



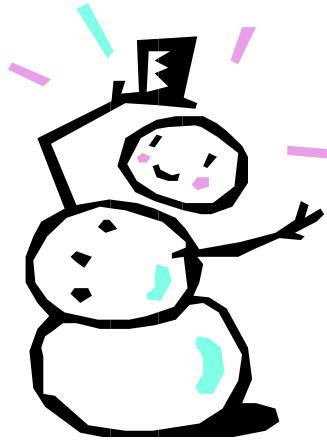
## Winter 2019

### WHAT IS HAPPENING AT LITTLE BLESSINGS

#### Open House

is on January 19th from 9-11. Please help us out by telling a friend.

*A big thanks to each of you for helping to spread the word about Little Blessings. Please follow us on Facebook.*



#### Ice & Snow

The hill to the lower parking lot will be closed during bad winter days. We will place a chain at the top of the hill and ask you to enter through the main church doors. We don't want anyone to get stuck or worse, hurt due to the ice. We will sand/salt the circle, and the long sidewalk first. Please park along the circle only during inclement weather. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The teachers have also suggested sharing the drop off and pick up with other parents especially during inclement weather. Just remember to fill out the appropriate form or contact the preschool office.

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM for PRE-K 3

This 3 year old program will begin with our young movers singing and dancing to ocean-themed songs. Visiting the musical barnyard and jumping into our imaginary pond to sing with the frogs and ducks. Children will stay for lunch and dance the afternoon away. Enrollment will begin in February for a March 4th start date. Information and registration forms will be left in cubbies.



#### Huga Toga "Reading Rocks"

"Reading Rocks" Theater will be returning to the Little Blessings 4 year old and 5 year old classes. The Magical Blue Sea Monster who sparks the children's imagination will be here on January 28th for a fun filled show. The Huga Toga Theater fosters a love of reading through its' age appropriate literacy enrichment program as they became part of the story. Prior to Huga Toga coming, the children will have the opportunity to color their own picture of the magical blue sea monster. Then if they choose, this can be turned into their very own T-Shirt. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a stuffed animal, puzzles or an autographed book. More Information will be made available as the date gets closer. Little Blessings does not benefit from the sales of any products from Huga Toga.

#### *Special points of interest:*

- Open House & Early 3's Meet & Greet - Jan. 19
- No School - Jan .21 (Martin Luther King Day)
- Huga Tuga Reading Rocks visits Pre-K 4 & 4/5 - Jan. 28
- Newington Children's Dentistry visits - Feb. 4 & 12
- No School - Feb. 15-19 (Winter Break)
- Pre-K 4 & 4/5 Conferences March 6, 7, & 8

#### Important Reminders:

- \* When the weather is **above 32** and the playground is NOT icy, we go outside for play time. On those days, please dress your child appropriately. We love to play in the snow!
- \* Scholastic books may be ordered at any time during the school year. Don't forget to use our school code **GZF8M** when ordering online so that the preschool may receive free books!
- \* The yearly calendar, monthly class calendars, forms and newsletters are available online at:

**Littleblessingsct.com**

### **“What did you do at School Today?”**

At preschool, much of our learning is through play and in developing opportunities for shared experiences. While children’s play may look simple, it is in fact layered with complexity. There are in fact many different kinds of play, and some of this play is complex and touches on every area of development. Children’s literacy, cognitive and creative development and problem solving skills are strengthened by being able to use their developing skills and understandings in play.

Complex play has several characteristics. This type of play involves the use of objects, ideas, people, and situations. This play also involves the children in situations in which they confront the ideas, beliefs and understandings of others. This then leads to the opportunity to negotiate new understandings or a new perspective; this may be on an individual level or it might be new learning or understanding, which is brought to the whole group. Negotiating roles and rules and learning others ideas about the world is how we learn to regulate our social understandings. Play also allows opportunity to gain mastery over equipment and tools such as sticky tape and scissors, providing yet another avenue for complex social play and role-playing.

Therefore, the ways in which we at preschool facilitate children’s play is diverse and complex. Part of this complexity comes also from planning for each of the children individually. So please don’t worry if your child doesn’t have anything in their cubbies or if they say all they did at preschool was play. I hope that you will know we are working very hard at preschool, playing.



*..Adapted from the National Association for the Education of Young Children*



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### **Classroom News**

Pre-K 4 students are focusing on letter recognition, fine motor skills and writing. Our themes are winter and Arctic animals, snow, ice and weather changes. We are also focusing on social skills and being great friends!

In Pre K 4/5 we have been filling each others buckets with kind words and helpful hands.

Children at the age of 4-5 are often lively, energetic and social. Children at this age begin to feel good about their basic skills, such as speaking, running, drawing, and making things. They are often interested in what everyone around them is doing, from the mail carrier to neighbors to random new faces on the playground. Some things you might notice your child doing at this age:

- \* Count ten or more objects
- \* Follow two-to-three part directions
- \* Try different ways to solve a problem

### **Kindergarten Information for 2019-2020**

Kindergarten registration information is unavailable at this time. The school districts will be notifying families in the next month or so with the dates for special programs and registration information. Please contact your local schools to confirm they have your child’s name and address for Kindergarten registration forms.



### **Donations**

We are looking for clean, plastic baby food containers and empty Pringle Chip cans.

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