

Concordia Preschool



August 20, 2023

Dear Parents,

Summer is flying by. In just a few weeks, we will be back in the classroom. Our staff is so excited to welcome your children! We have lots of plans to help your children learn and grow in a safe and healthy environment. Many of them are listed below, and others can be found in the Parent Handbook you will receive on Parent Night. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Parent Night

This year, Parent Night will occur on Tuesday, Sept 5 at 7 pm. The event will last approximately 45 minutes. Please enter through the upstairs doors, and we will meet in the Sanctuary. I will begin the evening with some important information for the upcoming school year. You will also have the opportunity to visit the classroom and listen to a brief presentation from your child's teacher.

Classroom Visitation

Soon, your teacher will contact you with a day and time to bring your child to the classroom for a brief visit. She will also send you an invitation to join the private Facebook class group where we will share photos and other classroom specific news.

Drop off and Pick up Procedures

Our drop off in the morning will be a two car line system. We have found this helps us to start our day in a calm and timely manner. The upstairs classrooms will use the church entrance, and the downstairs classrooms will use the preschool entrance by the big rock. Your teacher will let you know which to use. We will begin the car line at 8:50 each morning. You should follow the car line and pull up to the entrance. You should get out of your car and get your child out of his/her car seat. Give a brief hug/kiss and good bye. We will welcome him/her to school. Staff members will assist the children to the classrooms.

At pick up, you will park and walk into the building. Please park in the lower lot. The doors will be unlocked at 11:55. Everyone should enter in the downstairs door and walk to your child's classroom. The teacher will only dismiss your child to you or someone you have on your child information form. If you need to add or remove someone from your list, please provide this in writing or contact the preschool office.

Items to send in

Each child should have a change of clothes in a zip lock bag labeled with his/her name. Make sure to update the clothes with the seasons and as your child grows. If children are in diapers, we ask that you send in a supply and some wipes, so we can use your same products when changing at school. We will be going outside to learn and play daily. Please make sure to check the weather and dress your child appropriately.

We are asking that each family please contribute the following:

2 rolls of paper towels, 1 large tub of Clorox or Lysol disinfecting wipes and 1 large box of tissues. We do a lot of cleaning/disinfecting and appreciate your help.

Health Reminders

The Pandemic is officially over and we are no longer required to have or follow specific Covid Protocols. At Concordia, we have always asked that you keep your sick child home. If a child has symptoms of illness, we may call you and ask that your child be picked up from school. Here are a few reminders and many others can be found in your Parent Handbook.

Fever of 101 or higher. Children should be excluded until they are fever free without the use of fever reducing medications for 24-48 hours or until a healthcare provider determines they are able to return.
Diarrhea 2 or more times in 24 hours. Children must be excluded for 48 hours after the last bout.
Vomiting 2 or more times in 24 hours, or 1 time with an accompanied fever. Children must be excluded for 48 hours after symptoms end.

*Again, for the good of all of our students and staff, we respectfully ask that if your child is not feeling well for any reason, please keep him/her at home. Please notify your teacher and the preschool office of any illnesses and absences.

Lunch Bunch and Friday Specials

Our 3 and 4 year old classes are eligible to participate in Lunch Bunch and Friday Specials. Registration and payment for lunch bunch will take place completely online this year. Parents will be able to sign up for several weeks at a time via the Lunch Bunch Signup Genius which is available at our website. Once you sign up, you will be able to pay online or use Venmo to set up a lunch bunch payment account. The balance will be monitored, and parents will be alerted when the balance is running low. Anyone who has leftover tickets from last year should turn them into their child's teacher, and their lunch bunch account will be credited accordingly.

Friday Specials registration will begin on Sept. 5. It is a 10 week program. Forms will be available at Parent Night and at our website. Please complete them and turn them into the school. The choices are soccer, karate, dance or yoga. Friday Specials are paid for when submitting the registration form and do not require a weekly sign up or payment. They will begin on Friday, Sept. 22. Our staff recommends that your child attends a regular lunch bunch before he/she begins Friday Specials.

LCS Walk/Run and Oktoberfest

There are 2 upcoming church events that we are excited to share with you. Lutheran Community Services will hold its "Bash Out Hunger Block Party" at Concordia on Saturday, September 16 from 9-2. This event has a walk/run, music, games, food and more! All food, drink and activities are free, and you are encouraged to bring donations for the community food pantries. **The preschool is joining in the efforts and asks that you bring a canned good or other non-perishable to the preschool during Parent Night or classroom visitation.** We will have collection bins available in the lobby areas. Concordia's annual Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 12-4. There will be traditional German food, beer, music, desserts, face painting, kids crafts, a moon bounce and more! It is fun for the whole family!

Again, we are getting excited and ready to welcome your child to Concordia Preschool. We have lots of great activities planned and protocols in place to help keep everyone safe and healthy. You should be receiving a welcome email from your child's teacher any day!

Yours in crayons and glue sticks,
Helen Spillan