

Hilltop Preschool ^{of} Zion Lutheran Church

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LADYBUG BUZZ



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Hilltop Read-A-Thon

Hopefully you have read the flyer explaining the Read-A-Thon. It does take time out of your busy day to read to your child, but the benefits are very rewarding. Children love to be read to and it helps to teach them to love reading. Plus they just like being with you. You may want to know that a book may be counted more than once - even those read by an older sibling.

So kids will persuade you to read to them we have set up an incentive system (tricky, huh?). Please keep in mind that these are small rewards to get the kids excited about the Read-A-Thon. Reading is the goal.

WMU Cleaning at Read Field House



Only two more! If you haven't been able to make any of the cleanings thus far, well now is your chance! The signup sheet is on the information station bulletin board - put your name on there today! Please consider helping out the preschool.

Feb 20 3:30pm Mar 4 8:30pm

Wanted: Art Work

If you or someone you know has a piece of artwork that you would like to donate to the preschool for the 6th annual art auction bring it on in! The pieces are used in a silent auction that is used in conjunction with an auction of our preschooler's artwork. Quality items such as handmade jewelry, quilts, stained glass, pottery and sculptures are just a few ideas.



Hilltop Preschool Open House February 21st 1-3pm

Staff will be available to answer questions about curriculum, child readiness, preschool policies, and the like. This would be a great time to stop by and fill out paperwork and have a cookie. Pass this information on to friends who may have children ready for preschool.

Curricula Themes

Detailed curricula is posted on the Information Station bulletin board.

Yellow Bugs



Mrs. Sward

Parables
Family

Mrs. Olson

Mrs. Markham

Dinosaurs
Valentine's Day
Presidents/Groundhogs
Fairy Tales

Mrs. Marshall



Mrs. Rice

Pets
Friendship
Teeth
How Things Change

Mrs. Sward

Five Senses
Health

Mrs. Olson

Orange Bugs



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Wraparound Mrs. Johnson & Ms. Pratt

Week of:	Science:	Art:	Color/Letter/Number Shape/Symbol:
Feb. 1-5	weather	spatter paint	S/diamond
Feb. 8-12	pets	paper-rip, crumple&cut	pink/P
Feb. 15-19	hygiene	beading	3/heart
Feb. 22-26	rainforest	murals	black/B

Library



Check out these books:

- 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

Weekly Bible Story



Feb. 1-5~Jesus stills the storm Feb. 8-12~Lost sheep-parable of repentance & Joy
Feb. 15-19~Good Samaritan Feb.22-26~Zacchaeus

Administrative News:



Office Hours:
9am-3:30pm

A Letter from our Administrative Assistant: April Alexopoulos

We are so happy to welcome our two new yellow bug students and their families. Addy Torosian just moved here from Nebraska and Ryan Cockerel is carrying on a family tradition as his older brother is a Hilltop Preschool grad. If you see a new face, please introduce yourself and say hello.

Enrollment for next year has begun. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have our all our forms finalized. I have been receiving several calls a week from new families interested in joining Hilltop. Our roster is already filling up for next year. We have a greater amount of preschool spots than Wraparound, which is a bit trickier, so don't delay. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

Please tell family and friends we are enrolling students for the 2009-2010 school year now and invite them to the Open House on Sunday, February 21 from 1-3pm. If you give me their name and address, I can send a reminder postcard straight to their home. We don't want anyone to miss this opportunity to visit the preschool, meet the teachers, and let their children explore the environment. If they can't make the Open House, they are welcome to come visit us anytime with just a phone call.

Just think, the first day of spring is March 20 – it's practically around the corner! Think daffodils and crocuses.

Thank You

Thank you to Erik Dantes, Ann Colloton, Heather Erbe, Saul and Adrian Mack, Kristen & Eric Potts and Pete & Angela Bowers for the January WMU cleaning. Their volunteer effort is appreciated.

Thank you to Melissa Sarenus helping to organize the fun movie night and to Scott Erbe for setting up the identification card table for us to take advantage of. Pam did an excellent job of keeping the popcorn hot and ready. Also thanks to Melissa, Pam, April for cleaning up afterward.

D&W Fundraising School Days

Shop at D&W Feb. 14-20 for D&W School Days. Just give the cashier our code at checkout we will get back 2% of your purchase. Hilltop's code is 96918



Tax Paperwork

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.

Hilltop Events for February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Read-A-Thon Begins	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8 Hilltop Action League 7pm	9	10	11 Valentine's Day Parties	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19	20 WMU cleaning 3:30pm
D&W School Fundraising Days						
21 Open House 1-3pm	22	23	24 6:30pm Parent Roundtable	25	26	27
28 Read-A-Thon Ends						

Parent Roundtable Meeting

February 24 6:30pm at Zion

Topic: Getting a Job, Keeping a Job
Speaker: Stacy Rodgers, Executive Director of the Professional Develop. & Training Center of SW Mich. (PDTC)

Don't miss this motivational speaker discussing how to keep work skills current, assist in job searches, and the opportunities that PDTC can provide.

Hilltop Action League Meeting

7pm Feb. 8 at Zion

Learn more about what is going on at your child's school and take an active part in their education. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Dates in March:

- 7-13th National Lutheran Schools Week
- 9th Hilltop Action League 7pm
- 11th Jungle Joe's Family Night
- 24th & 25th Conferences-No AM classes-wraparound continues
- 26th Conferences-No PM classes-wraparound continues
- 29th Spring break begins

Don't forget to clip labels for education



and turn in Capri-Sun pouches!



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