



Honey Buzz Newsletter February 2022

Honey Tree is a non-profit Preschool and Kindergarten, sponsored by and an outreach of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Registration for the 2022/2023 School Year

Priority registration for current Honey Tree families will take place the first week of March. Registration for Honey Tree Alumni will take place the second week of March. Beginning on March 10, registration will be open to new families in the community.

Honey Tree Interest Survey

Thank you for turning in your surveys. If you have changed your mind and prefer a different class for your first choice, please contact the office. This information will determine how we move forward with registration, especially if there is a lot of interest in a particular class.



February Curriculum Themes Valentine's Day is a favorite time as our preschool children make valentines for their families and friends. Some classes focus on curriculum related to the United States and symbols of our country. Other classes are learning about community helpers and the ways in which they are important to us.



President's Day Weekend Holiday

School will be closed on Friday, February 18 and Monday, February 21.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be taking place in March and April for students in Four-Year-Old classes (turning five) and Kindergarten/TK students. Check your class parent boards for dates and times. Look for a sign-up sheet outside your child's classroom soon. Teachers will be preparing written evaluations.

Students in Three-Year-Old (turning four) classes will receive a written evaluation before the end of the school year. Conferences for this age may be scheduled at the request of the parent or teacher.

Fundraisers

Thank you so much to our Honey Tree Families for contributing to our See's Candy Fundraiser. It was a great success! We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Teachers have begun working with students to create artwork for our Original Works Fundraiser, which will take place in March. Parents will have

the opportunity to order items personalized with their children's artwork. Participation in our fundraisers is optional.

"Dates To Remember" Revision:

Mark your calendars: Our end-of-year singing programs are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June, 1st and Thursday, June 2nd. Students will not come to school on Friday, June 3rd.

Church Happenings

Worship services will be held outside again, temporarily. Contact the church office if you wish to attend (805)492-1234. For more information, you can check out the website at htlcto.org.

Harbor House

This wonderful organization is an outreach ministry of the church and helps local families in need. They are currently collecting the following items: sleeping bags, blankets, and men's jackets (sizes large and extra large). Donated items can be dropped off at the Honey Tree office. If you wish to donate food, you can go to the website, harborhouseto.org, for a link to sign up.

Announcement: Jackie Mason is Retiring!

We are sad to announce that Mrs. Mason will be retiring at the end of this school year, after 25 years of dedication and service to Honey Tree. She has been an asset to the school, and a mentor to many teachers. She will be greatly missed and Honey Tree will not be the same without her. We wish her the best as she moves forward in this next chapter of her life. She and her husband plan to do more traveling in the near future.

It's Not "Just Play"

Play is an essential part of early learning. It is the lifeblood of the learning process. As children play, they are developing the cognitive, socio-emotional and physical skills they will need to take them into a successful adulthood.

They are developing their curiosity, problem solving, intentionality, flexibility, and verbal and non-verbal skills.

Socio-emotionally they are developing their emotional intelligence - learning confidence, cooperation, negotiation, sharing, empathy and how to communicate appropriately.

Physically their fine motor and gross motor skills are being practiced and developed. It is not "just play". They are learning skills for life!



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*