

POP Kids School
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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. 6 - POP Kids is OPEN (Election Day). Prince of Peace is NOT a polling place.

Life at preschool...

From bats 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 :) We discussed the big word, echolocation, and that there are over 1000 different kinds of bats. Bats may look creepy (the perfect Halloween symbol) but they are helpful in eating pesky insects like mosquitos.



Thursday, Nov. 1 and Nov.15
- Extended Day (A)
Thursday, Nov. 8 and Nov. 29
- Extended Day (B)
Friday, Nov. 2 and 16th -
Extended Day

Thursday, Nov. 9 - Tuition
due or late fee assessed

Monday, Nov. 12th - School
CLOSED in observance of
Veterans Day.

Monday, Nov. 19-
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. 20 - Only
Bright Stars have class. All
other classes have
Parent/Teacher conferences
so there is NO School.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Friday,
Nov. 23: No School due to
Thanksgiving Break

Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for the
Christmas Program.

Thursday, Dec. 13 @ 9:15 for
the Pre-K 2 and T/Th 3's
classes

Thursday, Dec. 13@12:45pm
for the PM Pre-K and PM 3's
classes

Friday, Dec. 14 @ 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.

We celebrate Thanksgiving in November so it's a wonderful time to always remember to thank God for our blessings and establish traditions. Traditions are a critical part of family life even if it's in simple ways, pancakes for Saturday morning breakfast, Friday movie night, a special prayer at bedtime or listening to a certain song while cleaning together. One of our traditions at POP Kids is the Pre-K Turkey Trot. The Pre-K children run and the other children cheer them on.

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

Candy Corn Science

Wow, Parent Auxiliary!



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! 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! They are also helping with our underwear and sock donations!
- We did our first Scholastic Book order!
- 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!

The Silent Auction is February 27th - March 7th, 2019. This is a critical fundraiser for us to replace well-loved equipment or purchase large items. So we have extra time to gather donations. So think about...

Do you or a family member work somewhere that might give a donation of a product or service?

Do you frequent a specific restaurant or store that might consider a donation?

Are you crafty or talented in making items?

Soccer Shots

Author of the Month - Todd Parr

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 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". Sometimes early morning frost prevents the first classes from going outside but we can get out later morning or in the afternoon.

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!

Todd Parr writes and illustrates colorful books with wonderful themes and simply fun books too. As we get familiar with our new surroundings at school his books are perfect ("The Thankful Book", "The Feelings Book", "The Best Friend Book" just to name a few). He also created simply fun books that promote the love of books ("Underwear do's and don'ts" and "This is my hair"). Mr. Parr is just like us. He has a favorite color (blue!); he loves dolphins; he loves macaroni and cheese and has 2 dogs, Pete and Tater Tot!



For more information and books by Todd Parr, visit:
<http://www.toddparr.com/>

Service Project for November and December - Give thanks and share!

We celebrate Thanksgiving in November so it's a wonderful time to always remember to thank God for our blessings. This month and into December, we will be collecting **new** underwear and socks for K-12 children (not preschool size). 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?!

Collection Dates: November 14th through December 14th!

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

More sanity for parents! We are all in! Here is an interesting article about the benefits of an early bedtime. It's sometimes hard to get into the groove of a bedtime routine and especially an early bedtime. But it seems that there are huge benefits for both children and parents. It may be worth a few weeks of laying the foundation to make it happen.
<https://www.care.com/c/stories/11949/putting-kids-to-bed-early-good-for-moms-sanity/>

"Get Set for School" Curriculum - Mat Man

Part of our curriculum is MAT MAN. The past few months, the Pre-K classes have been reviewing him and the younger classes will have the opportunity to learn with MAT MAN in the months ahead.



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