

Play, Play, Play!



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When my daughter, Melissa, was a student here at the WPPC Preschool and I was working full time, when we got home she would say, "Mommy, play, play, play!" I would say, "First work, work, work, THEN play, play, play" and this became a silly lifelong mantra we repeat to this day.

Why Play?

There is play for the purpose of specific learning at school – called **Purposeful Play**. This is the way your children learn to understand the concepts and attain the skills of our curriculum through Movement, Sensory Exploration, Manipulation of Materials, Construction, Role Play, and Expression and then there is play that is simply for relaxation, exercise, and just plain fun. Play needs to be safe and age appropriate, play needs to be a daily part of your child's life, play can be done indoors with toys and manipulative materials and art media, **but daily outdoor play is a MUST!**

Outdoor Play

The main purpose of outdoor play on a playground or open outdoor area is to build good health and large muscles. Young children need to MOVE and use their bodies to stay healthy and gain large muscle control and strength. The specific expectations for physical development are: *General Health, Growth & Stamina, Movement, Balance, Agility, Coordination, Strength, and Beginning Skills in Games & Sports.*

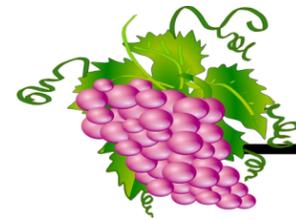
Each of our preschool classes schedule a minimum of 30 minutes daily for Outdoor Play, and often teachers will use the outside environment for locations of planned learning experiences that may be too "messy" for indoor use. The obvious benefits of playing outside are fresh air, sunshine, and space to move freely in gross motor activities. The less obvious ones are development of social skills as the children interact with each other, the development of mental skills as they interact with the natural environment, and the development of behavioral skills as they relax, run, and move to reduce tension and build skills in self-regulation for the times of indoor listening, attending, and learning.

Recess

There is currently a great deal of discussion in the public school arena about teaching young children with Developmentally Appropriate Practice or **DAP**. Many teachers of children up to third grade are feeling the need to forgo recess in order to get into the day as much academic work as possible so test scores are improved. Free, child-chosen, active, physical play is a must for young children. Listening, learning, attention, and behavior are all improved when little guys have the opportunity for this type of REAL recess.

Home Play

Play joyfully outdoors with your child every day. Aside from all the benefits mentioned above, the TIME SPENT TOGETHER OUTDOORS is one of the best investments you can make in the life of your child.



The Grapevine

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BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

Spring Fling/Silent Auction is Saturday, April 13, 11am-2pm

Your unlimited family wristband includes face painting, PJ the Clown - balloon artist, pony rides, train rides, bounce houses, themed activities in classroom, Indigo dip & dye art activity, outside carnival games and activities. Food trucks will also be available for purchase. Presale Wristbands are \$20 per family. *Note: Wristbands the day of the event are \$25 per family. The last day for wristband and ticket presale is April 10.*

Pick up wristbands at check-in during the event

Silent Auction Highlights

Katie Kaufman Photography—Value \$450	Universal Passes
XL Soccer World Orlando—Value: \$140	Disney Passes
YMCA— Family Membership — Value: \$513	Seaworld Passes
Central Florida Zoo — 4 Tickets—Value: \$80.00	Farris & Fosters Basket
Orlando Repertory Theatre — 4 Tickets - Value: \$100	Laser Treatments — \$600
Orlando Science Center — 4 Tickets—Value: \$76	Otter Box Gift Certificate — \$90
Young Living Essential Oils Basket—\$125	Woodhouse Spa
Crayola Experience—2 Tickets—Value: \$50 (2 of these)	Panera Bread for a year — \$85
Kennedy Space Center — Admin Tickets—Value: \$228	Rifle Paper Products
Annie Russell Theatre—Rollins —2 Tickets—Value: \$40	Mellow Mushroom
ICON Orlando—Certificate for 4—Value:	Aloma Cinema Grill Passes
Cason Photography— Beach Portrait — Value \$100	Goldfish Swimschool Basket
Alex and Ani — Silver Bracelet—Value: \$38	Washburn Imports
Norwex Basket—Value: \$350.00 + Booking	
Kendra Scott—Sopheer Earrings, Phara Necklace—Value: \$175	

