursery Rhymes in our threes classes. These literature genres build essential pre-reading skills.

Here are some benefits of Fairy Tales, and at the right please see the benefits of Nursery Rhymes.

Fairy Tales:

1. Early Literacy Development
2. Positive Problem Solving Skills
3. Building Resilience in Children
4. Cultural Literacy
5. Fairy Tales teaches the Basic of a Story

9 REASONS why Children Still Need NURSERY RHYMES

-  Contribute to Future Reading Success
-  Improve Recall and Memorization Skills
-  Teach How Language Works
-  Promote Vocabulary Development
-  Prepare for Future Reading
-  Integrate with Other Subjects
-  Develop Rhyming Skills
-  Promote Higher Order Thinking Skills
-  Have Fun

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