



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 20, 2022

Dear Preschool Families,

On Monday, Mrs. McDowell read the bible story, "Jesus Feeds Thousands". The Sunflower teachers introduced the letter "Zz" and the children Q-tipe painted the letter. The teachers went over things that begin with letter z (zucchini, zebra, zoo, zipper). The Spanish lesson on Thursday, was to count and color butterflies (uno, dos ,tres mariposas). The children got to watercolor a butterfly cutout. Last week, Mrs. Fitts, read the story "Katie's Starry Night". The children's "Starry Night" paintings (Vincent Van Gogh) are up on the board in the hallway. Each child used their imagination and creativity. Beautiful paintings!

Mrs. Mendoza introduced the letter "Zz" and the children turned the letter cutout into a zebra. The class worked together and made the Environmental Print Book. On Wednesday, the children worked on their Mexico Traditions mini book for geography. During religion time, the children practiced the songs for May Crowning.

Mrs. Sebring introduced the letter "Zz" and counting by 10s. The children made a bee and used colored yarn. Each child got to make a chick hatching out from an egg. The art is displayed on the board. Each art piece is unique. It reflects on the child's creativity. On Friday, in preparation for May Crowning, Mrs. Sebring read, "Mary Is Our Mother" from the Seeds book.

I want to thank you for donating the muffins (Salinas, Yesland, Tovar & Burdine), veggies (Salinas & Perkins) and fresh fruit (Bosita & Williams).

Parents, please remember to sign-in and out every day! Please sign with your full signature (first & last name, NO initials). This is a state licensing document.

Be sure to check your child's folder every day for any class announcements and important school information.

Preschool Summer Camp

If you know of anyone looking for a summer camp for their preschooler, please refer them over to us. You are now able to register your child to attend 6 fun themed weeks! Register online and be sure to complete the preschool enrollment packet & copy of immunization record (for new students only). The summer camp is open to our outside community too! Children must be 3 years old through incoming kindergarteners and fully potty trained.

6th Grade Fundraiser for Ukrainian Refugees

Please help us support the 6th grade fundraiser by donating Protein Bars for Ukrainian Refugees through the House of Ukraine. Please send donations in by Friday, May 27.

San Diego Padres Game

If you purchased Padres tickets, the tickets were sent home last week in your family envelope.

Nazareth Night- I Love The 80s!

It was great seeing many of our parents attend a fun and wonderful school event! We were delighted to see everyone there and enjoy the night. Thank you for all of your support.

May Crowning

Our preschool May Crowning celebration will be next Friday, May 27 at 9:30 am in the garden. Please have your children wear their Sunday's best and bring a flower for our Blessed Mother Mary. The children have been practicing and singing the beautiful songs.

Preschool Father's Day Workshop

Save the date, Wednesday, June 1, we will host our Preschool Father's Day Workshop from 7am- 9am in the music room. The sign-up sheet will be posted on Monday!

Preschool Promotion Ceremonies

Our Preschool Promotion Ceremonies will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in the secret garden. The Sunflower ceremony will be from 10:00 am-10:30 am and the Buzzy Bee Ceremony will be from 10:45 am – 11:15 am. Followed by the Ice Cream Social in the Sunflower and Buzzy Bee playground.

Aftercare

If your child stays for aftercare, please remember that our main entrance door is locked at 4:00pm and pick up is on the NE side of the Saint Joseph's building. The children are out playing in the Sunflower playground.

We ask that you continue to use our preschool main entrance to enter and exit the St. Joseph building. This will avoid using alternate doors. This is for the safety of all our children and staff.

Covid Symptoms:

If your child is absent, please call or email the school at 619-641-7954 or preschooldir@nazarethschool.org

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. If you are using a home test, you must complete the Attestation form that you are able to obtain from our school webpage under Covid. You must test your child twice before they are able to return.

We have included a copy of the updated Attestation Form, some of you are still using the previous form. Please be sure to turn it in before or on the day your child returns to school.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid-19 symptoms:

- Fever with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

If your child presents any of the symptoms stated above during school time, we will have to send your child home. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe. We MUST continue to mitigate the spread during these difficult times. Please understand that we are following CDC and state guidelines.

Most Current CDC CHILDCARE / PRESCHOOL UPDATES (04/13/22-4:00pm):

ISOLATION

If child has symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, the child must **ISOLATE**.

- If not already done, testing should be done immediately if the symptoms are not otherwise explained by a documented chronic illness.
- The attendee can return on day 6 from start of symptom onset (use collection date if no symptoms) as long as the child is fever free and symptoms are improving. Day 0 is the day of symptom onset or collection date if no symptoms, and day 1 is the next day.

- Antigen testing on day 5 prior to return to preschool is recommended, especially for those who are not able to or too young to mask.
- If fever is present, isolation should continue until fever is resolved.
- Exception: If symptoms are followed with a negative molecular test or 2 negative antigen tests, and in the absence of any positive test, the child may return once fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and with other symptoms improving. Initial negative tests (molecular or antigen) must be collected after symptom onset, and second antigen tests must be collected at least 12 hours after the previous negative antigen.

If a child is identified as a close contact and does not have symptoms, Quarantine may be considered due to exposure, including staying home for 5 full days following the last date of exposure to a positive case.

- Testing is recommended immediately, as well as on day 5 following last date of exposure. Day 0 is the last date of exposure, and day 1 is the next day.
- For exposed contacts under quarantine, return on day 6 is permitted as long as No symptoms have developed. Close contacts should be monitored for symptoms daily. If symptoms occur, the child should test and follow the above guidance for those with symptoms or testing positive.
- Providers may consider permitting asymptomatic exposed children to continue to attend preschool, regardless of vaccination status.
- Emphasis should be placed on all close contacts to wear an appropriate well-fitted mask around others through day 10, especially if remaining at care.

(This information is on the Updated Childcare Decision Tree April 13, 2022- 4:00pm). **If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.**

MASK MANDATE (Update as of February 28, 2022):

After March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and childcare/preschool setting terminated.

CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the mandate lifts.

Wearing a mask is optional for staff and children.

If your child is a **CLOSE CONTACT** as stated above under quarantine, your child may return on day 6 if NO symptoms have developed but child will have to wear a mask through day 10. If your child is not able to wear a mask through day 10, then they will have to stay home and return on day 11. Day 6 through Day 10 if your child is under our care, they must wear a fitted

mask while indoors and outdoors and when around others outside. Please keep in mind that close contacts will be monitored daily, while under our care.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

Important Dates to Remember:

May 27- Preschool May Crowning in the garden at 9:30am

May 30- Memorial Day / No School

June 1- Father's Day Workshop

June 3- Half Day/ Preschool Close at Noon

June 7- Preschool Promotion Ceremonies

Thank you and have a blessed weekend!

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Nazareth Preschool Director