

# Creative Preschool Newsletter

## September 2018



### New to our Newsletter!

You asked for it! On our Parent Survey it was suggested that we add a section to our newsletter, so you will find this section at the beginning of each newsletter...

### LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING! CURRENT EVENTS AT A GLANCE!

**September 12:** Little Caesars and Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins

**September 15:** Tuition due

**September 20:** Board Meeting

**September 28:** Fundraiser forms and money due to school

**October 1:** MWF Fours Wendel Farm Field trip

**October 2:** TTh & TThF Fours Wendel Farm trip

**October 8:** MW Threes Farbach Warner trip

**October 10:** PreK Gorman Heritage Farm trip

**October 11:** TTh Threes Farbach Warner trip

**October 11:** Little Caesar Pizza pick-up, Fellowship Hall (please note: this is a change!)

**October 21:** Fall Family Fun Fest

### Message from the Director

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Creative Preschool year! As I anticipate the beginning of the school year, I always contemplate the little ones that will be coming through our doors. I look forward to getting to know our new friends and reacquainting with our returning friends after the summer months of growth! As I write this we are just into the first week of school and I must say how much joy it brings to see the happy children's faces as they enter the school! I do understand the mix of anticipation and fear that I see on the parents' faces, as well...some are, perhaps, more nervous than their child! Each of our staff understand those very real fears, the hopes, the problems, and the joys of parents. We also

understand that you send your child to school with the desire that they receive the very best education. James Truslow Adams once said, "There are two types of education, that which trains us in ways to be able to go out and *make a living* and the other which *teaches us how to live.*" We want for your children both types of education. Providing experiences which teach children *how to live* is of utmost importance, because we know that education is not just what a child learns from reading a book (although much can be learned from reading!) or from memorizing letters, numbers, shapes, and facts (although these are important for schooling). The most important education is that which teaches us HOW to think, how to get along, how to persevere, and how to succeed...these being the most important skills we need in order "*to live.*"

Remember, too, that YOU are your child's best and most important teacher. So, as you are planning for your child's educational experiences always remember what Confucius said, "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me (through example) and I'll remember. Involve me (through experiences) and I'll understand."

### Welcome to Creative Preschool

A warm welcome to all for the 2018-19 school year! It's so great to be back and feel the excitement in the halls as the children head into another great year!

Our newsletter is an avenue for the school staff and parent- teacher board to communicate with parents. Please be sure to read the newsletter monthly and watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities and fun happenings at school. Please join us at our monthly meetings and /or contact me if you're interested in joining the Board. We want and need you to get involved! Contact me throughout the year, as well, if you have any ideas, questions, suggestions or concerns.

Lori Tranter, Board President

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### News from Threes

September is primarily devoted to getting to know each other and settling in to our classroom routines. For some children going to school is a first experience away from home and parents, so this transition may be difficult. We will, therefore, move slowly until all are comfortable with their new friends and surroundings. Following directions, listening, and becoming aware of those around us will be an ongoing endeavor. We will introduce colors and



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shapes, so our classroom games and activities will be designed to enhance the children's development in these areas. Painting and gluing will also be introduced. Please do not expect a beautifully finished product. In our introduction to school the proper use of materials is our main concern! Wearing a smock and washing hands after messy work will become a daily ritual. "Please" and "Thank you" will become special "good manners" words. Although projects are designed to teach, we will also provide opportunities for your child's discovery of his or her ability to create! We are looking forward to our special time with your child this year. We anticipate a good start to our school year, with much learning, sharing and fun!

### News from Friday Friends

Welcome to Friday Friends! I am looking forward to a year of learning new things, making new friends and having fun! During the month of September we will be spending a lot of time learning about each other and our school routines. We will practice saying our first name and we will count how many friends we have in our class. Your child will use paint, glue and have the opportunity to explore the many learning materials in our classroom. Hopefully we will be able to go outside and play on the playground, so please remember, for your child's safety, gym shoes are required. See you on September 7 for our first day! Remember that your child is scheduled for a one hour time slot that day. I am looking forward to having a fun and friendly year!

### News from Fours

We welcome you, parents, to a new year here at Creative Preschool! We have been busy planning and are very excited to begin learning with your child! In the Fours program we strive to provide opportunities for your child to grow in independence, develop a positive self-esteem, and be ready for Kindergarten academically, physically, emotionally and socially.



