

HopeMark Preschool - February 2019 Newsletter

Dear HopeMark Family,

Happy February! This year is rolling right along! Following are some reminders and information for the coming month:

Open House

On Saturday, February 9 from 9:00 until 11:00 am, we are opening our doors to prospective families to come and see all we have to offer at HopeMark. Please invite any families you know who may be interested in sending their children to HopeMark. If you are able to attend the open house and speak to prospective families about our school, we would love your help. Please let Jeanne Ryan know, or sign up on the sheets outside each classroom.

Valentine’s Day Parties

3-day AM Classes: Wednesday, February 13
2-day AM Classes: Thursday, February 14
Pre-K Classes: Thursday, February 14

Children are invited to bring signed valentines to share with their friends. Below is a listing of the number of children in each class. **Please DO NOT address individual valentine’s, but send one for each of your child’s classmates.** Children may also bring treats to pass out as well. Please ensure that the treat is peanut free. Children will not be allowed to open treat bags until they are released to their parent or caregiver.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Kermit’s 2 day AM	12
Big Bird’s 2-day AM	13
Kermit’s 3day AM	14
Big Bird’s 3-day AM	14
Jr. Pre-K Class	16
Sr. Pre-K Class	17

President’s Day Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, February 18 in honor of President’s Day.

Registration for the 2019/2020 School Year

I am extending the reduced enrollment fee of \$50 for current families until Friday, February 8. If you know you will be sending your child to HopeMark next year, please try to turn in your child’s registration card asap! After February 8, registration will be \$75. Remember, if your child started in January, you do not have to pay the registration fee, but you still must fill out a registration card. If you need a card, just stop by the office!

Spring supply fee now due

Just a reminder that the spring supply fee is now due. Fees are \$50 for 2-day students, \$55 for 3-day students, and \$60 for Pre-K students.

Summer Camp

HopeMark's summer camp will be June 10 – 14, from 9:00 – 12:00 pm. This year's theme is ART EXPLOSION! Campers will have lots of opportunities to explore a large variety of art mediums, as well unstructured play and outdoor activities! Registration forms will be sent home this week. Space is limited, so register early!

Potty Training Reminders

Just a friendly reminder that while we advocate that not all children be completely potty trained prior to coming to HopeMark, we do ask that parents be in the process of actively working with your child to reach this milestone. Please remember to send your child to school in easily removable clothing and a pull up, not a diaper. This greatly facilitates his or her ability to successfully use the toilet while at school. Also, please try to have your child go to the bathroom either at school immediately before class, or right before leaving the house for school. HopeMark is not licensed to change diapers, so we will call you if your child has a bowel movement or an excessively wet pull up!

New Student Welcome

Since the last newsletter, we have gained a new student!

Please welcome Madelyn Burgess, Kermit's 2-day class and her parents, Ashley and Chris to our HopeMark family!

Looking ahead to March

Please make note of our Parent – Teacher conference dates, Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15. A sign-up sheet for conference slots will be posted toward the end of the month. **Please note there is no school on conference days.**

Also, please note that our spring break begins Monday, March 18 School resumes Monday, March 25.

Donation request for this month

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have donated necessities to HopeMark this year!

This month, we are in need of Playdough making supplies: Salt, Cream of Tartar, Flour, Vegetable Oil, and food coloring (Helpful hint: Cream of Tartar is sold in large containers at Viviano's on the Hill - a great opportunity to help HopeMark and pick up some awesome local Italian delicacies!)

We could also use Paper Towels!

Jr. Pre-K News

Valentine's Day Party

Jr. Pre-K's Valentine's Party is Wednesday, Feb. 14! Please watch for a sign-up sheet to bring in treats for our party!

Sr. Pre-K News

Valentine's Day Party

Sr. Pre-K's Valentine's Party is Wednesday, Feb. 14! Please watch for a sign-up sheet to bring in treats for our party!

Printing

Beginning Monday, February 4, the Sr. Pre-K class will begin our printing unit. We will begin by practicing straight lines, curves and circles, all of which are the building blocks to printing all letters. Next week, we will begin to print our letters, capital and lowercase. We will work on 2 letters per day. Please take time to review these pages with your child after school, and devote some practice time to reinforce the proper formation of the letter. A manuscript will be sent home on this week with the letter formation we will be teaching.

Cereal Boxes Needed!

We are asking each child to bring in a **LARGE** cereal box for a project we will be working on this month. Boxes are needed by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.**