

# St. Mary's Community Preschool Newsletter



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2014-2015



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Dear Parents:

We are so proud of the accomplishments of all the students this year. Now, the time has come to look to the future. We are always looking ahead to strive and meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of all children. Thanks to a very generous donor we are very proud to announce the inclusion of PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

**Mommy And Me Class  
Kathy Wright, Facilitator**

thank Reverend Betty for her devotion and her commitment to our preschool and Miss Lisa for her endless administrative help. We also want to thank all the parents who gave their time and love to ensure the success of SMCP.

Mommy and Me Jubilee has finished its spring session. We enjoyed lots of playtime, singing the children's favorite songs, and blowing bubbles and popping them - so much fun!!

We are happy to announce, by popular demand, we will be holding a summer session!! Classes begin June 30th, 2015 and run for seven weeks on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Please contact Kathy Wright to register at Crider8680@hotmail.com or call/text 845-216-6871.

**Preschool Two Day**  
**Sharlene Pizza, Head Teacher**



It seems like yesterday that the students were arriving for their first day of preschool. Wow! Ten months of making new friends, singing new songs, learning the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. It has been a fun-filled, action packed year for sure. We have truly enjoyed watching your child grow.

As the year progressed, so did their creativity. The children became better at using their little fingers for fine motor activities. By the time Mother's Day approached, the children

were able to cut up tissue paper themselves - some ripped it. Then it was on to gluing these little pieces of paper onto a glass vase by using a paint brush and their fingers. Getting over the sticky feeling on their fingers seems to be the toughest part for the students.

May also found us cooking in the kitchen. We rolled out cookie dough, cut out the shapes using cookie cutters, and put them on the cookie sheets. Then, we put them into the oven and watched them bake - what fun!

May's letters were U through X. What a difference ten months makes - they happily clean up from Discovery time and run to their shapes to start the day! We used our daily circle times to review the entire alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The month ended with our Memorial Day celebration of watermelon and summer time snacks.

Every Tuesday, the kids get so excited when they hear we are going to Chapel. In preparing for our visit with Rev. Betty, the children have learned how to form a line, stay behind your friend, don't push, and hold onto the railing while taking the stairs. Rev. Betty tells everyone each week just how much God loves us and how we can show others God's love - it's very special. Every lesson starts off with Rev. Betty lighting two candles; the children understand that the first one she lights is for God and the second one is for us. We pray every week for our friends, our family and even people we do not know. We sing and dance about God's love. We have been so blessed to have Reverend Betty in our lives.

June has been all about graduation. The children have been learning their songs, making their crafts and having fun! We completed learning letters A through Z this past week. They were so proud of themselves when they realized they new every letter in the alphabet.

We had lots of fun the last week of school - bowling in the Sommaripa Room, painting sea shells, talking about summer vacations along with some outside water fun!

We are so glad that you chose Saint Mary's Community Preschool as the educational setting for your child's early years. It has been a wonderful experience for us. and we hope

for them too.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Sharlene Pizza

Michelle Kayser, Assistant Teacher

### **Preschool Three Day**

**Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher**

**"Get Set For School" Curriculum**



Like flowers that bloom in spring, the students in the three day program have blossomed and are ready to move on to the PreK class.

During the months of May and June, we have been busy finishing up our curriculum and reviewing the basics - capital and lowercase letters, numbers and letter sounds. We have also been assessing each student's progress and preparing for graduation day.

The three year old students have been focusing on spelling and writing their names in Language and Literacy. We read many fun stories and expand upon them during other subjects. We read "Little Pea" by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and completed different activities around the text including making our own peas out of green play doh. We also read "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff. The preschoolers had so much fun stirring up batter and enjoying pancakes. We created pig

faces and retold the story. We read "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Numeroff. We created a graph of our favorite cookies, created a cookie craft using fun puffy paint. Lastly, we read "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. We created different crafts including a caterpillar using sponge painting. We completed caterpillar math and discussed nutrition.

During Math, the students practiced differentiating between the same and different objects as well as sizes. We created a picture collage of activities accomplished during the daytime (ex: eating breakfast) and night time (ex: saying our prayers before bedtime). We also played "Day and Night" charades.

In Readiness and Writing, the students traced shapes, letters V, W, X, Y, and Z. They also traced numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. The children have been reviewing capital letters and numbers and perfecting our crayon grip and letter writing form.

The students were introduced to the letters W through Z as well as their sounds. We created the following letter crafts: W is for watermelon and wagon, X is for X ray, Y is for yak and Z is for Zebra. We also created letter worksheets each week to correspond with the letter we were learning.

During May and June, the students created Mother's Day crafts, a Flag for Memorial Day and Flag Day as well as crafts for Father's Day.

It has been a blessing teaching the students in the three day program and getting to know all of the families and students. Thank you for a great year and have a great summer!

Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher  
Michele Kayser, Teacher Assistant

**Preschool Five Day**

**Ida Payne, Head Teacher**  
**"Get Set For School" Curriculum**



Wow - the final newsletter for the 2014 - 2015 school year!

We are truly blessed to be able to be an important part of your child's academic life. Helping them learn to write their letters and numbers, watching them draw a picture of themselves, greeting us each morning with a big smile on their face makes us realize how wonderful it is to be a teacher.

The students have accomplished so much these last two months:

**Penmanship:** The children practiced writing their lowercase letters and Magic C Mystery letters, They learned to write sentences with punctuation marks, commas, and quotation marks. They practiced writing numbers 1 through 10 using the concepts big line, little line, big curve and little curve.

**Language and Literacy:** The students learn to develop stories through dramatic play. They retell stories and see how the words they say can become written words. The children learn that print can be used to label items such as body parts or objects in the classroom. And finally, the students use scribble, pictures, and letters to communicate an idea. This completes our chapter on Writing.

**Math:** We completed our chapter on Data Representation & Probability. Children learn to answer a question with words by moving into groups. Moving into groups helps children see answers. The students learn to organize and place objects in a simple graph to answer questions. They had fun making and analyzing pictographs. The children learned to explore and predict the likelihood of outcomes in both games and real life.

We did crafts for letters T for Tiger, U for U Turn, V for Vase, W for Watermelon, X for X-Ray, Y for Yarn and Z for Zebra. All their craft letters will be put in their binders and sent home.

As always, the children love Wednesdays because they get to go to Chapel and visit with Reverend Betty for stories, songs and prayers.

Our Mother's Day Tea was very special this year because we had a big celebration in Bentley Hall with lots of goodies!!

We celebrated birthdays for Isabelle, Jimmy and Dylan!

It is bittersweet that we must say goodbye to the graduates. As they embark on a new journey in their lives, we will remember each child with love in our hearts and pray that God will protect them and guild them every step of the way.

Ida Payne, Head Teacher  
Cynthia Dinan, Assistant Teacher

St. Mary's Community Preschool offers a variety of early childhood academic and social enrichment programs:

Mommy & Me Jubilee  
Preschool (2 years old)  
Preschool (3 years old)  
PreKindergarten (4-5 years old)  
Community Social Enrichment

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