

# Hilltop Preschool<sup>of</sup> Zion Lutheran Church

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## LADYBUG BUZZ



Open House  
Enrollment  
Read-A-Thon  
Class Curricula/Library

Note from Adm. Assistant  
Preschool This 'N That  
Month At A Glance  
Preschool Info.

A date has not been set for the open house this month. As soon as we know, we will pass that information on to you. In the past it has been on a Sunday from 2-4pm so keep that in mind.

- Staff will be available to answer questions about curriculum, child readiness, preschool policies, and the like.
- New students can tour the preschool and play a while to become familiar the environment.
- Enjoy a cup of Joe and a cookie.

Tell family and friends to mark their calendars!

Welcome new students!  
New Yellow Bugs: Cassie Grooten, Iris Hill,  
Owen Shank & Niyah Whitehead.  
New Orange Bugs: Jake Shantz &  
Luke Toweson.

Don't forget to read to your child this month for the Hilltop Read-A-Thon! Help the preschool reach a goal of 4,800 books read! Remember each preschooler who helps to reach this goal receives paid admission to Jungle Joe's on March 5th.

## Curricula

### Yellow Bugs

Jesus is our Friend

Family

Valentine Party-Feb. 12

Monthly curricula is posted on the Information Station bulletin board.

Hearts Candy  
Love Friendship  
Valentine Party-Feb. 13

### Red Bugs

### Orange Bugs

Five Senses

Health

Valentine Party-Feb. 13

### Wraparound

### Library



- No School For Penelope Pig by Nicole Rubel
- Clifford's Family by Norman Birdwell
- Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert
- Noah's Ark
- Peanut Butter & Jelly by Nadine Bernard Wescott

- Feb. 2-6 Jesus chooses people to help him  
letter: V color: orange science: pets art: crayon resist
- Feb. 9-13 Jesus is with us when we celebrate  
letter: M shape: octagon science: heart art: crayon rubbings
- Feb. 16-20 Jesus helps us when we're sick  
letter: N color: pink science: simple art: wax melts  
tools
- Feb. 23-27 Jesus uses His power to keep us safe  
letter: W shape: square science: weather art: oil pastels

## Administrative News:

A note from our administrative assistant: April Alexopoulos

We are so happy to welcome our new students. If you see a new face, please introduce yourself and say hello.

Office hours:

We have very full enrollment this year in the 3s class so please get your Enrollment Forms in and registration fee in as soon as possible for next year's 4s class. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have our program schedule including tuition finalized. Don't delay, we are receiving calls each week from new families interested in joining Hilltop. Please let family and friends know we are enrolling students for the 2009-2010 school year now and invite them to the Open House coming up. We don't want anyone to miss this opportunity to visit the preschool, meet the teachers, and let their children explore the environment.

M-F 9am-3pm

Just think, only 28 days before spring is just around the corner! Think daffodils and crocuses.

### Art wanted

You can start bringing in art work for the art auction. We have collected some items already, but need more!

### Taxes...yuk

It's tax time! See April if you need a receipt for childcare expenses for tax reporting purposes and she can get you the information you need.



### Wanted: old magazines

We don't have space to store hundreds, but teachers would like 20-30 old magazines for use in various preschool activities and projects. Drop them off in the staff workroom when you can. Thanks.

### Pam's birthday/Christmas gift update

You may be wondering why the office still looks the same after all of your generous donations to organize it. Maria of Marcia's Management suggested we change the office out with the staff workroom since it is a bigger space. We have just had computer access added to the workroom and are waiting for donated carpeting (Pam's dad) to be laid then we should be moving in and ready to get started on the organizing. We can't wait.






Shop at D&W Feb. 15-21 for D&W School Days. Hilltop's code is 969185

Don't forget to clip labels for education!!



## Hilltop Events for February 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Read-A-Thon Begins!	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Team Hilltop 7pm	11	12 Yellow Bug Valentine Party	13 Red & Orange Bug Valentine Party	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16 President's Day 	17	18	19	20	21 Justin's birthday 
D&W School Days →						
22	23	24	25 Hannah's birthday  Parent Roundtable 6pm 	26	27	28 Read-A-Thon Ends!

### Parent Roundtable Meeting

February 25th 6pm at Zion

This month's topic is:  
Nurturing Faith in the Family

### Team Hilltop Meeting

Come to the monthly meeting every second Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Learn more about what is going on at your child's school. We meet in the Blends room at Zion.

### Upcoming Dates in March:

1st-7th Lutheran Schools Week  
TBA Hilltop Art Auction  
2nd Dr. Suess birthday  
5th Jungle Joe's Family Night  
10th Team Hilltop Mtg, 7pm  
24th Parent Roundtable, 7pm  
TBA Stampin Up Card Activity

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

All school closings and delays will follow the Kalamazoo Public Schools. So, if the weather looks bad, be sure to check the local news for a KPS listing or Hilltop listing.