



Word of Life Preschool

Handwriting Without Tears

Handwriting Without Tears is a curriculum program designed to help children learn handwriting skills. It promotes development of a child's fine motor skill using a multisensory approach. The goal of the program is to make handwriting an easy and automatic skill that students can master.

We have been using aspects of the Handwriting Without Tears program for many years. This year we are incorporating additional parts of the program by changing the way we introduce writing in our classrooms. In the Teddy Bears and Guppies classrooms stu-

dents will be taught to write their name in capitals. Developmentally, capitals are easier so we teach them first. Teaching capitals helps students learn correct formation and orientation while eliminating reversals. We teach children that all capital letters start at the top of their paper. In addition to teaching students handwriting skills this method also reinforces the literacy skills of left to right and top to bottom. Learning capitals first makes learning lower-case letters easier.

The students in the Turtles and Penguins classes will learn to write

their names in upper and lower case letters. Learning lower case letters is an important skill needed for kindergarten readiness.

How can you help you child at home.?

- ◆ Encourage your child to use an appropriate grip when using a writing utensil.
- ◆ Provide a good model when writing.
- ◆ When demonstrating letters use the words "big or little" for the size of lines and "line or curve" for the shape.



Is your child struggling with their grip? Ask your teacher for sug-

Guest Readers Needed!

In October we kicked off our Guest Reader program. We invite Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas or other treasured adults to volunteer to become a guest reader in our classroom. The children really enjoy our guest readers. we have

several classes who do not have guest reader volunteers. We need your help! Please check for the sign-up sheet outside the classroom and sign up to read!

Can't volunteer because of younger siblings —

remember we have our nursery room available if you can coordinate to share child-care with another Mom or Dad in your class.



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COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1 Tuition due
- Nov. 1 Picture Day
- Nov. 3 Picture Day
- Nov. 8 Toy Drive Starts
- Nov. 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 15 WOL T-Shirt & 17 Day
- Nov. 23- Thanksgiving
27 Break
NO SCHOOL

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Angel Tree Service Project

As the holidays approach we look for ways to teach the children about how important it is to give to those in need. Once again this year Word of Life Lutheran Church and Preschool in conjunction with Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois will be hosting a toy drive for children in the foster care system.

Our Angel Tree project will kick off on November 8th. We will have a Christmas tree in the Narthex with ornament tags on it. Each tag will list a girl or boy and their age. A wish list of requested items will be provided. You may choose an

item from the list or choose something that you think a child that age would like. All of the ornaments on the tree represent children who are currently part of the foster care system and are in need of an angel to make their Christmas dreams come true.

This is a wonderful cause and provides an opportunity to teach our children how blessed they are and how important it is to give to those in need.



Be an angel for a child in need

Stop by the Angel Tree in the church narthex starting on November 8th to choose your Angel tag and help a child in need. The toy drive will run from November 8th-December 8th. All presents need to be returned unwrapped by December 8th.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthwhile service project.



November Mini-Conferences

There will be no classes on November 10th so the teachers can hold conferences.

The focus of these mini-conferences will be your child's social and emotional development. It will provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss how their child is adjusting to school and for the teachers to answer any questions or concerns you may have. The teachers will share their observations with you.

Each child benefits when the teachers and parents work together as a team. This conference is an opportunity to give you a quick overview, but please know that the teachers are available anytime you have a question or concern.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 10th

Pick-Up

Reminder: There is a 10 minute grace period for pick-up. There is a \$5.00 late fee for every 10 minutes you are late. If you cannot reach Mrs. Baker on the preschool line you can call Miss Robin on the church line at 630-355-9655. It helps if we know you are on the way so we can reassure your child. Thanks.



Email Address

One of our ongoing goals is to use technology more often to share information with our parents. In addition to our weekly and monthly newsletters, we also provide parents with email notifications about WOL events. We sent home a letter



Improved communication

to confirm the email we have on file. If the email was correct no action was needed. If the email address was incorrect we asked that you return the form with the correction. We hope by using technology we will be more effective in communicating with our parents. Please make sure to confirm your email address

If you have any questions please call the preschool office.

Don't forget to join us on Facebook too!



How Do You Run A Great Preschool Like WOL Preschool?

That's easy! With a great set of supportive and helpful parents! We have many things to be thankful for.

Thank you to our wonderful playdough helpers: to Chrstine Freeman and Angela Stima for the Penguins class, to Carolyn Witte and Jenny Miller for the Turtles class, to Carolyn Witte, Nicole Briggs, and Vijaya Peddinti for the Guppies class and to Christine Freeman for the Teddy Bears class.

