**SOUTH CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2023**

Dear Parents,

January has flown by quickly and we have enjoyed many winter units and activities with the children. February will bring more winter fun, exciting events, and interactive curriculum. We will still try and continue our outdoor play and nature explorations whenever we can get out onto our playground. Please continue to dress students appropriately for the winter weather. We expect that all students will be wearing a jacket or have it in their backpacks along with a hat and gloves for the changing temperatures. Teachers will be dismissing students with their jackets on each day.

**February Curriculum**

* *Valentines “All About the Heart” Friendship and Love*
* *Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes*
* *Ground Hog Day and Shadow Play*
* *Mouse Shapes and Colors*
* *Happy Hamsters*
* *Life in the Artic/ Fun with Polar Bears*

 **Music Class with Ms. Kathye**

3-Day Class 2/8

2-Day Class 2/10

5-Day Classes 2/16

4-Day Classes 2/13

**Our 3-Day and 2-Day extension** has begun. We have had a successful January with the students who have been enjoying the longer day. Each month, parents will again have an opportunity to begin an extended day. Please keep in mind that nap times and toilet training can prevent having a successful extended day and may be worth waiting until later in the Spring. Your patience and cooperation when making these decisions are greatly appreciated.

\*Any questions you may have regarding extending your child’s day can be discussed with your Head Teacher.

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

**Valentine Exchange and Celebrations**

Each classroom will be doing their own passing out of valentines to their peers. We ask that you do NOT address the valentines to individual students. This makes it easier for the children to deliver their mail that way.

Our teachers will be reading stories of LOVE and FRIENDSHIP with the children, singing songs of LOVE and KINDNESS, and giving students a special treat to take home.

\*More information on this fun Valentine’s Day event will be in your weekly updates.

**PRESCHOOL LIBRARY ART SHOW**

South Church Preschoolers will have their art on display at the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Children’s Department on Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm

(Snow Date: March 26). Preschool artists and their families are invited to come and view your child’s artwork and attend a special story time. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to join, please call 860-652-7718 after March 5th to reserve your spot in either the 2pm or 3pm story time.

**SCPS Winter Social Event 2-Day and 3-Day Classes**



Mrs. Bigliozzi’s **3-Day Class**

 2/15 at 9:40am in the Church Social Hall

Mrs. Bancroft’s **2-Day Class**

 2/17 at 9:40am in the Church Social Hall

This event does **shorten** the school day and the children will be dismissed directly from the Church Social Hall where the event is being held. No backpacks on this day and coats should be brought to the Church Social Hall this day.

**\***More information about this fun and exciting event will be passed out shortly.

**SNOW DAYS and SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS**

**South Church Preschool follows the Glastonbury Public Schools for Snow Days and School Cancellations.** If preschool is cancelled, parents will be notified by their Head Teachers through email.

If South Church Preschool has a **2-hour delay**, the following schedule will be in place:

* The 5-Day Session will be held from 11:15 am – 1:15 pm
* The 4-Day Session will be held from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
* The 2-Day and 3-Day Sessions (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) will be **CANCELLED**.
* \*\*The 2-Day and 3-Day Sessions who have extended will be held from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

If South Church Preschool announces an **Early Dismissal**, the following schedule will be in place:

* The 5-Day session will dismiss at 11:15 am
* The 4-Day session will dismiss at 11:00 am
* The 2-Day and the 3-Day sessions will dismiss at 11:00 am

\*We urge parents to use their discretion in driving children to school during inclement weather.

**2023-2024 SCPS REGISTRATION REMINDER:**

We want to remind parents that registration is on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. Our in-house families were offered an opportunity to register back in November to hold a spot. At this point in the year, there are very few spots still available, and some sessions are already full. We have begun a waiting list for those sessions. Please remember that your non-refundable $200 registration fee only **holds** your child’s spot until the first quarter tuition deadline. Prompt tuition payments will **secure** the spot in the program that you have registered for.

**\*Placement letters will be going out the 2nd week in February with further detailed information.**

If you have any questions regarding preschool registration, please contact our Program Administrator, Heidi Gourley 860-430-6734.

**TUITION CHECKS / REGISTRATION**

If parents are dropping off tuition checks or 2023-24 preschool registrations, we ask that you DO NOT put them in the student’s backpack. Please hand these **important** items directly to your teacher who will immediately drop them into our preschool office mailbox to avoid any misplacement of fees. You can also mail them directly to South Church Preschool PO BOX 187 South Glastonbury, CT 06073.

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| **TUITION REMINDER:**3rd Quarter Tuition Payments are **DUE** on February 1st.\*Please be prompt with your payments. Thank You! |

**Scratches, Boo Boos and /or Injuries**

We want to remind parents to please inform your teachers if your child has any rashes, bruises and/or injuries that they are coming into school with. It is important that we know which boo boos they are getting at home verses the ones they may get at school. This communication is very necessary since the child may not explain the injury properly to us. Teachers like to be made aware of anything the child may be going through at home, or if the child is telling you about something that they may be experiencing at school. Sometimes small children cannot express these kinds of feelings and or information accurately.

**Fostering Independence at Home**

At this point in the school year, teachers begin to put more emphasis on independence and personal hygiene responsibility. You can help us by doing the following:

* Encourage your child to pick up their playthings when they are finished using them.
* Foster incentives when it comes to putting on their own coats and accessories.
* Make sure that whatever the child needs to bring to school fits comfortably into their backpack. Some children may be growing out of the smaller backpacks at this point in the year. Having items fit comfortably into their backpacks helps them to collect and put away their belongings independently.
* Review with your child what their own accessories look like and be sure to label these items with their name.
* Be sure to praise them when you catch them doing anything positive, and have patience with the behaviors they have not yet developed and/or matured in.

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| **DONATIONS*** **paper towels**
* **antibacterial wipes**
* **napkins**
* **tissues**
* **paper plates**
* **dixie cups**
* **LARGE empty tissue boxes**
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THANK YOU

to all our families

who have donated.

Your generosity

 is greatly appreciated**.**

**NO SCHOOL / WINTER BREAK**

February 20th and February 21st 

*We are looking forward to enjoying the Month of February with all of our families and students.*

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