

# FIRST PLYMOUTH LEARNING CENTER



# A Note from the Director:

We are so excited about the start of school! It has been such fun getting to know the children and their families.

As many of you know, we have changed the way we do snack. We are asking that parents pay \$10.00 directly to their child's teacher. We will then, as a Center, purchase snacks. If you haven't already paid your teacher, please be sure to do so next week. We will keep track of the costs and let you know when it is time to pay another \$10.00 Hopefully this will save a lot of hassle!

The first week of September is Welcome Week. We have fun activities planned for each day! Tuesday will be **favorite team day**. Have your child wear something sports related--if they do not have anything they can wear their favorite team's colors! Wednesday is **Wacky Wednesday**. Have your child wear something silly! We have lots of fun plans for Thursday. It will be **favorite character day**.

Thursday night is **pizza night**! This is intended for our whole community, so bring the whole family! Friday is **pajama day**--wear your most comfy pajamas!

We are still looking for one more teacher for our center. If you know of an experienced preschool teacher, please send them our way! We are so proud of our current staff and can't wait to add another wonderful teacher to the mix. Thanks! If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Warmly, Noanie

Please use the following link for the September cheddar up:

<https://pay-september-tuition-copy-89434.cheddarup.com>

# Upcoming Dates

## **WELCOME WEEK!**

*HELP US CELEBRATE THE START OF  
SCHOOL BY WEARING FUN OUTFITS  
FOR THE FOLLOWING THEMES:*

**TUESDAY 9/3 FAVORITE TEAM**  
**WEDNESDAY 9/4 WACKY WEDNESDAY**  
**THURSDAY 9/5 FAVORITE CHARACTER**  
**FRIDAY 9/6 PAJAMA DAY**

## **Pizza Night Information:**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH: PIZZA NIGHT!**

We hope you all will return for pizza night! It will be held in the church courtyard from 5:00-7:00. We will also have a bouncy house!! Please let us know if you are coming, and if so, how many will be attending.

Please RSVP to:

[fplcdirector@firstplymouthchurch.org](mailto:fplcdirector@firstplymouthchurch.org)

We hope to see you all there!

FIRST PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED  
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MISSION PROJECT: SOCK IT TO 'EM

Please see the flyer on the following page for more information!

\*Please note that there is an extra need for infant socks\*



# SOCK IT TO EM SOCK-TOBER October 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>



WE'RE  
COLLECTING  
NEW SOCKS  
FOR THOSE IN  
NEED



## Kids, we need your help!

The weather is getting colder and young people just like you around our state are in a desperate need for socks.

## Here is how you can help:

Collect from friends and family **new socks** for children that you can bring to school during the month of October and we'll see how many we can get!



We'll be having a **Crazy Sock Day** and **you'll get to** wear your craziest socks and show them off! Won't that be FUN?!



## Thank You! For Supporting Kids In Need!

[www.sockittoemsockcampaign.org](http://www.sockittoemsockcampaign.org) [www.facebook.com/sockcampaign](https://www.facebook.com/sockcampaign)

# Supply Lists

If you have not already, please bring the following items to school next week. These items do NOT need to be labeled- they will be used as needed.

## Preschool Supply List

- 1 BOX WASHABLE MARKERS
  - 2 BOTTLES GLUE
  - 6 GLUE STICKS
- 1 BOX 5 OZ. DIXIE/PAPER CUPS
- 1 BOX KLEENEX/FACIAL TISSUE
  - 1 PACKAGE NAPKINS
- 1 PACKAGE PAPER PLATES-THIN PLAIN WHITE FOR ART PROJECTS

## Parents Day Out Supply List

- 1 PACK OF DIAPER WIPES
  - 1 BOX OF CRAYONS
- 3 PACKAGES OF STICKERS (ANIMALS, FLOWERS, SHAPES, HOLIDAYS. NO CARTOONS PLEASE)
  - 1 BOX 5 OZ. DIXIE/PAPER CUPS
  - 1 BOX KLEENEX/FACIAL TISSUE
    - 1 PACKAGE NAPKINS
  - 1 PACKAGE PLASTIC SPOONS

# Learning Center Wish List

We will keep this list of teachers wishes updated throughout the year. We are so appreciative!

- Three 50lbs sandbags for the sand box
- Bags of bulk wood chips (chemical free and dry)
- Colored hanging folders
- Case of rubber gloves (latex free)
- Case of copy paper
- Giftcards to Barnes and Noble or Bookies
- Tape recorder/CD player with sets of headphones
- Books on tape
- Magnetic tile building sets
- Gently used books
- Foam building blocks
- Big bouncy balls
- Plasma cars

# **A Word From the Teachers:**

## **Penguins Classroom:**

It was wonderful to meet so many of you, as well as see familiar faces at our "Back to School" function! Over the next few weeks, the Penguins will spend time getting to know one another, as well as identifying Penguins. They will have the opportunity to create their own penguins that will hang over their hooks in the hallway.

