



West Hartford Methodist
Nursery School

September Happenings!

Welcome to Preschool! We are so glad you are here!

Our Theme: God Made Me Special! We will be doing activities within this theme to show the children that they are uniquely and wonderfully made by God.

September 21 and 22...Yoga with Ms. Karla

September 22 and 23...Free Jump Bunch trial classes during school hours

September 28 and 29...Music with Ms. Michelle

September 29 and 30...Lunch Bunch

Important Reminders

Safety First!!!

Please be extra cautious when driving in and out of our school parking lot. It is very easy to come down that small hill quickly and we want our children to be safe! In addition, it is very important to hold hands in the parking lot so that your child is not running to the car or to school without you. A good rule to have is "Hold my hand, or I will hold you." By this age, many of them do NOT want to be carried by you, so we hope they will make the hand-holding choice.

Sign IN and OUT

Please remember to sign in and out EACH DAY! It is so important for the safety of all our students and it is a state law. You can sign in while waiting for the teachers to open the doors.

Flu Vaccines and Health Forms

Every child attending preschool is required to have a flu vaccine before January 1, 2017. The form you will need to bring with you when your child is vaccinated is in the summer packet. Make your appointment soon so you won't be scrambling at the last minute! If you need a new form please stop by my office. In addition, I ask that you keep us updated with a current health form at all times. If your child is going to see their doctor for an annual physical, you should get an updated form at that time.

Saying Goodbye in the Morning

Please know that in most cases if children cry in the morning at drop off, it lasts only for a few minutes and they are usually fine once they get started with their day and see their friends. What helps the children is when parents drop off and say a quick good bye. Be sure to give them kisses and hugs and assure them you will be back later to get them and then make your exit. It can be difficult when parents stick around too long...both for your child and for other children whose parents have left. Lastly, don't ever hesitate to call and check on your child if they were crying when you left. I am always happy to walk to their classroom and see what they are up to.

Sunscreen policy:

We go outside everyday unless there is inclement weather. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school. We do have shaded areas on the playground and encourage the children to play there when it is especially sunny and/or hot.

Play On!!!

The playground is open for your use after school. It is a wonderful place to get to know other families and let your children play for a few more minutes before you head home. Please remember that the school will be locked and therefore the bathrooms will not be available. Be sure your child uses the restroom before heading out there. Also, a parent should ALWAYS be present on the playground with the children. Lastly, we ask that any toys taken out of the shed are put back when you are done playing. Thank you! Have fun and BE SAFE!!!

Upcoming Events

TASTE BOOK FUNDRAISER!

You will be receiving information about our Taste Book fundraiser in the next couple of weeks. I have been informed that we are among the first organizations to receive the books, which allows us the opportunity to be the first to sell in the area. When they arrive we will be asking each family to purchase one and have a goal of selling five. This is a major fundraiser for our school so your help is greatly appreciated. The cost this year is \$25.00. We keep 50% of the proceeds!

FIELD TRIP!

We have scheduled a field trip to Auer Farm in Bloomfield, CT on October 17th (**Orange Rm 3's**) and October 18th (**Orange Rm 3/4's & Purple Rm 4's**). You will be receiving a field trip permission form in early October. We will need parent drivers for our field trips. With valid insurance verification, parents take small groups of children in their car to drop off at the trip destination, stay and drive the children back to school. We will post sign-up sheets for drivers at the bottom of the daily sign-in sheet. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jump Bunch is back!

Jump Bunch is an optional class offered after school (1:00pm-1:45pm) to interested families. The classes will be offered on Thursday and Friday this year and there is a fee to attend. The Jump Bunch folks are offering a free trial class to us during the school day this week, Thursday September 22nd and Friday September 23rd. Fliers and registration forms will be sent home following trial classes. Regular classes will begin on Thursday September 29th and Friday September 30th. All forms and checks can be left in my mailbox outside of my office.

Lunch Bunch

Pay \$5.00 and leave lunch to us!

We will be having our first community lunch days on September 29th and September 30th. I will send an email this week with the date of your child's Community Lunch day. On "Lunch Bunch" days we would like your children to wear their WHMNS t-shirts to school! A clearly labeled envelope can be used to deposit lunch bunch money in my mailbox. Thank You!

Giving Tree

Thank you so much for all of your book donations to our classrooms. The teachers have begun sharing the beautiful new books with your children. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support of building our school library!