

The Pre-School at Doylestown United Methodist Church

SPECIAL MONTHLY ACTIVITIES for 2017 ~ 2018

Here is a general listing of special events and themes that will be covered during the school year.

Parents will receive monthly calendars with times and specific details from their teachers.

Chapel is held once a month for the *3-Day* and *Growing Into Kindergarten* classes.

SEPTEMBER

Fill Your Bucket and Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud is our ongoing theme as we begin the school year. These books emphasize becoming acquainted, building friendships, respecting others, and kindness to one another. Children are introduced to school routines, learning to become a member of a group, and becoming comfortable away from family.

Sept. 7 - School begins for *2-day (Th/F)* classes

Sept. 11 - School begins for *3-day, Growing into Kindergarten and Discovery Time* classes

Sept. 12 - School begins for *2-day (T/W)* and class

Sept. 19 - School begins for *Afternoon Adventures* class

Sept. 18 - This week begins Enrichment Session 1 for *3-day* and *Growing Into Kindergarten* students

Sept. 26 - This week begins Enrichment Session 1 for *2-day* and *Time for Twos* classes

OCTOBER

This month focuses on the Harvest and on the changes in our world as we observe autumn around us. We will complete October with child-friendly Halloween activities. The *2-day* and *3-day* classes will visit a Pumpkin Patch.

Oct. 4 - School pictures for *2-day (T/W)* and *3-day* classes

Oct. 5 - School pictures for *2-day (Th/F)* and *5-day* classes

Oct. 11 - Pumpkin Patch trip for *2-day (T/W)* classes to The Market at Del Val

Oct. 13 - Pumpkin Patch trips for *2-day (Th/F)* classes to The Market at Del Val

Oct. 18 - Pumpkin Patch trip for *3-day* classes to None Such Farm

Oct. 20 - Barn Nature Center trip for *Growing Into Kindergarten* class (9:45)

Oct. 25 - Halloween Parade and party for *2-day (T/W)* class

Oct. 27 - Halloween Parade and party for *2-day (Th/F)* classes

Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade and party for *3-day* and *Growing into Kindergarten* classes

Oct. 31 - Orange & Black Day for *3-day* and *Growing into Kindergarten* classes

NOVEMBER

This month we focus on thankfulness. The children learn about Native Americans and Pilgrims. Students in the *3-day* classes will take a trip to the Churchville Nature Center for a hands-on Native American experience, as well as gather for their version of the first Thanksgiving Feast. The children in the *2-day* program will experience Native Americans through story, song, and pretend play. Vision Screenings will be offered to all children.

Nov. 1, 2 & 3 - Vision Screenings

Nov. 8 - Trip to Churchville Nature Center for the *3-day* classes

Nov. 13 - This week begins Enrichment Session 2 for all students

Nov. 15 - Thanksgiving Feast for the *3-day* classes (11:00am)

Nov. 17 - *Growing Into Kindergarten* class Thanksgiving Feast and play (11:00am)

Nov. 20 - Gift collection begins for Christ's Home

Nov. 20 & 21 - Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL

Nov. 22, 23 & 24 - NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

The classes will prepare for the birth of Christ through various Christmas activities and projects. Prior to the holidays, families gather in the Sanctuary for a Christmas program followed by refreshments in Overholt Hall. The *Growing Into Kindergarten* class will study "Christmas Around the World". We practice giving through our Christ's Home Giving Tree.

Dec. 8 - Last day for gift collection

Dec. - To be announced - *5-day class* trip to Byers Choice

Dec. 20 - NO SCHOOL for *Afternoon Adventures* class; *Discovery Time* will be held as scheduled

Dec. 20 - *3-day* Christmas Program, "Cookies & Carols" (9:30am) ~ NO enrichments today

Dec. 22 - ALL *2-day* Christmas Program, "Cookies & Carols" (9:30am) ~ NO enrichments today

Dec. 22 - *Growing Into Kindergarten*, "Christmas Around the World" (10:15) ~ NO enrichments today

Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 - NO SCHOOL - Happy Holidays!

JANUARY

Our January focus will be *Animals of Winter*. The *Growing into Kindergarten* classes will be “traveling” to Alaska to learn about the customs, music, food, sights and people of our 49th state.

- Jan. 2 - Classes resume
- Jan. 4 & 5 - “Meet & Greet” for the January *2-day* class
- Jan. 11 & 12- January *2-day (Th/F)* class begins
- Jan. 15 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 29 - This week begins Enrichment Session 3 for all students
- Jan. 31 - Pajama Day for *2-day (T/W)* and *3-day* classes

FEBRUARY

The classes will learn about the care of teeth for Dental Health Month. We will also have fun celebrating our *Happy Birthday!* The *Growing Into Kindergarten* class will enjoy the Celebration of the 100th Day of School!

- Feb. 2 - Pajama Day for *2-day (Th/F)* and *Growing into Kindergarten* classes
- Feb. 9 - Valentine’s Day parties for *2-day (Th/F)* classes
- Feb. 14 - Valentine’s Day parties for *2-day (T/W)*, *3-day* & *Growing into Kindergarten* classes
- Feb. 19 - NO SCHOOL - President’s Day

MARCH

The children will enjoy a *Science Fair!* Various science experiments and activities will be explored throughout the month. The science lab will come alive with our scientist’s discoveries!

- March 14 - St. Patrick’s Day Celebration for the *2-day (T/W)* and *3-day* classes
- March 16 - St. Patrick’s Day Celebration for the *2-day (Th/F)* and *Growing Into Kindergarten* classes
- March 23 - Easter Egg Hunt for the *2-day (Th/F)* classes
- March 26 - This week begins Enrichment Session 4 for all students
- March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt for the *3-day*, *2-day (T/W)* and *Growing into Kindergarten* classes
- March 29 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service Day; Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 30 & April 2 - NO SCHOOL - Happy Easter!

APRIL

Students will enjoy a school-wide author study on the books of Dr. Seuss. The characters, his message and illustrations will be the focus. Spring brings new birth in the world around us with the return of flowers as God’s world awakens after the winter months.

- April 11 - Trip for *2-day (T/W)* classes to the Bucks County Children’s Museum
- April 12 & 13 - Trip for *2-day (Th/F)* classes to the Bucks County Children’s Museum
- April - To be announced - *5-day* class field trip to Giant
- April 27 - Spring Show for ALL *2-day* classes (11:00am)

MAY

All classes are involved in preparation for Mother’s Day. The *3-day* and *Growing Into Kindergarten* children invite their mothers to tea! We all get ready for our Annual Art Show and Family Picnic!

- May 9 - Mother’s Day Tea for the *3-day* classes
- May 11 - Mother’s Day Tea for the *Growing Into Kindergarten* class
- May 18 - NO SCHOOL: 6:00-8:00 PM **ANNUAL ART SHOW** All are welcome.
- May 22 - Last day of class *2-day (T/W)*, *3-day*, *5-day*, *Afternoon Adventures* and *Discovery Time* classes
- May 23 - End of Year Family Picnic for *3-day* and *5-day* classes at Hansel Park. Rain or shine.
- May 24 - End of Year Family Picnic for all *2-day* classes at Hansel Park. Rain or shine.
- May 25 - Teacher in-service day
- May 29 - 1st week of Camp

JUNE

Summer Camp:	Week 1: May 29- June 1	Week 2: June 4-8	Week 3: June 11-15
Themes:	Let’s Go Buggy	Disney Magic	Circus Fun