During the month of September your child will gradually adapt to new routines, learn to listen to and then follow directions, and learn the proper use of materials. We will review colors and shapes to discern what your child has mastered so far. Numbers and their value will be introduced sequentially, starting with zero. In addition to this Creative Preschool Newsletter, every few weeks a "Fours Weekly Newsletter" will be sent home. It is our hope and intention that you will read this letter for

information about what, specifically, has been introduced to your child at school each week. You can then talk with your child about the day's activities and reinforce at home what your child has begun to learn at school. The more exposure your child has to the letters, numbers, vocabulary and concepts we introduce at school, the more he or she will absorb and retain. Practice and repetition are the keys to mastery!

This month each class will be working to make a class book, "Me and My Class." When finished, the children will each have a turn to bring the book home to share with you, but please be sure to return it the following class day.

Our field trip to Wendel Farm is scheduled for October 1st for MWF classes and October 2nd for the TTh and TThF classes. Look for permission slips to come home the first week of September. Please remember to return them by September 11 or 12.

Please do not remove any work from the drying racks. Some things stay at school for our books and/or ongoing projects. Those which do not stay will come home in your child's cubby.

**Letter:** T & S

**Numbers:** 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

**Shapes:** circle, square, triangle, rectangle

**Vocabulary:** measure, height, inch, ruler, graph, sight

### News from Pre-K

As the hot days of August begin to turn into the cooler days of September, we look forward to Fall and the beautiful changes that occur in nature. At this time of year we are also filled with excitement as we anticipate meeting each of your children and we begin a year of learning and having fun together. The Pre-K class will provide your child with many opportunities to grow in self-esteem and independence, as well as prepare them to be successful in Kindergarten. During the first few weeks of school we will be learning the routines for each day and the proper use of all the materials we have here at school. Listening and following directions will be stressed throughout the year.

In this first month of school we will discuss how each of us is special. We will note our similarities, as well as our differences. Families, friends, measurement and the farm are additional topics that will be explored. We will discuss shapes, colors and the numerals 0-4. The children will begin work on a book about the four seasons, as well.

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Throughout the year simple Math concepts, such as graphing and estimating will be introduced and explored; and scientific experiments will teach us about the world around us. This month we will begin studying our five senses. In addition, we will complete activities that center on literature we read together. WOW! ... there are so many fun things to do and learn!

Looking ahead, our first field trip to Gorman Heritage Farm will take place on October 10. Please look for information and a permission form to come home the first week of school.

Along with this All-School Newsletter you will find a detailed PreK weekly newsletter each month, as well, which is designed to keep you informed of what we are doing in class each day.

Specifically this month we will learn:

**Vocabulary:** unique, graph, author, illustrator, inch and ruler

**Numbers:** 0, 1, 2, 3,4

**Shapes:** circle, square, triangle, rectangle

**Letter:** T & S

### News from Music and Motor Skills

Welcome to a new and exciting year in Music and Motor Skills! My name is Tim Goldrainer and I am the Music and Motor Skills teacher at Creative Preschool. I have been performing in the music industry for over half of my lifetime in bands such as THE MENUS, CURLY AND THE Q-BALLS, and my latest venture -THE GOLDIE SHOW. I sing, play Guitar,

Drums / Percussion and Ukulele, just to name a few. I am excited to share my collection of instruments with the children and teach them how each one works and sounds. Music has been a huge part of my life and has made a very positive impact in everything I do. I hope to bring something new and exciting to the Music and Motor Skills program by introducing original music and motor skills.

Our Music experiences will take place in the classroom, while our Motor Skills activities will be upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. With the use of Fellowship Hall we have plenty of room to spread out and use our muscles! Our motor skills program encompasses both large and small motor development, coordinating movements, and mastering basic movement skills. Please note that it is important that your child be prepared each day for active

play (whether indoors or out) by wearing play clothes and gym shoes.

### News from Art

I am so happy to have the opportunity to introduce all of the 4-year-old classes and Pre-K to several artists and art forms over the upcoming year.

During our Special Art sessions the children will be introduced to artists and to their specific technique, and then they will create art using that or a complimentary technique. In creating art, however, our main focus should be on the expressive experience, not the finished product. It is important for young children to "do" art for the experience, exploration and experimentation. Art allows children to explore and discover the world around them and, in the process, perhaps discover something about self, as well!



