

GRACE NOTES

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Gearing up for the New Year!



Grace Covenant is already looking ahead to the 2010-2011 school year, and is currently accepting enrollments. Our classes will be for children who are 2 1/2 (by Sept. 30, 2010) through age 5. Public school kindergarten enrollment is for children who will turn 5 on or before Sept. 30, 2010. Preschool applications for 2010-2011 are attached. The registration fee will be \$35 through February 28. After that, it will go back to the regular \$75.

Your help would be greatly appreciated in recommending our program to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

Grace Covenant Social Networking

Grace Covenant Community School has stepped into the 21st century by setting up accounts on both Facebook and Twitter. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/Richmond-VA/Grace-Covenant-Community-School/96176124588?ref=ts> or search "Grace Covenant Community School" on Facebook to become a fan. On Twitter, visit <http://twitter.com/prscitchr> to follow Linda Willis' tweets.

If you have a Facebook account, be sure to "friend" Linda Willis and Doris Griner. There are also several Grace Covenant moms who are on Facebook. Facebook can be a great, fast, free way to communicate and network with other moms!

Thanks!!



Mrs. Willis would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards and help as she recovers from her injury. In addition, both Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Griner would like to thank everyone who has donated toward the riding toy fund, and especially to Qui-Qui's family for purchasing our newest car.

If your family would like to help Grace Covenant Community School, we are always in need of riding toys and/or donations to the riding toy fund, cars, trucks and currently a VHS tape rewinder. Please let Mrs. Willis or Mrs. Griner know if you'd like to make a donation.

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Preschool Tidbits

Inclement Weather Policy

If Henrico County Schools are closed or go in 2 hours late, the Preschool program will also be closed.

Preschool Attendance

Daily preschool attendance is important for your child's development. It helps him/her get into a routine and our staff plans appropriate activities each day for a full class. Unless your child is sick, please make every effort to have them attend every day they are enrolled for.

Godly Play Themes for January

This month, our preschoolers will be learning about the Epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus, the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Parable of the Good Shepherd.

Preschool Tuition

Preschool tuition for January is now due. Please make payments, via check or money order, out to "Grace Covenant Community Ministries" and drop off to Ms. Willis or Ms. Griner. You may also mail your payment to: Grace Covenant Community Ministries, P.O. Box 9617, Richmond, VA 23227



French Lessons

Mrs. McDonough will be visiting us to teach French on Friday, Jan. 15; Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Tuesday, Jan. 26. Enclosed in this newsletter is a page with some French vocabulary words you might want to

Henrico County Recreation and Parks has posted the Spring 2010 "At Your Leisure" Guide, which includes information on sports and cultural enrichment programs for children as well as schedules of community events. You can access the Guide online at <http://www.co.henrico.va.us/departments/rec/>

Welcome back to Ray Navarro. Ray is a student at Longdale Elementary.

Afterschool Info



Afterschool Schedule

2:30-2:45—Snack

2:45-3:30—Quiet time/homework (All children must have a book or homework to do during this time. Children who need longer to finish homework may do so.)

3:30-5—Games, puzzles, art, outside play (weather permitting)

5-5:30—Clean up and prepare to go home

New Policy

Afterschool will accept cash payments for tuition beginning Jan. 4. Also, anyone who wishes to pay bi-weekly must make the payment on the first day of the 2 week period - not the second week. Families who wish to pay monthly, must do so on the first day of the month - not at the end of the month. Monthly payments not made on the first of the month will be charged an additional \$10 per week late fee.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Henrico County Schools closed, the afterschool program will be closed. If schools open late, we are open. If schools close early (before 2:05), the afterschool program will be closed and parents will need to make sure your child's school has up to date contact

information for you, including whether or not your child should wait at school for parents to pick up or ride their regular school bus home. Please remember that if the weather conditions are causing schools to close early - there is a safety concern for the buses to be on the road. GCCS has that same concern and will not ask staff to drive in inclement weather. In addition our parking lot will not be cleared immediately.

