

Hilltop Preschool^{of} Zion Lutheran Church

September 2009

Ways to Help Hilltop
Monthly Curricula Themes

Note from Adm. Assistant
Month at a Glance
Preschool This 'N That



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LADYBUG BUZZ



WMU CLEANING Due to budget cuts, WMU has discontinued their clean up program. They may pick up the program during the basketball season so stay tuned. Thank you to those who signed up to help, but for now you won't have too.

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.



CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS A simple way to help the preschool earn free products is by clipping the UPC label from eligible products. Simply purchase special Campbell foods, clip the UPC labels and turn them in to the special collection bin by the preschool. You will receive a list of eligible products. Couldn't be easier!

Curricula Themes

Detailed curricula is posted on the Information Station bulletin board.



Yellow Bugs

Mrs. Sward
Mrs. Olson

Going to School
Apples
Feelings

Mrs. Markham
Mrs. Marshall

Me & My Family
New to School
Human Growth
Apples



Red Bugs

Mrs. O
Me/Back to School
Apples
Squirrels
Trees

Mrs. Sward Mrs. Olson

Going to School
Apples
Feelings



Orange Bugs

Mrs. Markham
Mrs. Marshall

Me & My Family
New to School
Human Growth
Apples

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 the 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. 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.



Wraparound Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Pratt

Week of:	Science:	Art:	Color/Letter/Shape:
Sept. 8-11	scientific method	finger paint	red
Sept. 14-18	human physical growth	body pictures	cross
Sept. 21-25	colors	easel painting	L/square
Sept. 28-	seasons	Paul Cezanne	F/blue
Oct. 2			

Weekly Bible Story



Sept. 8-11~Fruit of the Spirit Sept. 14-18~Creation-The Beginning
Sept. 21-25~Noah's Ark Sept. 28-Oct. 2~Jacob's Dream-God Watches Us

Administrative News:

A Letter from our Administrative Assistant: April Alexopoulos



Welcome new and returning students and families! We are very happy to welcome you into the Hilltop Preschool family. I will be checking student files the first few weeks of school. You may receive notification that one or more items are incomplete. Please stop by the office at your earliest convenience so we can get that taken care of.

Office Hours:
9am-3:30pm

There are two forms that we MUST have in your child's file as soon as possible: the green Health Appraisal form and the Child Information Record. If you have those at home, drop them off at the office as soon as possible.

Just a friendly reminder that tuition is due on the first of each month unless you have made special arrangements with me. A \$30 late fee will be assessed after the 10th of each month so please call me if you are having payment difficulties.

I am in the office from 9am-3:30pm, Monday through Friday. You can phone me anytime or stop in during office hours. Don't hesitate to email me at: april@hilltoppreschool.org. I will get back to you the same day.

Have a fantastic preschool experience!

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came to the Bug Blast Off celebration. It is so good for the new families to check out the preschool and for returning families to check out the changes. Thanks to the staff for putting on a fun evening.

Information Station

Check out the "Information Station" in the preschool hall. It will have all the sign-ups, posted curricula and school literature. Opposite of the Information Station, you will find the "Communication Station" which will have all of the staff mailboxes.



Paperwork



If you intend to volunteer in the classroom you must complete the proper paperwork (FIA Central Registry Clearance and ICHAT State of Michigan clearance) to participate.

Fall Family Festival - save the date



Mark Saturday, October 10th on your calendar! It is the annual Fall Family Festival at the Sward residence. All families are invited for an evening of fun, food and festivities. More information to follow.

Hilltop Events for September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Allison & Wyatt's birthday	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 School Begins!	9	10	11	12
13	14 Hilltop Action League 7pm	15	16 Christian's birthday	17	18 field trip-Y5s Gull Meadow Farms	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Ava's birthday	26
27	28	29	30 Parent Roundtable 6pm	TBA: 3s & 4s field trip to apple orchard		

Parent Roundtable Meeting
September 30 6pm at Zion

Topic: 123 Magic - The Basics
Guest speaker: Jane Giggy, MSW

Hear about the positive discipline plan that works in the classroom and will work for you too.

Hilltop Action League Meeting
September 14 7pm 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 October:
10th Fall Family Festival 4-7pm
12th Hilltop Action League 7pm
14th School Pictures (4s & Y5s)
15th School Pictures (3s)
28th Parent Roundtable 6pm
29th Halloween (3s)
30th Halloween Party (4s & Y5s)

Don't forget to clip labels for education!

Order your Hilltop gear and accessories at cafepress.com/hilltopscool