



Ms. Karla's Older Class
January 2023
Classroom Newsletter
Precious Pals Preschool
Hagerstown, IN

Importance of Dramatic Play Centers

The Dramatic Play Center is a place students can go to pretend, imagine, and be creative. Students can pretend to be anyone and do anything! This is powerful for our little learners. It is a place that promotes high-level thinking, problem-solving, take turns, and is a rich place for teaching vocabulary. Students can learn and develop skills in all learning domains (language, literacy, math, science, social studies, fine motor, gross motor, and social skills) through pretend play.

You should have noticed our dramatic play centers 1st semester: Home Living, Dinosaur Dig Site, Pumpkin Patch, Grocery Store, Ice Skating Rink (currently set up)...because they have been so SUCCESSFUL I will continue to change these out 2nd semester.

Phonemic Awareness

The ability to recognize, analyze and manipulate the sounds within our spoken language. Understanding that individual sounds make up our spoken language, phonemic awareness has nothing to do with written letters or words. It is 100% auditory. Phonemes are sounds. The word dog has 3 phonemes: /d/ /o/ /g/. We have 26 letters in our language, but we have about 44 phonemes. Some phonemes are created from two letters put together: /sh/ Isolating, blending, segmenting, and manipulating phonemes builds strong phonemic awareness. Phonemic Awareness is so important because this foundation prepares them for eventually applying letters to sounds to create words. We will be working through a variety of these skills to build a foundation for beginning readers:
Alliteration, 1st Sound Isolation, Rhyming, Onset & Rime, Blending/Segmenting, Comparing/Contrast, Phoneme Substitution

Thank You!!!!!!!

On behalf of all of us teachers here at Precious Pal Preschool we want to *THANK YOU* for all your Christmas wishes! We never expect the amazing gifts of love that are generously given to us! Thank you so much! ☺



Bible Time with Miss Rachel

Hey everyone! I hope everybody had a good Christmas break and I cannot wait to see your kids again!

Last month, we talked about the Christmas story and we had a lot of fun with it. In January, we are going to be talking about some of the parables that Jesus told; the lost sheep, the prodigal son, and the Good Samaritan to name a few.

I always loved the parables growing up so I'm excited to share them with your kids. Jesus tells several different parables in the gospels. We will be looking at a few different chapters in Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Mark 4:2

He taught them many things by parables in his teaching.

Sweet & Salty Pretzel Rod Fundraiser

Precious Pals is always looking for ways to improve our program...and there is a cost with those improvements. Our first take-order popcorn fundraiser was a HUGE success! And the kids & teachers thank you!

Pretzel Rods are pretzel sticks that have been dipped in chocolate and covered in delicious sweets. There are 4 great flavors in each carrying case: **Chocolate Chunk, Rainbow Sprinkles, Crunchy Toffee, and Peanut Butter Candy Crunch!** These rods are 'take & sell' so no brochure orders to fill out. **Each Pretzel Rod is \$1.** We should **begin the last week of January and the fundraiser ends Thursday, February 16.**

Everyone will begin with 1 carrier/60 pretzels, but we will have **MANY MORE** to sell so please request more carriers. As you sell pretzel rods please place money in the rainbow bucket, sealed in an envelope marked with your student's name. **Checks made payable to Precious Pals Preschool.**

With the Pretzel Rod fundraiser, we can earn up to 45% or \$2800 profit if we can sell 104 carriers (holding 60 rods in a carrier); which averages 2.7 carriers a family.

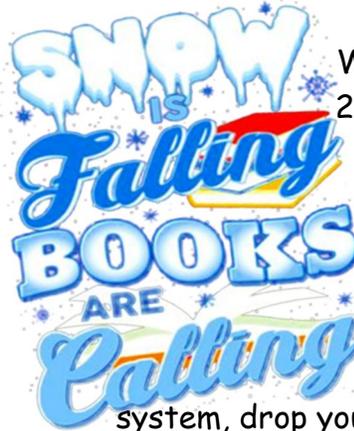
Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping grow Precious Pals Preschool. We are doing more with your support and because of your support, I want to support your efforts and offer an incentive!!!

The Top 6 sellers can earn a discount on April's Tuition.

The **Top Seller- 1st place** (with the most pretzel rods sold) will get 100% of April's tuition paid
2nd top seller will get 80% of April's tuition paid
3rd top seller will get 75% of April's tuition paid
4th top seller will get 50% of April's tuition paid
5th top seller will get 25% of April's tuition paid
6th top seller will get 10% of April's tuition paid

* Please note, prizes will only be awarded after 96 carriers/ 5760 pretzel rods are sold. First come first serve on rods while supplies last.

