

# Robeson Lutheran Preschool

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## Happy New Year!

December was three crazy weeks of fun and activity here at the preschool! We hope that you were able to relax a little and enjoy the magic of the holidays with your little ones. The Christmas celebrations were wonderful and all the children really did a great job! Thank you for joining us & we hope that everyone enjoyed them as much as we did!

Thank you for your generosity & support in 2023! Our children, families & teachers are what make the school so special! January is always slow in the beginning as we get back into our routine every year, which is a nice way to begin the year. This is the month where we see growth in all the children from potty-training to academics to maturity & confidence in social interactions. It's always rewarding to see how far the children have come in a few months.

We are excited to begin 2024 and look forward to more learning, fun, love and growth!

Julia "Principal" Bond

## Class Highlights

We returned from break and all the classes are having a great start to the new year, you'd never know that we took some time off.

Both Toddler classes returned without any tears after break – all smiles! All the children are growing so quickly & are able to sit in circle time longer. They are learning their letters, colors, shapes, and counting every class. It is heartwarming to see them master a color or shape and how excited they are. They will listen to longer stories during snack time & always enjoy their gym time.☺

Ms. Ashley's 3 yr old class is learning about nursery rhymes this month. They continue to work on the letters in their names, colors, shapes, numbers and much more. They are having fun being silly learning about the Itsy Bitsy Spider and are looking forward to the Three Little Pigs, making muffins, etc. They are really enjoying the special days each month and this month it's National Popcorn Day & National Pie Day.

Ms. Alicia's 3 yr old class is learning about hibernation, arctic animals and snow this month. They are also working on their names and continuing to work on colors, shapes, numbers and letters. The New Year began with a listening activity & art project that they really did a great job with. The science center continues to be a huge hit in this class. Both the 3's classes have grown so much since September & it's exciting to see the changes in the children academically and socially!

The 4's are back on track with their letter of the week & it's fun to see how much they have changed in a few months. They love science, music, being together & everything about school. This is a busy class always learning something new & having fun. They love to stop in the office to share a story or just say hello – which is awesome☺

K-4 returned to continue working on their last names, phone numbers, and birthdays with the hopes of having a party to celebrate when everyone has mastered theirs. They continue moving right along with their letter of the week, practicing their writing, and numbers. Playdoh, painting and art is a favorite in this class. They have great imaginations when they play in the classroom & the gym.☺

Pre-K always has something fun going on & they were busy the first day back from break working on their last names. Everyone really enjoys the star student, whether it's their turn to be the star or if they are learning more about one of their friends. They love to play games and really take their time when working on art projects. This month the morning message has changed to a question of the day, which they are enjoying and of course Froggy is always a huge hit each day. Birthdays, phone numbers & addresses with a food incentive will be the upcoming excitement in the weeks ahead.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up soon. The schedule for conferences is as follows:

MWF Fours: January 26<sup>th</sup>                      K-4: February 1<sup>st</sup>  
MWF Threes: February 21<sup>st</sup>                      TThF Threes: February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Pre-K: February 29<sup>th</sup>

Parent teacher signups will be posted on Bloomz closer to the dates. Toddlers do not have conferences, but you are always welcome to talk to Ms. Mickala with any questions you may have.

## Pre-registration

Believe it or not, pre-registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be upon us shortly! Pre-registration is for families who have children currently enrolled, previously had a child attend the school, and for family members of the church. There will be an open registration to the public held later. An application for the next school year will be sent home with your child prior to pre-registration for their appropriate class. If you have questions, please reach out to us (ie. Child makes Kindergarten cut-off, but you would rather have him/her do Pre-K, should they do 4's or Pre-K, etc.). The teachers are always willing to help you decide what the best choice for your child is!

We have set aside different days for pre-registration. For the children currently enrolled, their siblings and church members; you can begin to pre-register on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. **When we receive your completed application and \$40 non-refundable application fee (per family) we will put your child's name on a temporary class roster. The roster will become permanent as soon as there are enough children to run the class.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

When we receive your application and fee, you will be given the rest of the forms to be filled out by you and your physician for the start of school. That paperwork needs to be returned to the school no later than the first day of school the following year. You are always welcome to hand in the forms earlier if you prefer.

We will continue to offer Toddler, 3's, 4's, Pre-K and PEP for the 2024-2025 school year and classes will depend on registration numbers.

