



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 6, 2022

Dear Preschool Families,

We started our week celebrating all of our wonderful teachers! I would like to thank Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Fitts, Mrs. Mendoza and Mrs. Sebring for all of their hard work and dedication! Thank you for making Nazareth preschool a fun, loving and caring environment. I also want to thank our parents for all of the treats and coffee during this special week.

The Sunflower teachers introduced the letter "Xx" and each child collaged a letter and made an X-ray. Mrs. Fitts read the book, My Spring Robin and the children made a bird's nest. On Thursday, for Spanish the children counted nubes. (clouds). They also made a sombrero in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

In Mrs. Mendoza's class the substitute, introduced the weekly lesson about Dinosaurs. The children made a paper plate dinosaur and painted dinosaur cut outs. On Wednesday, they began their new geography lesson on Mexico. Each child colored a flag.

Mrs. Sebring introduced the letter "Xx" and numbers 36-40. The children practiced tracing /writing the letter and numbers. On Thursday, the children made a xylophone puppet and drew two things that begin with letter Xx. The class celebrated Cinco de Mayo by making maracas, dancing and singing songs.

The preschool along with the upper grades ended the week celebrating "Grandparents Day". Each class had a special activity for the grandparents to make with their grandchild. It was great seeing many grandparents attend!

I want to thank you for donating the muffins (Salinas, Guzman, Yesland, Tovar, Burdine & Lara), veggies (Sakai & Williams) and fresh fruit (Halim, Mesnik & Lococo).

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 Mother's Day Tea

On Wednesday, May 11, we would like to cordially invite all our mothers to our traditional Preschool Mother's Day Tea! It will be in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. You must sign-up to attend this special event. The sign-up sheet is on the table near the music room. This will be a 30-minute one-on-one mother and child experience. No siblings please, seating is limited. Please plan ahead to attend this special event.

Nazareth Night

Nazareth Night will be on Friday, May 13th at The Mission de Alcala Courtyard from 6pm-10pm. Come dressed in your 80s attire. Preschool will close at 4:00 pm on this day. Please make pick-up arrangements.

May Crowning

Our preschool May Crowning celebration will be on 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.

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. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon!

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.

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 (03/23/22-8:00am):

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.**
- 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 within 48 hours of symptom onset, and second antigen tests must be collected within 1 day of the first 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 March 23, 2022- 8:00am). 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 9- Local School Holiday / No School

May 11- Preschool Mother's Day Tea 7am-9am

May 13- Nazareth Night 6pm-10pm / Preschool close at 4:00 pm

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

Grandparents

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure,
The founders of a loving legacy,
The greatest storytellers,
The keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory,
Grandparents are the family's strong foundation.
Their very special love sets them apart.
Through happiness and sorrow,
Through their special love and caring,
Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

(Author Unknown)

Thank you and have a blessed three-day weekend!

Georgina Barragan
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