

Hilltop Preschool of Zion Lutheran Church

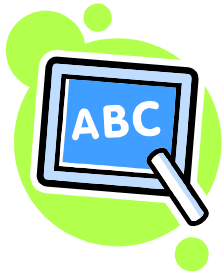
LADYBUG BUZZ



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Cheers & Tears

The first day of school may be difficult for children and parents. Parents and siblings are invited to remain at school and enjoy refreshments for the first hour. This is a great opportunity to get to know other parents in your child's class. Sign up at the Bug Blastoff.



Fundraising Fun!



WMU Cleaning at Read Field House is an excellent fundraiser for Hilltop Preschool. Each cleaning takes about 1 1/2 hours or less depending on how many people show up! We earn hundreds of dollars per cleaning. Many parents prefer this type of fundraising over product sales. Who wouldn't rather push a broom than do a catalog hard sell to friends, family and coworkers? Our WMU fundraiser makes more than all our other fundraisers combined! All monies raised this year will go toward the new playground equipment. Look for the WMU Cleaning Signup Sheets.

So far the nights we have scheduled:

- Thursday, September 25th 9h—8:00pm
- Friday, October 17th—8:00pm
- Friday, November 7th—8:00pm



Thrivent

Thrivent Financial, a Lutheran

brotherhood, is an important part of Hilltop's financial support. As parents of students attending our preschool, which is a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, you qualify to become an associate member of Thrivent. For the nominal fee of \$10 Thrivent will match funds for any money raised by the Preschool as long as six households participating in the fundraiser are Thrivent members. This means if we earn \$500 selling poinsettias, Thrivent will donate \$500 to the preschool. That's why we **need** you to become an associate member. Please consider becoming a Thrivent Associate member.



Meijer Community Rewards Please complete

an application to become a Meijer Community Rewards participant so the preschool can receive a percentage of the dollar amount of your purchases. It only takes a second to hand the cashier your card and when everyone takes part the amount the preschool receives really adds up. Even grandparents can participate! Pick up an application for them to complete as well.

Curricula

Monthly curricula is posted on the Information Station bulletin board.

Yellow Bugs

Going to School

Apples

Field Trip to Gull Meadow Farm

Red Bugs

Hello, Hello

Apples and Orchards

It is Fall

Feelings

Orange Bugs

Apples

Field Trip to VerHage Cider Mill

Wraparound

Sept. 2-5	God knows my name	letter: L	color: red
	science: human growth	art: finger paint	
Sept. 8-12	Jesus is the Good Shepherd	letter: F	symbol: staff
	science: textures	art: easel painting	
Sept. 15-19	Jesus loves everyone	letter: E	symbol: heart
	science: colors	art: watercolor	
Sept 22-26	God creates the world	letter: H	shape: rectangle
	science: earth/space	art: refrigerator paint	
Sept 29-Oct. 3	We need a Savior	letter: S	color: orange
	science: gravity	art: paint with daubers	

Library



Please familiarize yourself with our school library. Students are able to check out books, enjoy them at home for a week and return them. This is a great opportunity for our children to get used to a lending system if they haven't already used a public library. There is a lot of ownership and pride when a student can choose his or her own book to borrow. Each book will contain a library checkout card. Please fill out or have your child fill out the card with their name and date. Then place the card in the plastic holder attached to the Information Station bulletin board. Don't forget to return them so other students can enjoy them too! Every month there will be featured stories.

Administrative News:

A Letter from our Administrative Assistant: April Alexopoulos

Welcome new and returning students and families! We are glad you are part of the Hilltop family.

Office hours:
M-F 9am-3pm

We are beginning a new adventure of preschool and christening the new wraparound childcare program to better serve your needs. The church is still going through its facelift which should be completed around December. We are certain these changes will benefit us all.

If you have any questions about financial matters and forms, please drop a note in my mailbox or call the preschool office. My hours are 9am-3pm, give or take 15 minutes or so.

Have a fantastic preschool experience!



Information Station

Check out the "Information Station" in the preschool hall. It will have all the sign-ups, posted curricula and school literature. Make sure to put your name on the classroom helper and monthly cleaning sign up sheets. You will also find the WMU cleaning schedule sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Opposite of the Information Station, you will find the "Communication Station" which will have all of the staff mailboxes.

Paperwork

If you haven't already done so then make sure to get all your paperwork in to the preschool office right away. Many of the forms are required for your child to start preschool and if you intend to volunteer you must complete the proper paperwork (FIA Central Registry Clearance and ICHAT State of Michigan clearance) to participate in the classroom.



Team Hilltop Meeting

Come and join us at the monthly meeting every second Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Learn more about what is happening at Hilltop and take an active roll in your child's school. The meeting generally lasts about an hour or so. We meet in the second floor work room at Zion.

Parent Roundtable Meeting

The topic for this month's roundtable meeting is: Find the Christian Message in Children's Literature. The guest speaker is Jayne Mayer. Bring your child's favorite book. The session begins at 7pm on September 23rd at Zion.

Hilltop Events for September 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 Bug Blastoff 6-8pm	3	4	5	6
7 Grandparent's Day	8 School Begins!	9 Team Hilltop Mtg. 7pm	10	11	12	13
14 Kailynn's birthday	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Parent Roundtable 7pm	24	25 WMU Cleaning 8pm	26	27
28	29	30 Alex's birthday				



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4-7:00PM

(RAIN DATE OCTOBER 18)

MORE INFO. TO FOLLOW...



Upcoming Dates in October:

- 2nd yellow & red bugs picture day
- 3rd orange bug picture day
- 11th Fall Family Festival, 4-7pm
- 14th Team Hilltop Meeting, 7pm
- 17th WMU Cleaning, 8pm
- 28th Parent Roundtable, 7pm