February 12th will begin registration open to the public. Applications will be available in the office as well as online. Please spread the word to family & friends about our great preschool program! We love to give tours, so please tell them to contact us. You are our best source of advertising!☺



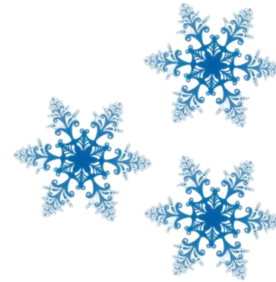
## **Calendar of Events**

### **January**

- 1 - No School - Winter Break
- 2 - Classes resume & Tuition Due
- 15 - No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 24 - Meal Pop Up (Klinger's Pub & Sweet Ride Ice Cream)
- 26 - 4's Conferences (Mrs. Milligan's class)

### **February**

- 1 - Tuition due
- 1 - K-4 Conferences (Mrs. Massafra's class)
- 7 - Registration begins for current/former/church families
- 12 - Registration is open to the public
- 16 & 19 - No School: President's Day weekend
- 22 - Pop Up Meal (Crave Café & Sweet Ride Ice Cream)
- 21 - MWF 3's Class Conferences (Ms. Alicia's class)
- 22 - TThF 3's Class Conferences (Ms. Ashley's class)
- 29 - Pre-K Class Conferences (Mrs. Conte's class)



### **March**

- 1 - Tuition due
- 18 - Spring Portraits MWF Toddlers & Spring/Grad Portraits 4's
- 19 - Meal Pop Up (Mimmo's & Sweet Ride Ice Cream)
- 19 - Spring Portraits TThF Toddlers & TThF 3's
- 20 - Spring/Graduation Portraits Pre-K
- 21 - Spring/Graduation Portraits K-4 & make ups
- 22 - Spring Portraits MWF 3's & make ups
- 25 & 26 - Egg Hunts
- 27 - 31 - Spring Break

# Snow Day Policy Reminder

Please check Bloomz and follow Twin Valley School Districts' information. If TVSD has a delay, we will follow the 1 hour delay schedule listed in the Handbook and all classes will begin one hour later & end one hour later. We will be closed if TVSD is closed. There will be a message on Bloomz & FaceBook also. If we have no school or a delay due to snow, there will be no PEP. If we have to dismiss early due to snow, PEP will be cancelled for that day and we will contact you during the morning.



With the cold weather upon us, please remember to dress your children warmly and please label everything they bring along to school – hats, scarfs, gloves/mittens, etc.

## A Note from PEP

Ms. Mickala, Ms. Ashley, Ms. Alicia & Mrs. Milligan always have something fun planned each day. It has been a great start to the year and the kids had so much fun making snow cones & dancing this week – best day ever was heard in the hall☺. We have a fun program filled with music, science, crafts and cooking that the kids absolutely love. Check out the PEP Bloomz page to see what your child is doing in PEP and ask them about it.

## Many THANKS to our Event Committee!

The Santa breakfast in December was absolutely wonderful! It takes volunteers to make these fun events happen & to help around the preschool. We are extremely grateful for the many volunteers who help make our events so much fun! The committee is always working on something for the Preschool: Valentine's Dinner Dance Party, Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Social & Fundraisers. Please contact Tina DeNisco or Julia Bond if you are interested in helping! The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.



## Valentine's Dinner Dance Party

Join us on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 for a Spaghetti dinner, dancing and fun! Make your reservation today because seating is limited. Cost is \$8 per adult, \$4 per child (3 & up) with a \$30 family max. BYOB (beer & wine only) and bring a dessert to share. There will be a raffle & 50/50 drawing. Please sign up to donate an item for the event if you are interested (sign up genius is below). Contact the office to make a reservation or with any questions. Hope to see you there for a fun evening!



Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner & Dance  
[signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

## **Meal Pop Up – January 24th** **Klinger's & Sweet Ride Ice Cream**

Thank you to everyone who purchased meals last year! We raised over \$325 towards the building heating/air conditioning. Every month through the end of the school year, we will have a meal pop up. Please visit [doitlocal.com](http://doitlocal.com) to see the calendar of dates for the upcoming meals through May and order your meals/ice cream. Open this link to order your meal/ice cream today for Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> [JanMealPopUp](#)

## **Classroom Donations are always very much appreciated!**

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate baby wipes, cleaning products, paper towels, zip lock bags and more!

We use a lot of cleaning supplies, so everyone's thoughtfulness & generosity is truly appreciated! 😊



**We have great families at the Preschool and appreciate all that you do to support us! Enjoy the long weekend!**