School Attendance Info

If your child stays at home due to illness or is picked up early from school, please call us to let us know so that we are aware and don't wait for him/her at school pickup.

Game Donations

Thank you so much to all parents who made donations to our board game fund for the afterschool program!

Preschool French Vocabulary

Les nombres—numbers

1—Un (unh)

2—Deux (duh)

3—Trois (twah)

4—Quatre (ka-tra)

5—Cinq (sank)

6—Six (seece)

7—Sept (set)

8—Huit (wheat)

9—Neuf (nuf)

10—Dix (deese)

Les jours de la semaine—Days of the Week

Monday—lundi (lundy)

Tuesday—mardi (mardee)

Wednesday—mercredi (mare-kreh-dee)

Thursday—jeudi (zhuh-dee)

Friday—vendredi (vonn-dreh-dee)

Saturday—samedi (somm-dee)

Sunday—dimanche (dee-monch)

Les Couleurs—colors

Red—rouge (rooje)

Blue—bleu (bluh)

Green—vert (vare)

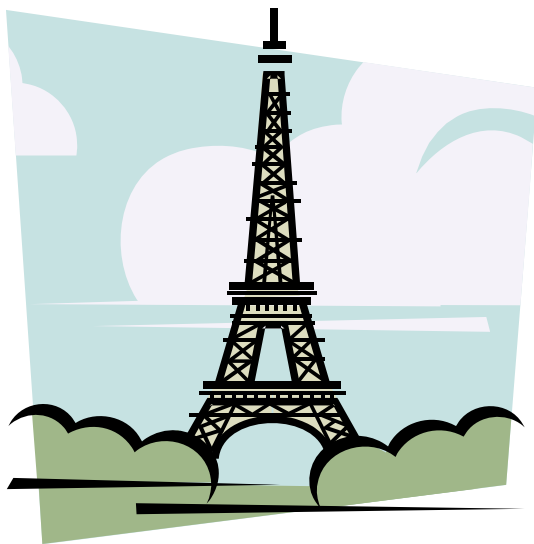
Orange—orange (or-anjh)

Black—noir (nwahr)

White—blanc (blonkh)

Purple—violet (vee-oh-lay)

Yellow—jaune (zhown)



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www.gracecovenantcommunityschool.org
for pictures, information and email access.

Fun Winter Activities With Kids

Ice Fishing

Supplies: Blue sheet or cardboard painted blue Dowel sticks String Clothes pins

Hang sheet or cardboard from ceiling. Construct fishing pole by tying one end of the string to the dowel and tying the other end of the string around the clothes pin. You may want to glue gun them in place so they don't slide off.

How To Play: A parent stands behind the sheet/cardboard with a basket full of little goodies/gifts to attach to the clothes pins. Kids cast their fishing lines over the "ice" and know that they've caught something when they feel a tug on their line.

Frosty

Supplies: A roll of toilet paper for each team Sheet of orange, black, red and yellow construction paper for each team Hat for each team Scissors for each team

How To Play: Have several teams of four or five children. When you say, "GO" they should wrap one of the people on their team up in toilet paper (leaving an opening for nose and eyes). Once they've built their "Frosty" they can utilize the hat and construction paper to decorate him with. Put a time limit on decorating. Give a prize for the

first completed Frosty, most unique Frosty, ugliest Frosty, cutest Frosty, etc.

Shoe Box Relay Race

Supplies: Tootsie Rolls (1 for each child) Shoe box for each team Bell for each team 2 mittens for each team 2 bowls for each team

Place tootsie rolls, in a bowl, at the opposite end of the room. Hang a bell, from the ceiling, over the tootsie roll bowl.

How To Play: Divide the children into two or more relay teams. Explain that when you say, "GO" the first person on each team will put on the mittens, step into the shoe boxes and race to the other end of the room where they will ring the bell with their nose. They are then to pick up a tootsie roll out of the bowl and race back to their team still wearing their mittens and shoe boxes. Pass the mittens and shoe box to the next person in line, sit down, eat your tootsie roll. The first team to finish eating their tootsie rolls wins!