



First Presbyterian Weekday School

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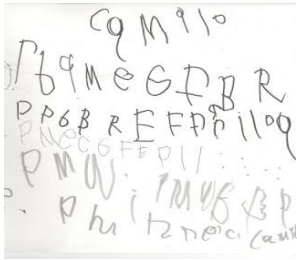
Lara Davis, Director

Lara Shares "The 'Write' Stuff in Preschool"



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I LIC IS KREM This is an example of intentional representation with more "invented" spelling of matching letters to sounds. To a preschool-aged child, this "says:"

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These are examples of a child's natural progression of learning to express thoughts and ideas to communicate a written message. At the Weekday School, we provide opportunities for children to draw, write, and journal. Children are encouraged to follow these steps: (1) Think (develop a thought or idea to communicate); (2) Draw (express that thought or idea in pictorial representation); (3) Write (use symbols, letters or representational letter forms to write about the picture).

(See Attachment to Finish Reading the Complete Article!)

January, 2013

School Calendar

January 2013

Wednesday, January 2nd

School Reopens

Noon Dismissal

(Staff Training Day),
Spirit Day*

Monday, January 21st

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,

No School



February 2013

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

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

How Are Noon Dismissals Helpful??

The staff at the Weekday School wishes to extend our appreciation for your support of our noon dismissals. The purpose of the monthly dismissals is to provide an extra hour of training/educational opportunities for staff. This staff is committed to providing a quality as well as appropriate developmental education. We use the time to explore and discuss current research and participate in activities that are helpful to use in the classrooms. You may have noticed that we also share a meal together on the first Wednesday. This has become an important connecting ritual for us. Although it is a "working lunch," it is nice for us to be able to break bread together.

The staff also participates in meetings and trainings, 1: 15 - 2:15 on the second and third Wednesday afternoons of each month.

This year we are participating in a book study on The Power of Observation by Jablon, Dombro, and Dichtelmiller. Strengthening our observation skills helps us to recognize developmental levels and plan strategies and activities to support our children's development and interests.

What's Cooking?? It's a First Ever WDS Cookbook!!

The Weekday School is proud to offer a treasured collection of recipes from many outstanding cooks. This keepsake contains recipes from our entire school family; including staff and the students themselves. Each section also contains classroom prayers that are shared before lunchtime each day. Cookbooks will be available for purchase through the Weekday School office.

Cost: \$10 per book



(Proceeds benefit the WDS General Fund)



Hurry...only a few left!

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.



Just
a reminder to
observe these
signs.



Why is tuition the same amount each month?

Tuition is based upon the number of days per year children attend. The total cost is divided evenly so that the amount for each month stays the same.

[Registration is coming for the 2013-2014 school year:](#)

Hard to believe, but registration is fast approaching!
Mark your calendars for February 4 and 5, 2013. The 4th is reserved for returning families and church members. The 5th begins open enrollment.

*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!*

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:

Dec. 31 - First Night Winchester

Jan. 16 - Handley Library at 6 pm

Children's Room "Every Child Ready to Read" (Free)

Jan. 19 - Bowman Library at 11 am

Penguin Appreciation Day (Free Fun for Families)

Welcome Kennedy Claire Beaudin, born December 13, 2012.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .
Coming on April 17th, 2013 . . .
SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION**

Happy New Year! Wishing you and your family a peaceful and healthy 2013!

The Weekday School Team