

# February 2025

## Children's Circle Preschool

OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



For Kids!

### Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we began registering for a new school year (wow, does time fly!), I've had the chance to give tours to new families that want to be a part of CCP. That means refreshing my knowledge about who CCP is, what we do here and why! It's been a blessing to walk through the hallways with prospective families as they see kiddos and teachers in action. Maybe you remember the first time you visited CCP! Without exception, families fall in love with our program. I wouldn't say that if it wasn't true! Nor would I still be here after 18 years. (By the way, there are staff members who have been longer than me and they would agree!) To prepare for tours, I read through the CCP Parent handbook (you can find this on our web-site below). From our mission, to what we believe about educating young children, you will find truths that we hold fast to but the proof they say is in the pudding. (I'm not sure who came up with that but I'm going to use it here!) As I have walked through the hallways the last few weeks, I've been so proud of showing nervous, first time parents happy, involved kiddos who are engaged in playdoh, building with leggos, painting with ice, creating snowmen out of styro-foam, reading books quietly on the circle rug, running madly around the gym playing tag or chasing a ball. These new families see teachers with their heads down encouraging a child as he/she learns to write his name or spell out her favorite color. Teachers guiding the class counting to 25 (and beyond!). Hearing a teacher encouraging the classroom to do a new thing, she says "Hmmm...this might be a little bit hard", we've heard the kiddos shout "But we can do hard things!" This is music to the ears and joy to the soul! CCP is about the business of learning about ourselves, our own feelings, our friends feelings, experiencing life in a community, how to communicate our needs and learning to think on our own. We do our best to encourage independence and a joyful curiosity about the world God placed us in. We move. We dance. We run. We sing. Sometimes it's a difficult thing. Like a bump on the head, learning to share or giving up a paci! Every day is a new experience. Never a dull moment at CCP! So much life to live before age 5! :) **Peace, Ren**



#### The Northside Food Pantry could use our help. Needs include:

- Canned fruit & Veggies, Canned soups
- Pasta
- Peanut butter, jelly (grape, strawberry )
- Jiffy, Pancake, & Baking mix,
- Cooking oils
- TP, Kleenex, paper towel, laundry and dish soap
- Hygiene: soap, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes,
- Feminine hygiene products, especially pads
- Diapers, all sizes.

*Donation drop off is located inside the  
Second Presbyterian Church main entrance.  
Thank you!*



**CCP & Second Presbyterian  
will be closed on  
Monday, February 17th.**



#### CCP Weather delays/closures

Great job on watching the Brightwheel App for school closings and delays! What a year we've had! Remember that you can also find this information on **WTHR.com**.



*A delay means that school will  
begin at 11a.m.*

#### What's up with that?

My favorite holiday in February is Valentine's Day. It's been celebrated for so many years that no one really knows how it started. The truth may be long gone but the best part remains! We get to show people that we love how much they mean to us! Each year, I try to think of new ways to make someone feel special. This year it seems really important to show love and hope to those around us. Even God says we are to love others.

It's easy to do!

Be kind.

Be helpful.

Think of someone as more important than even yourself!

Does that mean maybe we should share our Valentine candy with our sister or brother? You decide!

Here is a fun fact!  
Smiles are catchy!

Smile at someone and see if they smile back!  
I bet they will!

Happy  
Valentines Day!





## February Spotlight!

### Monthly Theme:

#### The Instrument Petting Zoo



#### This is Me (Twinkle, Twinkle)

This is me from head to toe  
I have two eyes and one little nose  
I wiggle my ears and stomp my feet!  
All of me is pretty neat!  
This is me from head to toe.  
I have two eyes and one little nose.



#### I Love My Body

I love my body from my head to my toes  
I love my face, my eyes, my mouth, my nose  
I love the way I look when I look in the mirror  
I stand a little closer just to see a little clearer  
Who is that? It's me!  
And I am looking good as good can be!  
So what do I say?  
I tell myself I love me every day!

#### Love Your Friends (*Row your Boat*)

Love, love, love your friends  
Love them all the time  
Show them that you care for them  
By being good and kind.

## What's Happening at Second Church?

### Sunday Mornings at Second!

- 9am-9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 10am Worship

\*4 year olds through 8th graders begin in Sanctuary with their families. After "The Word with children, they are invited to head to Children's Choir or are welcome to remain for the entire worship service.

- Sunday Morning Care is offered to our younger children.



### Godly Play

This month, Godly Play will focus on the life and teachings of Jesus through the parables. Together we will explore the stories Jesus told. I wonder who this man was, that did and said such wonderful things? I wonder what parts of these stories are about you? I wonder why we still tell them today? - Ms. Chloe

### Different is Beautiful

We are all born in a different way  
How we look and what we say  
Of many sizes and colors too,  
The things we like and the things we do  
I'm so glad we are made this way  
The world is so colorful everyday



### Love is a Circle (*Up on the Housetop*)

Love is a circle, round and round  
Love goes up, and love comes down  
Love is on the inside trying to get out  
Love is swirling and twirling about!

### Important Dates!

Monday Feb 17th  
March 31—April 4th  
Friday April 18  
Monday, April 21  
Monday-Friday, May 12-16  
Thursday, May 22

Presidents Day  
Spring Break - Closed  
Good Friday-Closed  
Easter-Closed  
Last Week of School  
Summer School begins



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