Scholastic Book Sale Fundraiser



During the week (Mon., Wed. & Thurs.) of January 23rd we will host another Scholastic Book Sale!

Each book is \$2. There will be tables set up in the large room at the end of the preschool hallway. It's an honors system, drop your money in the rainbow bucket located in the hallway. Because of this system, no change will be available. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

More News!



As we enter 2023 and you and your family would like to start a relationship with Jesus or improving your relationship with Jesus, I would like to personally invite you and your family to visit NTCC Sunday mornings for either the 9:00 am or 10:30 am service.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or check out our website www.ntcc.us

January Days Off

Monday, Jan. 16- NO SCHOOL
(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)



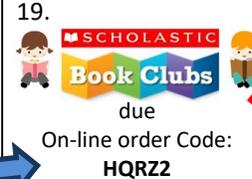
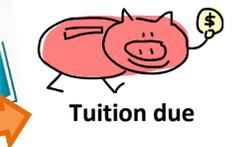
**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Ms. Karla, Ms. Stacy,
Ms. Danielle & Miss Rachel

JANUARY



2023 Ms. Karla's Older Class

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. 	2. No School 	3.	4. No School 	5. No School 	6.	7.
8.	9. 	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
15.	16. 	17.	18. 	19. 	20. 	21.
22. 	23. 	24.	25. 	26. 	27.	28.
29.	30. Pretzel Rod Fundraiser begins this week 	31. 	Notes:			



January Song List 2023

10 Little Snowflakes

(Tune: 10 Little Indians)

One little, two little, three little
snowflakes,
Four little, five little, six little
snowflakes,
Seven little, eight little, nine little
snowflakes,
Ten little snowflakes on my tongue
(stick tongue out)

Continue with additional verses:

...on my hat! (pat head)

...on my mittens (wiggle hands)

...on my boots (point to feet)

Snowball

(Tune: Are You Sleeping)

Make a snowball, make a snowball.

(Act like making a snowball)

Throw it now, throw it now.

(Use Throwing Motion)

Make a snowball, make a
snowball.

(Act like making a snowball)

Throw it now, throw it now.

(Use Throwing Motion)

Blowing Nose Song

(Tune: "Row, Row, Row your Boat")

Blow, blow, blow your nose

That's the way it goes

Sniff, sniff? No, No!

You should always blow



Snowey Pokey

(Tune: Hokey Pokey)

You put your right mitten in,
You take your right mitten out,
You put your right mitten in and you
shake it all about.
You do the Snowey pokey and you turn
yourself around.
Brrrrrrrr
That's what it's all about.

Continue with additional verses:

You put your left mitten in

You put your scarf in

You put your right boot in

You put your left boot in

You put your hat in

You put your snow self in



The Mitten Chant

Here is a mitten (hold up one hand)

A snug, fuzzy one- (rub palms together)

With a place for my fingers

(wiggle four fingers)

And a place for my thumb (wiggle thumb)

Here are two mittens (hold up two hands)

A colorful sight (move hands back and forth)

One for my left hand (hold up left hand)

And one for my right (hold up right hand)

Here are our mittens (hold up two hands)

As soft as can be

(stroke the back of the hand)

A warm pair for you (point to a neighbor)

And a warm pair for me! (point to yourself)



The Weather's Getting Cold

(Tune: Wheels on the bus)

The weather's getting cold
so bundle up, bundle
up, bundle up
The weather's
getting cold
so bundle up,
winter's coming
soon.



10 Little Icicles

(Tune: 10 Little Indians)



One little, two little, three little icicles,
Four little, five little, six little icicles,
Seven little, eight little, nine little
icicles,
Ten little icicles hanging from the roof.

I'm a Little Snowman

(Tune: I am a Little Teapot)

I'm a little snowman short
and fat.
Here are my buttons, here
is my hat.

When the sun comes out, I can't play.
I just slowly melt away.



It is Snowing!

(Tune: London Bridge)

Snowflakes falling through the air.
On my face, on my hair.
Even on my teddy bear!
It is snowing!

Wear your jacket and your hat.
You'll be warm, just like that.
Make a snowman, big and fat!
It is snowing!

Come Along and Sing with Me

(Tune: Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush)

Come along and SING with me,
SING with me, SING with me.
Come along and SING with me on this
happy day!



Other Verses:

Come along and CLAP with me...
Come along and STRETCH with me..
Come along and MARCH with me...
Come along and LISTEN with me...

Penguin Dance

(Tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around)



Penguin, Penguin
turn around
Penguin, penguin
touch the ground
Penguin, penguin
squawk real loud,
Penguin, penguin,
sit on the ground.