Class Baskets

Ducklings—Car Care	Kittens—Desserts First
Bunnies—Breakfast	Butterflies—Dive-In
Puppies—Everything Play doh	Ladybugs—Board Games & Puzzles
Owls—Coffee/Tea Lover	Alligators—Lego Basket
Cubs—Date Night	Koalas—Ice Cream Party Bundle
Dolphins—Movie Madness	Cubs—Death by Chocolate

Class Plates from All Fired Up (personalized by the children in each class) - Value \$100.00

Church Page



Calling All Kids!

WPPC's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 9-11am. Tell your parents to mark their calendars NOW! The event will begin at 9:00am with a continental breakfast, followed by story time and some really fun Easter activities and visits to our six Easter centers. The hunt itself should be finished by 11:00am.



Holy Week Schedule for WPPC

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Services, April 21 at 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

WPPC Vacation Bible School—June 17-21—9:00am-Noon

Cokesbury's VBS—To Mars and Beyond

For more information, call/contact Emily Wasser

emilyw@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 or

visit our website to register online at:

<https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/winterparkpresbyterianchurch/register/>



Be a Part of Our Church Family!

It's easy! Just come to the front of the sanctuary after any service. Elders will be present to answer any questions you may have and Pastor Bob and/or Pastor Emily will join us. Let them know if this is the first time you are joining a church, if you're transferring your membership from another church, or if this is a reaffirmation of faith. It's that easy! If you have any questions regarding becoming a member or relating to WPPC's programming, please give us a call at (407)647-1467 or check out the church website, www.winppc.org. See you there!

For your information

Upcoming Events

PAC Meeting—Tuesday, April 9 at 9:30am

Nemours Vision Screening—Tuesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 11

Spring Fling/Silent Auction—Saturday, April 13 — 11am-2pm

Butterfly Encounter for 3s & VPK—Tuesday, April 16

Family Chapel—Wednesday, April 17 from 9:35-9:55am

Good Friday—Friday, April 19—**No School**

WPPC Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 20 from 9:00-11:00am

Happy Easter! — Sunday, April 21

Teacher Appreciation Week—April 29-May 3

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon—April 30 at 1:30pm — **No Extended Day**

Mother's Tea Week—Monday, May 6-Friday, May 10

PAC Meeting—Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30am

Last Family Chapel—Wednesday, May 8 from 9:35am-9:55am

VPK Celebration in Chapel/F. Hall—Wednesday, May 15 from Noon-1:00pm

Class Splash Parties Week—Monday, May 20-Fri., May 24

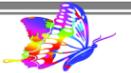
VPK Splash Party—Thursday, May 23

Memorial Day Holiday—Monday, May 27—**No School**

Last Day of School, Thursday, May 30—**No Extended Day**



Earth Week Butterfly Encounter



On Tuesday, April 16, Mr. Lorenzo Zayas, an Entomologist from Nature's Way Butterfly Gardens, will come to our school and give a 30-minute interactive butterfly demonstration and encounter for 3s and VPK Classes. The cost is \$4.00 per child. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity you can go to his website: www.butterfliesandmore.net. You will also have the option of purchasing a butterfly kit for \$10 which includes one caterpillar, fresh food plant supply and instructions. Mr. Zayas will bring the kits the day of the presentation. More information will be going home in the coming days.

Three Summer Camp Opportunities

Move to the Groove with Alison Bodeep—3s, 4s and 5s

June 17-21 from 12:30-3:30pm

Art Camp with Catherine Cross — Rising K-5th Graders

June 10-14—Create-A-Thon & The Art of Nature; June 17-21—Paint and Print Palooza (VBS participants bring lunch); July 1-5—It Came From Outer Space!!!; July 15-19—Clay Creations

WPPP Summer Camp—15 months-6 years old

June 10-14, June 24-28, July 1-5, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26