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SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ARE BACK!

This is a super easy way to order reading level appropriate books for your children. Additionally, when you order using your school code, you are also supporting our school with FREE Books and Classroom Resources! To Order Online, visit <http://clubs.scholastic.com/> and use the code **H23KP** or click "Find Your Teacher" and choose Kathryn Aitcheson, then choose your books. Please note *Scholastic is experiencing delays due to the pandemic*. Your books are estimated to arrive at ITBP in the week of December 13 or 20. Books will either go home with your student before break, or will be available for pick up during break in the preschool lobby. We will keep you updated on arrival dates! For questions, contact Christina Kerstetter-Fischer, Ckerstetter.fischer@gmail.com. ♥

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences for this fall will be optional. Conferences are set for November 1-19 and are for parents only. Your teacher will contact you regarding a meeting time and date if desired. ♥

SHOEBOXES OF JOY

This year we will partner with Catholic Community Services to put together Shoeboxes of Joy! We will be making the holiday season a bit brighter for those adults in King county who find themselves alone. Let's bring the our preschool blessings to them. You will receive your box along with more information on how you and your student can lovingly fill this box! Boxes need to be returned November 18-22 to the classroom. ♥

IMPORTANT REMINDER IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK:

Please be diligent and keep your child home from school if they are sick. We need to partner to keep our preschool population safe and healthy! Nothing is worse than having to sneeze or cough in your mask - ugh! Please make sure that before you return, your child is 100% symptom free. Please check with your health care professional to see if your child should get a COVID-19 test. We appreciate you informing the office whether it by phone or email about your child's absence. The Preschool is obligated to track all absences for all highly contagious illnesses regardless of this pandemic. ♥

PARENT PHONE EXTENSION - THANKS SO MUCH!

Please keep using 425-305-4753 for absences, report a contagious illness or change in plans for drop-off or pick-up. You can email the office too. ♥

WINTER WEATHER & PLAYGROUND

If we experience any extreme weather this winter, please check our website or emails prior to 8:30 am for any updates. We follow ISD calendar and if they have a late start or close, we will also be closed. Please make sure your child is dressed to play outside for any type of weather during this time of year. A sweatshirt and closed toe shoes will always help your child stay dry, warm, and well. ♥

POP-UP PLAYDATES FOR PRESCHOOLERS THE 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Are you looking for a safe and fun place to take your child for some outdoor fun—we have just the space, up on our playground! You are invited to drop in on **November 5 from 10—11:30 am to play**. Invite a friend to join too! All you need is to dress for the weather! What a great way to get to know your child's classroom parents better.

In conjunction with the 1st Friday, Nicole Raegen (JJJ teacher) will be hosting her Fit4Moms group from 10—11am near the playground. You do not have to be a part of Fit4Moms to come play. ♥

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

We will begin inhouse and public registration in January for the 2022-2023 school year. More information will be sent to you in December. ♥

REFERRALS

We love referrals! Our referral campaign is up and running. If you refer a family to our program and they take a tour with us, you receive a Starbucks gift card! If they join our preschool family, you will receive an Amazon gift card! We have spots open in our Bunny, Bears, and PreK classes. ♥

WE NEED SUBSTITUTES!

Do you enjoy working with preschoolers? Then this would be a great job for you during your child's preschool hours: you get to work with passionate and joyful teaching staff and of course, the best part-experiencing our AMAZING children! Contact Kathryn in the office if interested. ♥

YES TO WATER BOTTLES!

We now have clearance for our kiddos to bring water bottles to school. We are asking for a specific type that has a **fully enclosed lid** and **easy to open** to keep our teachers and littles safe. Click on the link from Target below to view the type of bottle we need. You do not have to purchase this particular water bottle but our bunny class has been using them and the teachers and kids love them!

<https://www.target.com/p/ello-16oz-2pk-plastic-stratus-tritan-kids-39-water-bottle-pink-purple/-/A-81505143> ♥

TUITION UPDATE & THANK YOU

Thank you to our families for understanding our new Covid inspired tuition procedures. If you haven't already sent in your post dated checks or set up an auto bank check, please contact Carlene in the office. For those of you who have (so many in fact!) THANK YOU. This new procedure will ensure the safety of you and our staff PLUS the added bonus of not ever having to pay that annoying late fee! ♥

WEBSITE UPDATE

Please remember to check our website at www.inthebeginningpreschool.org for teacher calendars, forms, specialists newsletters, Faith Church and community events, relative links and of course this wonderful newsletter! ♥

It's FALL...

That means pumpkins, colorful leaves, parades, Halloween, treats and more! We are having a great time with our kiddos. ♥



Important Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- 11/1 Tuition due
- 11/2 Don't forget to VOTE
- 11/5 Pop Up Playdates for Preschoolers (10—11:30am)
- 11/7 Daylight Savings Time begins—Fall Back
- 11/1-19 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/9 Scholastic Book Order due—online only
- 11/11 **No School—Veteran's Day**
- 11/18-22 Shoe Boxes of Joy Due
- 11/25-26 **No School: Happy Thanksgiving**



DECEMBER

- 12/1 Tuition due
- 12/3 Pop Up Playdates for Preschoolers (10—11:30am)
- 12/13-31 Christmas Break
- 12/25 *Merry Christmas*

Giving of Thanks...

Just 8 short weeks ago you and your child entered the Preschool doors to start this amazing journey with us. Your children have grown so much and our hearts are so full that it is hard to imagine loving and enjoying these precious ones more than we already do...but we will. Your children are amazing and we are thankful for the opportunity to share them with you.

Dads thank you for spending time with your child creating new Pumpkins projects. It might look a little different this year, but time spent with your child and a pumpkin are precious. A special thank you goes out to your awesome teachers who made it possible. The Halloween/Fall parties were very precious and the students were so adorable in their costumes!

We welcome you to share in the riches of Christian life at Faith Church by attending a variety of engaging activities as well as worship service on Sundays. We host both in-person and online worship as well as in-person Sunday School from PreK—Highschool. Child care is available for 0—3. Check out their [website](#) for times and events.

We wish your family laughter that comes from the belly and love that keeps you warm from the inside out that lasts longer than the holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

**Blessings from grateful hearts,
Kathryn & the incredibly talented and
devoted Staff at ITBP ♥**