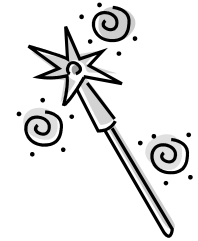
Thank you to the parents who volunteered to be Guest Readers: to Rachel Hatten, Krista McCann, Melissa Francis, Angela Stima, Wendy Smith and Pat Vernier (Max's Grandma) for the Penguins

class to Vicki Lynch, Julie Hayes, Barb Piper (Declan's aunt), Carolyn Witte, Kala Viswasekar, and Jennifer Wildes for the Turtles class, and to Alison Hannon, Mark Dombrowski, Melissa Francis, Trisha Gondek, Smita Puri, Gurveen Saberwal, Susan Pyrz, Jessica Rowlett (Bighton's nanny) for the Guppies class and to Marat Molyboga for the Teddy Bear class.

Thanks to our generous parents and children who donated so many things this month. Thank you to Joe Howley, Jake Anargyros, and Coleman Schultz for replenishing my sticker supply.

Thank you to Kelly McGrath for

the paper towels, to Payton Schrier for the stickers, Jake Anargyros for the stickers, to Audrey McLean for the tissues, to Joe Howley for the pumpkin plates, to Magen Kranz for the paper towels, Ethan Dix for the cups, plates, napkins, and to Coleman Schultz's grandmother and grandfather for the beads.

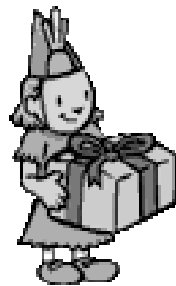


Thank you for your generosity!

Birthday Club Donations

A big thank you to Lauren Penich for donating **This Little Prayer of Mine** for her 3rd birthday and to Natalie Martinez for donating **First Comes The Egg** for her 5th birthday, and to Hartej Sethi for donating **Don't Lose Your Shoes!** for his 3rd birthday.

Happy Birthday to all of them and a big thanks for their donations. We love seeing their pictures on the birthday cake in the hallway.



Interested in a book in honor of your child's birthday?

Stop by the office to take a peek in the birthday box!

Wish List

We are often asked if there is anything the preschool needs. Items currently on our wish list are:

- ◆ paper towels
- ◆ paper plates
- ◆ napkins
- ◆ baby wipes
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Clorox Hard Surface Spray
- ◆ Clorox Wipes

Fall Festival Thank You

Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who assisted with our Fall Festival. The children really enjoyed our day of games to celebrate Crazy Hat Day. We couldn't have done it without you.

A big thanks to Hyeon Tai, Stacey Martinez, and Christine Freeman for the Penguin class, to Carolyn Witte, Vidya Sekhar, Angela Ma-

ronney, Mike McLean, Cherie Quarles, Jennifer Wildes, Julie Hayes, Jen Jackson, Alix Haischa, Jenny Miller for the Turtles class, to Susan Pyrz, Chia-I Dix, Anusree Chatterjee, Nikki LaPointe, Susan Kranz, Christie Willhite, Vijaya Peddinti, Ashley Schultz and Coleman's grandparents for the

Guppies class and to Christine Freeman, Shubhangini Singh, Bhavdeep Sethi, Preeti Shetty and Vandana Dadsena for the Teddy Bears.



Fall Festival Fun

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**Sharing Jesus' Love
and Growing in Grace**



Word of Life
Lutheran Preschool

As we enter the month of November your children will be talking about the things they are thankful for. During this month we all pause and take note of the many blessings God has given us.

As director, I have received so many blessings. Each day I am greeted by smiling and enthusiastic students excited about their school day. I am surrounded and blessed by a talented and dedicated group of teachers who work diligently to provide a loving, Christian environment to educate our students.

I am also thankful to the families at Word of Life Lutheran Preschool. Thank you to those who offer to lend a helping hand, to those who donate generously to our preschool and to those who share words of encouragement. Your support means so much to me. The greatest gift I receive from this job is to see the smiles on the children's faces when they are engaged in their classrooms.

We invite you to share the many blessings you have with those who are not as fortunate by participating in the Angel Tree for children in foster care (see page 2 for details). We can share our blessings with others.

Our mission at Word of Life Preschool is to share the love of Jesus and grow in grace! It is my pleasure and honor that you have chosen our school. We thank you for entrusting your most precious gift with us. May you and your family receive God's many blessings,

Irene Baker, Director

WOL Church News

Thanksgiving Eve Church
Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be at 7pm on November 23rd with Communion. Why not take a minute out from all the cooking and cleaning and thank God for all the blessings this past year, especially that you do have food to cook and a house to clean! Remember it all is a gift from God!



**Mark Your Calendars Now For
Our Advent Service Projects**

This Advent Season instead of

holding Midweek Advent Worship Services, the members of Word of Life will get out into the community and serve! There will be three opportunities to serve.

Wednesday December 7th
Feed My Starving Children
6:30 to 8:30pm

Thursday December 15th
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
2 opportunities
2:30 – 5pm
5:00 to 8pm

Wednesday December 21st
Christmas Carol Singing at
Meadowbrook Nursing Home and

Spring Meadows Assisted Living
7 to 9pm
Followed by cookies and hot
chocolate at church!

“By this all men will know that you
are My disciples if you love one
another!”
John 13:33



Word of Life Preschool Families
are cordially invited to partici-
pate in all WOL Church activities