

Note: Printed format does not transfer well from the version that is e-mailed to parents.

Practicing our cutting

Great playground weather this month!

Music fun!

Fall creating!

Sorting and using descriptive words

Spanish with Senora Ruth

Turtles on the T

Fine and large motor fun!

Quick Links:

POP Kids Web site with teacher calendars:
<http://www.popkidsschool.com/>

Prince of Peace Church:
<http://www.popluther.org/>

Important Dates:

Tuesday, Nov. 5 - POP Kids is OPEN (Election Day). Prince of Peace is NOT a polling place but the Safety Center across the street is one.

**Thursday, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 - Extended Day (B)
Thurs., Nov. 14 - Extended Day (A)**

Nov. 10th - Tuition due or late fee assessed

Monday, November 11 - School CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day.

Monday, Nov. 25 - Parent/Teacher conferences for M/W/F 3's and Pre-K classes (NO School). All other classes will have a regular school day (Pre-K 2 and Bright Stars)

Tuesday, Nov. 26 - Only Bright Stars will have class. All other classes

Life at preschool...

From owls to rhymes to fire safety, we were busy learning, having fun and challenging your children. It is a constant amazement to me what they soak in especially when they don't seem to be paying attention :) A special thank you to the Loveland- Symmes Fire Department for sharing their firefighters and trucks so we could learn about fire safety.

We celebrate Thanksgiving in November so it's a wonderful time to always remember to thank God for our blessings and to remember to give back. This month, we will be collecting new underwear and socks for K-12 children. We will donate them to Madhatter's closet which is a free store for the children of the Oyler school in Lower Price Hill. New socks and underwear is something that many of us take for granted. Let's see how many we can share?! Watch for a flyer to come home with more details.

November teacher calendars that highlight daily classroom events and school activities are now posted on the website at www.popkidsschool.com



Bright Stars move their heads and see like owls

Wow, Parent Auxiliary!

have Parent/Teacher conferences so there is NO School.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 -
Friday, Nov. 29: No
School due to
Thanksgiving Break

Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for
the Christmas Program.

Thursday, Dec. 12 @
9:15 for the Pre-K 2 and
T/Th 3's classes

Thursday, Dec. 12
@ 12:45pm for the PM
Pre-K and PM 3's classes

Friday, Dec. 13 @
9:15am for the M/W/F 3's
and Pre-K class

**Everyone
(grandparents,
neighbors, etc.) is
invited to attend.**

Bright Stars do not
perform but will watch
during class time.

Important Reminders:

While we all love
fashion(especially shoes
and boots!), the best
choice in shoes for
preschool are gym
shoes. Boots make it
difficult for us to sit criss-
cross apple sauce at
circle time. Gym
shoes are also the safest
in the gym and on the
playground.

Please send an
appropriate, labeled coat
to school. We have a



The fall is such
a busy time of
year for our
Parent
Auxiliary! A
HUGE thank
you to those
who organized
and
worked! We
are so blessed
by your
service! As if
being a
preschool
parent doesn't
keep you busy
enough. I
promise things
get slower as
the year
progresses.

- Spirit
Wear was
ordered,
organized and
delivered! Go
POP Kids!
- Our
children's book
drive is up and
running! We
collect all year
long!
- We did
our first

Scholastic Book order!

- The Parent Auxiliary gave the teachers the perfect October treat (lotion and fingernail file in an adorable gift bag). Thank you!!
- Over 110 children enjoyed an evening of fun with their dads or someone special at Pumpkin Night. We have some very talented carvers and designers!

Author of the Month - Julia Donaldson

long winter in the gym so we try to go outside as much as possible. There are exceptions but our rule is "If it's over 32 degrees and not rainy or snowing, we go outside".

Fall Party Parents!
Thank you for planning and organizing our Fall parties. We had a wonderful time! It's not easy finding games and activities that work for everyone in the room and you did a great job!

Julie Donaldson lives all the way across the ocean in England. She has always had a big imagination. When she was a young girl, she and her sister would imagine that their cat was a prince! She loved music first before writing. She and her husband loved busking together with their music ("busking" is a new word for me! It means street performing). Her music helped her transition into writing. We chose Julia Donaldson for the Author of the Month because she has several books on giving or appreciating what you have. They include:



"The Snail and the Whale"

"Sharing a Shell"

"A Squash and a Squeeze"

"The Spiffiest Giant in Town"

She also has many more fun and interesting books too!

For more information and books by Julia Donaldson, visit:

<http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

Playground Surfacing Update!

You might have been wondering why we have a patch work of colors on the playground? We installed this surfacing in April 2018. While it is 150% safer and cleaner than the black rubber mulch we used to have, we continue to have issues with the color fading and color matching. The manufacturer assures us that it will be ultimately fixed but in the meantime, we may have to endure sweet preschooler questions on "why is the color different?" You can tell them that we are working on it and we may have to wait for warmer weather again. But the good news is, once the paint is dry, it's still great for playing! And we can do lots of imagining with the patchwork...is it the ocean? a bridge? an island?



Math Focus - Patterning

Math is all about patterns. If you can identify the pattern you can probably solve the problem. That is probably too simplistic, but it should give you an answer in a nutshell.



Patterns are everywhere. When students start recognizing patterns they see how things fit together and work. Life is all about patterns. A child may be thinking mathematically once they understand patterns, but patterns are what life is all about ... from the day to night and the solar system, the calendar system, our life source - breathe in and then breathe out, 7 days of the week and then repeat that pattern, the months of the year and then repeat that 12 month pattern - and on and on. Our Bright Stars may be doing simple patterns (boy/girl, blue/red) while the Pre-k's might be doing an A/B/AA/BB/A/B pattern with beads or colors. Our life is built on the mathematical principal of patterning so we might as well start learning it early!

Interesting Information for Parents

As parents, sometimes we forget just how capable our children can be if we give them the time to try things themselves. They are so cute and precious that we think that they need us for everything (and let's be honest, we like being their everything!). Or our lives are so busy that it is easier to do it for them because we don't want to "clean up" their attempt. The long term benefit for both parent and child of being independent is priceless. Here is an article with ideas:

<http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/20-tips-for-parents-from-preschool-teachers/>

NOTE: I could not cut out the link for "teacher appreciation ideas". It was not a hint :)



"Get Set for School" Curriculum - Mat Man

Part of our curriculum is MAT MAN which is part of the preschool curriculum of "Handwriting without Tears".

What skills are developed with MAT MAN?

- * Body Awareness-Body parts, body functions
 - * Drawing Skills-Placing body parts correctly, sequencing, and organization
 - * Socialization-Participation, following directions, contributing, taking turns
 - * Number Awareness-Counting body parts
- *The language we use to build MAT MAN is also the language we use to form our letters. For example, the leg is made from a big line, the foot a little line and the head from 2 Magic "C's".



Tips for parents and teachers:

- * For preschoolers, demonstrate drawing arms and legs with two parallel lines.
- * Encourage students to personalize all of their drawings.

You can even make your own MAT MAN at home using different materials you find in the house.

Here's a link if you want to learn more:

<https://www.lwtears.com/files/click/HWT%20Meet%20Mat%20Man.pdf>

There is even a Mat Man Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ec7J57YewxQ>
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If you would like a copy sent to another e-mail address, please e-mail popkids@popkidsschool.com. A few hard copies will also be on the parent table.

We are counting our blessings that we have wonderful families at POP Kids! As parents, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God's Peace,

Angie Seiller, Administrator