Watch out, the Penguins are diving into a school year full of learning, laughter, and lasting memories!

Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley

## **Brown Bears Classroom:**

The beginning of the school year is always one of our most favorite times as it is full of excitement and energy! The

Brown Bears have jumped right in--we have started our units "All About Me" and "Families" as a fun way to get to know each other in the beginning of this year. We are also working on our developing independence in the classroom. We are confident that this will be one of the best years yet!

Ms. Lindsay and Ms. Senait

# **A Word From the Teachers:**

## **Koalas Classroom:**

Hello Koala families! I enjoyed meeting all of you at Back to School Night! I am really looking forward to a fantastic year with your children. We will be starting off the year with our All About Me theme where we will focus on our names, feelings and families. We are excited to display our family pictures on our family wall. Be on the lookout for some fun All About Me crafts and we will be reading some great books that focus on the uniqueness of us all!

**Ms. Ann and Ms. Senait**

## **Butterflies Classroom**

We had the best time meeting so many of you at back to school night. The energy in the room was dynamic and we know that it is going to be a great year. This month we are going to be focusing on "How We are Special"--within this unit we will be talking about our bodies, our families and our friends. It will be the perfect way to get to know each other in the beginning of this year. We can't wait for a wonderful year!

**Ms. Susie and Ms. Noanie**



# **A Word From the Teachers:**

## **Ladybugs Classroom**

Welcome to the Ladybug class! It was fabulous to meet all of you and get to know your children at the Back to School evening. We have a lot of great things planned and our first theme is Back to School, and You are Special. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of your life and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you as we start off our school year!

**Ms. Erika and Ms. Susie**

# **FPLC Board**

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# **Your Learning Center Board**

## **President: Lisa Friar**

Lisa Friar is the President of the FPLC Board and has held various board positions over the last 4 years. She has been married to Scott for 10 years and has watched her 3 children grow socially, emotionally and academically at FPLC due to the amazing teachers. Lisa's goal for the learning center is for every family to feel welcome and supported by the staff, church and board.

## **Vice-President: Ken Hoagland**

Ken Hoagland is new to the FPLC Board after serving as Moderator of First Plymouth for the past year. He has run his own real estate development business for the past 30 years and has been a member of First Plymouth for over 38 years.

He has been very committed to education throughout his career—he served on a private school board for 11 years, has taught a graduate level course at UCD for 30 years and is currently a mentor/educator for a special program to help young professionals learn real estate development. Ken wants FPLC to be a great place for kids and families to play and have fun as they learn and grow together.

# **Your Learning Center Board**

## **Secretary: Rachel Bandy, MPA, PhD**

Over the course of her career, Dr. Bandy has worked and published in the fields of child protection, victim services, and public safety policy. Most recently, she was a professor of criminology and sociology at Simpson College until 2012 when she left to become a stay-at-home parent to her two young sons. She feels passionate and privileged to serve on the Board of the First Plymouth Child Learning Center and looks forward to supporting the important work the teachers and staff do every day in service to children.

## **Treasurer: Amy Falconetti**

Amy Falconetti is a 14 year member of First Plymouth Church who has been on the Learning Center board for 3 years. She is an accountant by trade and is serving as the board treasurer. She is the proud mother of two girls, ages 4 and 9. I would love to see the First Plymouth Learning Center continue to be a place where students, teachers, and families can grow and thrive.

# **Your Learning Center Board**

## **Parent Representative: Shannon Hasson**

Shannon Hasson has been involved with FPLC for the past four years as a learning center parent and is new to the board this year. She served as the Parent Volunteer Coordinator this past year. She also has a background in education, including a Master's Degree from the University of Denver in Urban Elementary Education. She believes very strongly in the success and development that her children have received thus far at FPLC and she continues to be excited to be part of such an amazing preschool.

## **First Plymouth's Director of Children's Ministries: Alix Wright**

Alix is the mother of two small children: Evelyn (a recent graduate of First Plymouth Learning Center) and Sebastian (currently in the Penguin class). She is a member and employee of First Plymouth drawn to the UCC denomination because of its passion for justice and inclusivity. She joined this community in 2014 and works closely with children, youth, and the Christian Education CAM. She graduated from Iliff in 2018 with a Masters in Divinity and is currently working toward ordination in the UCC denomination.

# **Your Learning Center Board**

**Non-Voting Member: Noanie O'Brien Geistert  
Director of First Plymouth Learning Center**

Noanie has been an Early Child Educator for over 25 years, including co-founder and co-owner of Circle of Friends Christian Preschool. She also has been a paraeducator in Special Education classes for the Littleton schools. Since June 2010 she has served as Director of Children's Ministries at First Plymouth Congregational church. On July 1, 2019 she accepted the position of Director of the Learning Center. She has been married to Doug, a Physical Therapist, since 1977 after they met as staff members at a YMCA summer camp. They reside in Centennial.