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## Important Upcoming Dates

<b>Feb. 11</b>	Preschool Sunday
<b>Feb. 19</b>	President's Day (No School)
<b>Feb. 26-March 1</b>	Spirit Week/Read Across America
<b>March 4</b>	Teacher Workday (No School)
<b>March 14/15</b>	Spring/Class Pictures
<b>March 29-April 5</b>	Spring/Easter Break
<b>April 22/23</b>	Spring Open House
<b>April 30</b>	Art in the Park (6-7 PM)
<b>May 15/16</b>	Last Day(s) of School

PLEASE JOIN US, FOR

## Preschool Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Statesville  
**Sunday, February 11th**  
**11 AM**  
(3s/4s classes arrive at 10:30 for rehearsal)

We invite all our preschool families to join us for a special PRESCHOOL SUNDAY worship service.

**Our 3 and 4 year old classes will be singing and have a special part in our service.**  
*Please be on the lookout for an email with more details.*

Nursery will be provided for younger siblings if needed.  
**Please RSVP to Falon by February 1st if nursery is needed.**

## BENTLEY'S BEARS

FPC Preschool is collecting new **BEARS** of varying sizes now through February 9th in memory of our dear preschool friend, **Bentley Marlowe**.

Bentley had a **BIG** heart and **LOVED** sharing kindness and showing love to his friends during one of his favorite holidays, **Valentine's Day**. In honor of Bentley, we are excited to share kindness and love through bear donations to local children's charities in our community.

*We will hold a special "Blessing of the Bears" during our Preschool Sunday at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 11th. Please join us if you can!*

## LEARNING Without Tears™

We are excited to announce a brand-new curriculum for FPC Preschool! We will begin Learning Without Tears in September 2024! We are also excited to announce our new Curriculum Coordinator, Lauren Loftis (Mrs. Lo). We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Lo back to FPC in this very special role.



Ms. Mallory

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### LITTLE LOBSTERS/JOLLY JELLYFISH



Ms. Michala

Ms. Mallory worked for Iredell-Statesville Schools as an elementary special education resource teacher before joining us at FPC Preschool. Her favorite colors are navy, gray and white. She loves spending time with her family. She is married to Ryan and they have two children, Briggs and Alden. She loves working out, reading, watching her son play soccer and her daughter dance. She also loves gardening, traveling and spending her days outside. Her favorite thing about teaching is building relationships with her kids. They all learn differently and she believes that incorporating different strategies and instruction styles helps them become confident and successful. We are grateful for Ms. Mallory and all the wonderful things that she brings to our preschool family!

Ms. Michala was in the healthcare industry and a nanny before joining us at FPC Preschool. Her favorite color is green and she loves being with her kids/family, spending time outdoors and her chickens. She and her husband, Matt, have two daughters, Aubree and Brynlee. She enjoys flowers/gardening and being outdoors with her family. Her favorite thing about teaching is watching the children grow and develop their own individual personalities. She believes that everyone should teach with kindness and compassion. Ms. Michala is always such a positive presence in our preschool and we are so thankful for you!

### Happy Hippos

Happy New Year! Our hippos are settling back into our classroom very nicely! We will continue working on standing in a line and sitting for a story this month. We will also do some fun winter art! Happy Birthday, Asher!



### Happy Campers

Happy January! We are excited to have our campers back! We will continue reviewing shapes and learning letters this month! We will also be doing lots of fun art projects. We will also continue working on standing in a line and sitting as a group at circle time.

### Tiny Tigers

Happy January! Our tigers have come a long way since the beginning of the year and are settling in nicely each morning. They are getting more and more used to our routines and classroom expectations. We will be learning about winter while we make some fun winter art this month and continue working on standing in line and sitting for a story together as a class. Happy Birthday, Georgia!

### Busy Bees

Happy January! We will be learning letters K, L, M and N this month. Our bees will be learning about winter animals, learning some nursery rhymes and having a PJ party on 1/24. Please bring a sleeping buddy to school that day to have fun with. Happy Birthday, Easton & Roahn!

### Jolly Jellyfish

Lots of fun in the month of January! We will be learning about mittens, snow, arctic animals and ending the month in SPACE. Students continue to ROCK expectations and routines in the New Year! We are digging more into letters with practicing, tracing and writing our names.

### Wise Owls

We will be learning about all things WINTER! Snow, ice and winter/arctic animals. Our letters will be B, D, R and P. We will also continue working on patterns, numbers and begin reviewing shapes. We'll celebrate national popcorn day with a party on 1/19 and end our month with a hot cocoa and pajama party on 1/31. Happy Birthday, Brooks!

### Shining Stars

Happy New Year! We are so excited to have our stars back at preschool! This month we are doing lots of fun art and reviewing our classroom routine, rules and expectations. The children are settling in nicely after break! Thank you for all your continued support! Happy Birthday, Colson!

### Little Lobsters

Lots of fun in the month of January! We will be learning about mittens, snow, arctic animals and ending the month in SPACE. Students continue to ROCK expectations and routines in the New Year! We are digging more into letters with practicing, tracing and writing our names. Happy Birthday, Colton!

### Little Gardeners

The LG class is looking forward to a whole month learning about WINTER animals, ice, snow, hibernation and migration! We have some really "cool" projects and centers planned for January. We will do some fun ice painting, teddy bear day, and a special day with a "bear cave" in our classroom! We are focusing on letters W, I, N and H this month.

### Friendly Frogs

We are excited to have everyone back after our winter break! This month is all about WINTER, birds, camping, woodland animals and dinosaurs. We are really excited about our upcoming classroom campout (more information coming home soon). Happy Birthday, Juni!

### Zoo Crew

Happy New Year! This month we will be working on letters W, D and V. We will be talking about winter animals and continuing to work on writing our names! We will do lots of dinosaur fun towards the end of the month! We will also start back chapel and then at the end of the month, Kindermusik. We are so excited to have all of our zoo crew kids back this month. Happy Birthday, Mila!