We can encourage discovery in the artistic process by talking with your child about his or her artwork. Some suggestions to get "art" conversation going are: "Tell me about your art." "What do you see?" "What part do you like the best?" "You have used many colors." "Did you enjoy making this?" "How does this art make you feel?" When finished with their project the children will be encouraged to look at their art and then to give it a title. This can be challenging to the young child, especially for those who want to express what they see literally, but it also encourages them to really see beyond the line and color of their creations. Of course, the titles tell us much about the artist, as well!

Consult your calendar for the day your child is scheduled to meet with me for art, beginning in October. Soon after, you can look for "Creative" art to grace the halls of our school "Art Gallery"!  
Mrs. DePaoli

### Fall Family Fun Fest

SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, **October 21st**, we will be hosting a Fall Family Fun Fest at Creative Preschool. This is an opportunity for Creative families to come together to enjoy a good time and make new friends! Fall Family Fun Fest will include pumpkin painting, fall crafts, games, and snacks. Look for more information in your child's cubbie soon!



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### Creative Preschool Spring Carnival

Our 2018 Carnival was a rousing success, and we THANK all of Creative's families for their hard work and generous donations in making it so. Even though the Carnival seems so far away, we're already collecting your gently used stuffed animals and small happy meal type toys for the 2019 Carnival to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. We are also always happy to accept any basket donations or leads for basket donations that you might have! You can leave any donations of toys or other items in Mrs. DePaoli's office. If you have any questions or leads, please contact Lauren DeFranco at [laurendepaoli@yahoo.com](mailto:laurendepaoli@yahoo.com) or Lori Tranter at [lpetrungaro@hotmail.com](mailto:lpetrungaro@hotmail.com). Thank you!

### Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference/meeting room upstairs. All are welcome to attend!

### Website

Are you in need of information? Check out our website at [www.creativepreschoolcincinnati.com](http://www.creativepreschoolcincinnati.com) for Creative Preschool news and updates to the calendar!

Visit our facebook page for news and photos about what is happening in our classrooms! Go to [www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolcincinnati2](https://www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolcincinnati2) and be sure to "like us!"

### Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser will take place from September 12th through September 28th. We will be selling both



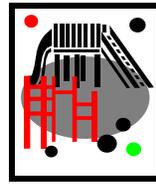
Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Yankee Candles. The pizza kits were such a success last year that we hope you will, again, take advantage of this quick and easy meal. Also, the Yankee

Candle brochure has many great Christmas gift ideas. The items ordered from Yankee Candle will be delivered prior to Thanksgiving. The pick-up date for the Little Caesars pizzas is scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, October 11th**. *Please note that the date in your original Calendar is incorrect!*

As always, please do not have your children go door to door to sell fundraiser items. Selling to friends, family and co-workers is great. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Fitz at [keaganfitz5@gmail.com](mailto:keaganfitz5@gmail.com) or Lauren Eagan at [leagan611@gmail.com](mailto:leagan611@gmail.com).

### Playground

Families are always welcome to use Creative's playground. What a fun and exciting place the children of Creative and their families have to enjoy!



However, over the past weeks pebbles from the gravel garden have been thrown into the barn and play-structure and the sandbox toys have been left out.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPERVISE PLAY, CLEAN UP AFTERWARD AND COVER THE SANDBOX BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE AREA!**

Raccoons are getting into the trash cans and strewing the trash across the shelter, as well. **PLEASE USE ONLY THE COVERED CAN AND REPLACE THE STRAPS HOLDING THE LID IN PLACE.** Thank you!

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

This past week the playground received a great clean up, much-needed painting and staining, and a fresh layer of mulch. THANK YOU



to Chris Soaper, Creative parent and owner of BEAL, E.T.C. EXCAVATING and his team of workers who donated supplies, labor and time!

**PARENTS**, thank you for returning all of the paperwork on time and your generous offers of help on the I Can Help forms!

**ROOM PARENTS** are just about confirmed. THANK YOU to all those who volunteered! The response was overwhelming!

A REVISED CLASS LIST will and CHILD HELPER schedule will come home this week. Your class **Room Parents** will be indicated on the list, so please be sure to make a note of who they are!

### Tuition Reminder

The remaining 8 tuition installments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, September - April. Payment should be made AT SCHOOL! You can either drop your payment in the Tuition Payment mailbox, located on the post outside the entry doors, or by mail. **NO CASH, PLEASE!**

