



First Presbyterian Weekday School

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What is Process Art?

"Color it just like this." "Glue it on the paper to look just like the sample." "Cut here and paste here." These are statements that are not heard in our developmental classrooms. While those statements may have relevance in other settings, they would not be appropriate to use in order to encourage children to create an artistic masterpiece.

Art activities are child-centered, open-ended, and explorative in nature. Children are encouraged to "explore", "experiment with", and "discover" a variety of media. Emphasis is placed on how children use the materials and what learning is taking place and not on the finished product. In other words, focus is on the process.

This process is supported by:

- 🖌️ offering and not "making" the children do art
- 🖌️ having H-U-G-E sheets of paper available
- 🖌️ seeing the possibility of painting with things other than brushes
- 🖌️ not using dittos, patterns and cut-out art
- 🖌️ not making models or examples for the children
- 🖌️ not drawing for the child
- 🖌️ refraining from over-commenting, especially with words such as "Great picture!" This tends to place a value judgment on the picture.

We invite you to take a look at examples of process art, along with photos of children engaged in process art activities on a bulletin board in the main hallway of the church. A free resource entitled: "A Few of Our Favorite Projects and Unique Things to Paint With" from ooeygoeey.com is also available on this bulletin board.

I'm Wishing You Well!
Lara

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

Coming on April 17th, 2013 - SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION

February, 2013

School Calendar

February 2013

Friday, February 1st

Open House (9:30-12:00)

Monday and Tuesday,
February 4th and 5th
**REGISTRATION FOR
2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR,**
Loudoun Hall
(8:30 - 10:00 a.m. &
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. each day)

Wednesday, February 6th
Noon Dismissal
(Staff Training Day),
Spirit Day*

Monday, February 18th
Presidents' Day,
No School



March 2013

Wednesday, March 6th
Noon Dismissal
(Staff Training Day),
Spirit Day*

**Final dates for Spring
Break to be announced
soon!**

* Don't forget to wear your WDS shirt or something with a heart on it.

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year!

Registration will be held *Monday, February 4th and Tuesday, February 5th*, from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. each day in Loudoun Hall. Registration is open to church members and returning WDS Families on Monday, and open to the public on Tuesday.

We encourage you to invite your friends who are looking for preschools to consider the Weekday School! Have them call Ms. Colleen to schedule a tour!

OPEN HOUSE

Due to inclement weather, the Open House scheduled for January 25 will be held Friday, February 1.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused families.



Just a reminder to observe these signs.

Helping Those in Need:

W.A.T.T.S
(Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter)

This outreach mission provides food and shelter for those in our area who are in need. First Presbyterian Church will host WATTS February 18 -February 25, 2013, 7 pm - 7 am daily.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this mission, please contact the church office: 662-3824.

REGISTRATION FORMS

The 2013-2014 Registration Form is attached to this newsletter, for your convenience.

New for 2013-2014: A 5 day class for three year olds!

(Note: There has been a slight adjustment in rates for next year.)

NEW TUITION POLICY

Beginning in 2013- 2014, tuition will be collected one month in advance. A \$100 non-refundable deposit will be due by June 1. This amount will be applied to September's tuition. The remainder of September's tuition will be due by August 10.

**** (see policy which is attached to this newsletter) ****

IF YOU ARE REGISTERING A RISING KINDERGARTENER...

Frederick County Schools: March 4-8, 2013

(www.frederick.k12.va.us)

Winchester City Schools: March 18-22, 2013

(www.wps.k12.va.us)

Clarke County Schools: March 19-21, 2013

(www.clarke.k12.va.us)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?

The bulletin board in the main hallway of the church has a section labeled "News." Be sure to check this bulletin board for listings of community events and opportunities. You will also find our newest members of the Weekday School family (birth announcements) and other helpful Weekday School information. To highlight some events:

02.01.2013 [First Friday Art Walk](#) [Old Town Winchester](#)

02.02.2013 - [Art Exhibit:](#) [Shenandoah](#)
02.27.2013 ["Interculturality"](#) [Arts Council](#)

From Handley Regional Library:

"Snuggle Up with a Book" is the winter reading program's theme, Feb. 1-28

Registration is electronic. Families are encouraged to read together. Early literacy activities will be stressed. Like summer reading program, reading club participants record their time spent reading. For each six hours of reading, the participant will receive a bookplate to place in a favorite book.

Welcome New Family Members:

Teegan Grimm, born December 21, 2012