

Parma Kids Newsletter

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February Units

Monthly Units

2 year olds will learn about winter. We will learn about winter clothing with matching activities. Weather permitting; we will try to go outside to play in the snow on Feb. 15th & 16th. We need parent volunteers to help with the kids getting dressed on these dates. Please let Mrs. Hogue or Ms. Sue know if you are interested. We are preparing for parent conferences.

3 year olds will study food groups and healthy living this month. Our stories and crafts will feature this theme. We will have a fruit tasting on the 5th and 6th. Please bring your favorite fruit on these days. Our Valentine's Party will be on the 13th and 14th. We would love a visit from anyone in the medical profession this month. See Ms. Caryn if you are interested.

4 year olds & UPK will read and learn about famous Americans. We will "meet" Abraham Lincoln, Betsy Ross, Helen Keller and George Washington to name a few. We will continue our project we started in January. We have chosen a topic, picked books to read and "read" pictures to discover facts about our topic. Pictures have been made and we are labeling now. We are ready to start parent conferences. PALS and Hilton's Math testing is complete. I would like to meet with each family. Please talk to Pam to set up a time. Pam will also be away part of the week before break. Bethannee Yeoman will be filling in with Mrs. Cindy. Please call the school office if you need to report absences or changes in plans at 392-5792.

Winter Updates Remember preschool is closed when Hilton Schools are closed. Please remember to bring shoes on the days you wear boots. Boots leave water on the floor that we can fall on. We try to go outside when the weather is not bitter.

Charting for Parent Conferences We are collecting samples of your child's work for you in preparation of Parent Teacher Conferences in February.

Parent Teacher Conferences will begin after February break for 2's and 3's. Mrs. Merrill is available for conferences for 4's anytime this month. She is available after school as well as on Saturdays.

Registration for Fall 2018 has begun. We offer a discounted registration fee of \$30 for all current students. The discount rate is offered through April 1, 2017. After April 1st the registration fee will be \$40. All new students pay \$40 registration.

No Preschool Monday, February 19th – Friday, February 23rd for Mid-Winter Break. Day Care will still be available. Please let us know if you anticipate needing care ASAP so we can staff our program appropriately.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in each class. We recommend that 2's and 3's bring one card per child, with no names on envelopes. 3's may try to write at least one letter of their name if it isn't too stressful. 4's are encouraged to write their own names to sign the cards. Parents of 4's are encouraged to write the name of the child the card is going to so the students can read it easier and match it to their Valentine bag.

2018 Minimum Wage increase has caused our staff costs to rise 8% with taxes. It has made it necessary to increase tuition starting in February. A letter with the new fees was sent home in mid-January.

Extra Days

We are now starting our second year with day care! Time goes by so quickly! It is a great time to add an extra day or afternoon. Our enhanced day care program encourages each child to learn through play! They will participate in their age appropriate preschool class in the morning, after class they have lunch, a period of rest, and then a structured activity with Mrs. Caryn and Mrs. Parina. If your child is preparing for kindergarten, adding an afternoon is a good way of preparing them for the all day classes next school year! See Caitlyn or Pam for availability.

Wrap Around

Our before school wrap around program starts at 6 AM each day. The Hilton buses pick up here to take your child to school. We offer a light breakfast. Our after school wrap around program starts at 3PM. The buses drop off students here where they will be offered a snack and a fun activity to do. We close at 6 PM, all students must be picked up by then. There is a discount if your child attends our program 5 days a week. This program is designed specifically for school age children.

Visit our Website and Facebook Page

Visit us at our website Parmakids.com and Parma Kids Preschool & Child Care Center on Facebook. The current newsletters and lesson plans are available on both.

Payments

We are working on being able to email you an invoice where you will have the option to pay directly from your bank account if you so desire. Options of paying with cash, check, and credit card will still be available in our office. If you would like a weekly or monthly invoice emailed to you directly please provide us with your preferred email. Our budget is very tight. We appreciate it when you make your payments by the first of the month for preschool and by Monday of the current week for day care. Recommending us to others and participating in fundraisers is the best way to help your child's school.

Fundraisers

Niagara Chocolate is available for Easter. The sale has started and runs through Feb. 16th. It is a vital part of our budget this year and we are hoping each student can sell \$80 to meet our goal. Orders will be available for pick up here at school before Easter.

Our Youth Group is again offering a Special Dinner as a fundraiser for our church, Parma Christian Fellowship. It will be held at the Arlington restaurant in Hilton. Babysitting is offered at our school (across the parking lot from the Arlington). A flyer will be in your child's school bag with more details after break. Tickets can be purchased at our office, online by going to <http://pcfministries.com>, or by contacting Josh Merrill at (585) 469-2024.

Child Care Tax Receipt

All receipts have been sent home. If you have any questions please see Pam or Caitlyn in the office.

Our church offers a Kids Club program each Wednesday night. We will be off for 2 weeks during February with so many traveling and will resume Kids Club 2/28/18. We have classes for preschool through teens. It runs from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. There is no cost, but snacks can be donated. Each night we have a Bible Story, craft, game and snack.