



### FROM THE DESK OF ANNE BENSINGER, Education Coordinator

Mrs. B. here (coming to you from the woods of Missouri). Parenting in these super busy times must be difficult. Here are some ideas and thoughts on getting through the holidays with preschoolers; some reminders about the facts of child behaviors (in any situation); and a bit of information about assessment, conferences, and "readiness".

Please use the season to give yourselves and your family the gift of relaxation. Celebrate family and an enjoyable holiday experience for all. Know that your youngest children may enjoy the boxes, ribbons, and wrapping paper more than expensive toys. Your children may need a break from screen time, so make forts out of the boxes; have wrapping paper-in-the-trash can basketball games; get outside for fresh air walks and bike rides; and thank the Lord for this time with your children, family and visiting relatives.

Remember that Food, Fear, Frustration and Fatigue are often the reasons for unfortunate behaviors in all of us, but especially in young children. If you can eliminate (or at least be aware of) things like hunger or too much unhealthy food, nervousness, over stimulation, lack of sleep or quiet time, your holiday will go more smoothly.

Lastly, as we are getting ready for parent-teacher conferences and assessment of your children's strengths and needs, let's keep in mind that the most important thing to remember about early childhood development and learning is that "readiness" does NOT mean ABCs and 123s, but your children's ability to relax, ask for help when needed, make the right decisions about behavior, feel good about their strengths and make efforts to participate in experiences that will meet any developmental needs. We know that young children learn best through play, not by desk-work pencil-paper rote drill, so when you talk to your teacher about assessment, remember that the purposeful play experiences they are enjoying are the best learning methods and each child has individual strengths that can be used to meet any developmental needs.

May each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS at WPPC

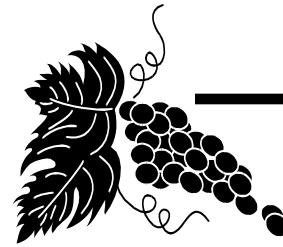
Living Nativity at WPPC has become a time honored tradition with many families in the Winter Park area, and we are proud to be able to continue with a toned down version of this tradition and provide families with a lovely experience that includes a still nativity and some animals that will be located outside near bell tower. Living Nativity will be only one night, on December 20 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Christmas is an opportunity for us to rejoice in the things that we have and to wonder in all that we are capable of. We appreciate your support as we continue on in keeping this wonderful and beautiful tradition alive and well at WPPC. If you wish to volunteer for Living Nativity as an actor please get in touch with the church office for details.

Christmas Eve Traditional Service : 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Service: 10:30 a.m.



# The Grapevine



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## 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION FORMS ARE COMING SOON!

Registration for the next school year will begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 for families who have a student currently enrolled. Forms will be sent home soon! Registration will open to the public on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

**Prior to registration, your current balance must be paid in full, and your child's health and immunization forms must be up to date.**

Secure your child's space in the preschool for Fall 2023 by sending in the following items starting January 17:

- \* Completed and signed registration form
- \* \$220.00 **non-refundable** registration fee paid by cash or check for one, two or three year old classes.
- \* For VPK Plus only: half of the first month's tuition is due when you register. Five day VPK Plus deposit is \$127.00 and four day VPK Plus is \$99.00. This deposit is **non-refundable**.
- \* For all VPK students: Signed State of Florida VPK Child Certificate of Eligibility

At the end of June we will mail a Welcome Packet and class placement for your child. The Welcome Packet forms must be filled out and returned with August tuition and the annual materials fee by July 20, 2023. VPK Plus parents will pay the other half of the first month's tuition by July 20. There is no materials fee for VPK.

Please call us at (407)629-0727 if you have any questions regarding registration.

**Summer Camp registration is coming in February!** Our six weeks of Summer Camp dates are: June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-June 23, June 26-30, July 10-14, July 17-21. Please note there is no camp the week of July 4.

## Spring 2023 After School Enrichments 12-week program beginning Monday, January 9th

Enrichments will be taught by a mix of our teachers and outside vendors who have met our safety criteria. Extended day until 2:30 is included in the price of \$250. Pricing is adjusted to \$178 for those already enrolled in the extended day program. Registration forms were sent home starting on December 1.

### Our talented teachers will be offering:

Tuesday: Alison Bodeep, Rock 'n Run  
Wednesday: Alea Schroeder, Clay Play Art  
Wednesday: Aida Nassar, Speaking Spanish with Ms. A

### Sports4Fun (Coach Anton, Coach Jimmy and Coach Jennifer) is offering:

Monday: Soccer  
Monday: Gymnastics  
Tuesday: Basketball  
Thursday: Karate

### Leslie Scott will be offering:

Thursday: Ballet

## Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool Annual Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 14th

We are happy to announce that we are hosting our annual preschool Christmas program and families are invited to attend! All 2s, 3s & VPK classes will participate in this event. The children have been working very hard learning their song(s) and are anxious to have their parents, grandparents and other loved ones join them for this very special day! The program will begin promptly at noon. Families and friends can begin arriving around 11:30 a.m. Be sure to take a program with you as you walk into the Sanctuary. Your child(ren) will be sitting with their classes in the front rows of the church and will come up on the altar to sing. Parents will have the opportunity to take pictures from the middle aisle while their children perform and then pose for group pictures.

After each class sings they will stay seated with their teachers and classmates until the end of the program and afterwards will be dismissed to go to their classrooms. We ask parents to stay seated while they depart. After the classes have left, parents may go classrooms to sign them out. Please join us in Fellowship Hall afterwards for cake and refreshments.

Note: If your child will be staying for extended day, you will be able to take them to the extended day classroom at 1:15 p.m. Thank you for following these very important instructions to keep all of our children safe and accounted for.

May all our families have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!  
Tricia Wilson, Director

## December/January Calendar Highlights

- **Mon. Dec. 5 and Tues. Dec. 6** from 8:00-9:30 a.m. — Visit with Santa
- **Wed., Dec. 7** — VPK Classes sing Church Members Luncheon
- **Fri., Dec. 9** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. — WPPC Kids Night Out
- **Wed., Dec. 14** from 12:00-1:00 p.m.—Preschool Christmas Program
- **Tues., Dec. 20** at 6:30 p.m. — WPPC Living Nativity
- **Sat. Dec. 24** at 7:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service
- **Mon., Dec. 19-Tues. Jan. 3** — **No School** during Winter Break
- **Wed., Jan. 4** — Return to School
- **Mon., Jan. 9** — Spring after school enrichments begin (12 weeks)
- **Mon., Jan. 16** — **No School** honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Tues., Jan. 17** — In-house registration begins 2023-24 school year
- **Wed., Feb. 1** — Open registration begins for 2023-24 school year
- **Fri., Feb. 3** — **No School** during Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Mon., Feb. 20** — **No School** on Presidents' Day

## Plan Ahead!

There will be  
**NO AFTERNOON EXTENDED DAY**  
on these dates:

**Friday, March 9**

The last day before Spring Break

**Friday, May 26**

The last day of school



*Thank you, Families!*  
The teachers and staff of  
WPPP would like to say thank  
you to all our amazing fami-  
lies who have supported us  
this year!  
May you have a  
very merry Christmas and  
a blessed New Year!