March is All About Reading at MCPCP

March is Reading Focus Month. The University Place Chick-fil-A is sponsoring our “Be Smart...Read More Books...Eat More Chikin” reading program again this year. Classes will celebrate Dr. Seuss and the school will hold a Scholastic Book Fair.

To shop the Book Fair in person, please visit the Bus Garage or outside (weather permitting) Monday through Thursday, March 1st—4th, 8:45-9:30 or 12:30-1:30. We won’t be able to have in-house guest readers this year but you are welcome to video yourself reading a book and post it on your child’s class Band app, per the teacher’s instructions.

The Scholastic Book Fair ONLINE shopping web address is: www.scholastic.com/bf/mallardcreekpreschool. If you can’t make it to our book fair in person, feel free to shop online until March 9th.

March 1-4 is our Reading Spirit Week. Children will get to participate as follows (2-day classes may be different...See class calendar). We will collect donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for Spirit Week. We hope that you will consider sending a donation in for this worthy organization.

**Students may dress as follows for Spirit Week:**

**Monday 1st: Pajama Day.** Please wear 2-piece pajamas for ease in the restrooms/diaper changes and wear regular shoes. NO BEDROOM SLIPPERS please.

**Tuesday 2nd: Crazy Hair Day** Come to school with a funny hair-do, hair a funny color, etc.

**Wednesday 3rd: Silly Socks Day.** No need to purchase new socks. Children may wear mismatched socks or funny socks.

**Thursday 4th: Hat Day** Wear your favorite hat to school.

Children’s Theater of Charlotte’s Virtual presentation of The Velveteen Rabbit will be between March 8th and 11th! This performance is being paid for by a memorial donation in honor of Pastor Kenneth Craig that was given by Merle & Elizabeth King and a monetary donation given by Judy Shanahan.

St. Patrick’s Day, on March 17th, is a traditional celebration of the Irish introduction to Christianity by St. Patrick & a celebration of the Irish heritage in general. In this tradition, we wear green & get “pranked” by an imaginary leprechaun, who we can never quite catch, because if we caught him, he would have to give us his pot of gold.

*All children may wear green on March 17th to join in the St. Patrick’s Day fun.*

The 100th Day of Preschool is March 25th! Many classes will do special activities that day. See your child’s class calendar/newsletter for more information.

On March 25th, wear your MCPCP t-shirt and/or mask to preschool and to our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the University Place location. This will be a drive-thru or pick-up event. Just make sure that you tell them you are with the Spirit Night or put it in the comment section of your mobile order. 15% of all “Spirit Night” sales will go to our preschool!

This year, Easter is on April 4th & is the Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ after His death on a cross. It is traditionally celebrated with egg hunts & Easter baskets. Easter Egg Hunts and celebrations will take place the week of March 29th through 31st. Look for more information from your child’s teachers.

_March 30 is National Doctors and Nurses Day._

If you need a statement for tax purposes, email Priscilla, our treasurer, at: preschool-treasurer@mallardcreekchurch.org. The preschool’s tax i.d. # is 56-0711943.

All payments made to “MCPCP” must have your child’s first and last name written in the memo section of the check or money order to make sure that each payment is credited to the correct account.

As our weather changes, please make sure that your child’s change of clothes that is kept at the preschool is appropriate for warmer weather. Also, please send a jacket with your child each day, as whenever possible, the children will go outside to play.

MCPCP Illness Policy Reminder: Children must be fever-free for 48 hours without help from medication before returning to preschool. Children must also have had no episodes of diarrhea or vomiting, rash, or new symptoms for at least 48 hours before returning to preschool. Please see our online Parent Handbook that can be found at www.mallardcreekchurch.org, under the Preschool tab for more information.

We have a few openings in our 2021-2022 classes so please tell your friends about us.

Summer Camp Registration is still OPEN! We are offering three Summer Camps that will run Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the month of June. Pick one or two weeks or pick all three...your choice! **Initial registration for all Summer Camps will end on April 26th so make sure that you sign-up TODAY!**

Don’t forget to “Like” and “Share” us on Facebook.

“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” ~1 Corinthians 10:31

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**Dates To Remember:**

* March 1: Tuition Payment #8 for April is due.
* March 1-4: Scholastic Book Fair and Spirit Week.
* March 1: LLS Pajama Day—Please consider bringing a donation for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Donations will be collected all week.
* March 2: Crazy Hair Day (Pajama Day for T/Th students)
* March 3: Silly Socks Day
* March 4: Hat Day, Last Day to pay tuition without a late fee, and last day to order MCPCP t-shirts.
* March 8-11: Children’s Theatre Virtual Presentation of The Velveteen Rabbit.
* March 9: Last Day to order books through the ONLINE Book Fair.
* March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward 1 Hour)
* March 17: Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
* March 20: 1st Day of Spring
* March 25: 100th Day of School and Wear your MCPCP t-shirt/mask!
* March 25: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Drive-thru or Mobile Order 5-8 p.m. at University Place location.
* March 29-31: Easter Egg Hunts and Celebrations
* March 1-31: “Be Smart...Read More Books...Eat More Chikin” Reading Program.

**Looking Ahead:**

* April 1-4: Spring Break—Preschool Closed
* April 1: Tuition Payment #8 for May is due. This will be your last payment for the year! YAY!*
* April 12: First day back to preschool
* April 13: Last Day to pay tuition without a late fee.
* April 19 & 20: Spring Pictures and Pre-K Graduation pictures.
* April 22: Spring Fling—this will be a student and staff only event this year due to COVID-19. More information coming soon.
* April 29: Spring Fling (rain date)
* May 1: Payment #1 for September due for the 2021-2022 school year.
* May 27: Last day of Preschool & Graduation for Pre-K students. Mark your calendars.