



CROSSING POINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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News from the Director



We have had a great start to the new year here at Crossing Point and we are so excited to welcome everyone back and a special welcome to all of our new families. The students are settling into their classroom routines very well and new friends are being made each day. Most all of our classes are full, but we still have a few openings in our TK class. Pass the word among your friends and send them our way! Thank you again for choosing Crossing Point as your child's preschool. My door is always open to you for any questions, concerns, or needs you may have.

Welcome back to



Blessings,
Ms. Ricki
Director



MUSIC/MOVEMENT CLASS

I would like to welcome all the children to "Movement Class" here at Crossing Point. My name is Mrs. Connie and I will have the opportunity to work with all of the preschool classes at various times throughout the school day. I feel very blessed knowing that I will get to share my time with the precious little ones that will attend this preschool. The beginning of school can be quite overwhelming so I will make every effort to make each child feel comfortable in my room. We'll spend time getting to know each other as well as reinforce our knowledge of our body parts through movement. The classes had fun with "Can You Show Me?" how to wiggle your fingers or stomp your feet or bend your knees or clap your hands and many more body moves. We'll spend a lot of time talking about our personal space and how to respect our friends' personal space. Music will be an important component in my class because "Music Makes Moving Marvelous"! Looking forward to a great school year!

This month we will focus on **movement awareness** such as Auditory, Visual, Spatial, Directional, Eye hand & Eye foot coordination, and Rhythm. We'll begin working on **locomotor skills** such as walking. Our **body awareness** focus will be on how our body parts work together as well as an introduction to our skeletal system

How Do We Prepare our Feet for Movement

School is here, and we want our feet to be safe at school. Please wear non slip-on shoes (ex. Tennis shoes) to movement class. It makes it much easier to move around when trying all the activities during movement class. Wearing non slip-on shoes helps to keep our feet safe as well as keeping our bodies from tripping and falling. *Crocs, sandals and flip flops are NOT "movement" friendly.* The classroom teachers would also feel better having those cute little toes protected out on the playground. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated!!

WELCOME OUR NEW TEACHERS TO CROSSING POINT

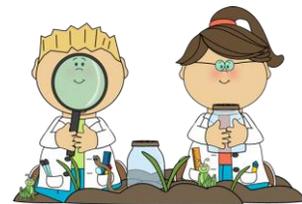
We have had a few staff changes since the end of last school year. We are excited to have these teachers as part of our Crossing Point family. Courtney Matz is our new MWF/TTH Pre-K 4's lead teacher and Amber Willhite is our new MWF/TTH Pre-K 4's assistant. They both have started the year strong and doing an amazing job with the students in their classes. Des Smith comes onboard as our Lunch Bunch teacher and our After-School teacher. She is a great addition to our staff and the students love spending time with her. Jamie Paul came onboard as our MWF 3's assistant teacher, but unfortunately will not be able to continue on staff due to family commitments. We welcome Rachel Yusten as our new teacher assistant in our MWF 3's class. We are excited to have each of these talented teachers on staff.



Science with Ms. Penny

We have had a great start to our Science class this school year. We have experimented with static electricity using balloons and we learned about air pressure and gravity using paper airplanes. During the month of September, we will be exploring friction, gas/carbon dioxide, and the all-time favorite subject, snot during the "grossology" session of our science class!

The students are all having a great time in Science class and we will continue to learn about God's world through science experiments and exploration.



REMINDERS

Just a few reminders to help our school year go smoothly:

1. Morning drop-off (Carpool) is from 8:55-9:05. If you arrive after 9:05 then you will need to walk your child into their classroom.
2. Check your child's backpack daily for notes and information that the teachers may send home.
3. Please remember to send your child to school dressed appropriately for play. Tennis shoes are the best choice for the playground and girls should wear shorts under their dresses. Dress your child ready to run, play and get dirty. Also, send an extra set of clothes in their backpack.
4. Label all of your child's belongings: lunch boxes, jackets, water bottles, backpacks, etc.
5. After-school extended care ends at 5:30pm. For staffing reasons, it is important that you arrive on time. If you know you will be late, please call us and let us know so your child does not worry.



Wednesday, Sept. 26th: Hearing/Vision/Speech Screenings

Thursday, Sept. 27th: Hearing/Vision/Speech Screenings

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd: Picture Day

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd: Picture Day

Monday, Oct. 8th: MISD Teacher In-Service Day

No Preschool/Extended Care Day Only

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Please Listen to Me

Listen Attentively

Get rid of distractions and pay attention to what the child is saying. At times adults may need to stop whatever they are doing and listen to the child. It is difficult to run the vacuum cleaner, cook dinner, or read the paper and, at the same time pay close attention to what the child is saying. Do not pretend that you are listening when you aren't. If you are busy talking on the telephone or entertaining guests tell the child, "I'm busy now, but let's talk about that later." Then be sure to follow through.

Use "You-Messages" Reflecting Child's Ideas/Feelings

"You-messages" describe the child's feelings and encourage him to express his troublesome feelings.

Examples:

"You are sad because your dog died."

"You are upset because you didn't win the game."

"You are mad because Jenny wouldn't let you play with her new doll baby."

When children are allowed to express bad feelings freely, they seem to disappear like magic. Hiding bad feelings is self-destructive; they can lead to self-hate, headaches, ulcers, and violent actions.

Remember: Actions can be labeled good or bad, but not feelings. Feelings are neither good nor bad. They simply exist, and their existence must be recognized.

Talk With (Not At) Children

Talking "at" the child is one-sided conversation "Put on your raincoat," "You are going to spill that," "You need a haircut." Adults who talk "at" children often use the excuse that a small child cannot converse at the adult's level. But no one including the young child likes to be talked "at." You may talk "at" the family dog, or even a tiny baby but try to talk "with" a young child.

Talking "with" a child is two-way conversation talking to him and then listening to what he has to say. Forming the habit of talking "with" children rather than "at" them will be especially helpful when they become teen-agers.

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