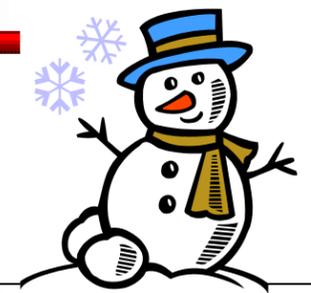




First Kids News



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Enrollment for 2019-2020 Classes

Early registration for First Kids Families started on January 7, 2019. Enrollment forms were sent home before Christmas break. If you need an enrollment form and would like to hold a spot for your child in First Kids Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year, please return the form along with the registration fee as soon as possible. Classes are filling up quickly. Don't get closed out of the class you want for your child.

Open enrollment at First Kids Preschool for the entire community begins on February 3, 2019 with the First Kids Preschool Registration/Open House on February 3, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. If your child has a younger sibling who would like to attend First Kids Preschool next year, contact Ms. Bridget for an early registration form. If you know of someone who

is looking for a preschool for next fall, please have them attend the Registration/Open House on February 3, or contact Ms. Bridget at 937-335-2826. For more information visit www.firstkidspreschool.org

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Snow Days!—"Remind" Texts

Eventually, winter will arrive and send a snow day our way! PLEASE make sure anyone who has charge of your child on school days, knows the procedure for delays and cancellations. If you have not yet signed up for "remind" texts from the preschool, the directions for this can be found at the end of this article.

Inclement Weather:
DELAYS:

If Troy City Schools is operating on a delay, ALL First Kids Preschool classes will start at 9:30am. A.M. Extended day children should already have made arrangements with Ms. Ann

regarding what to do on these days.

CLOSINGS:
If Troy City Schools are closed, First Kids Preschool is closed. This INCLUDES the extended day program. In the event of a school closing, extended care families will need to have an emergency back up plan. DO NOT WAIT for the first school closing to obtain a back up caregiver for your child.

The quickest way to determine if there is a delay or cancellation is to refer to the Troy City Schools website at: www.troy.k12.oh.us/

Safety Presentation

First Kids is excited to announce that they are sponsoring an evening of Safety Talk with the Miami County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30pm. This presentation is for parents AND their children and will be conducted by Deputy Roger Davidson. Topics will include Community Safety, Stranger Safety and Gun Safety. A question and answer period will follow.

This is the first of a 3 part series for parents presented by the preschool. Save Tuesday, February 12 for internet safety expert, Scot Ganow and Wednesday, March 13 for child behavior expert, Scott Ervin.



Kid's "ROCK" To Begin Again

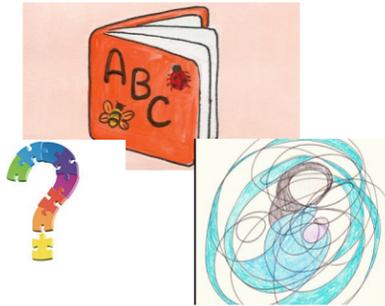
Kids ROCK (Kids Rely on Christ the King) will start back up on Wednesday, January 30 and go through the next 6 weeks. Dinner will be served at 5:00p.m at First Place Christian Center. Donations are accepted to defray the cost of dinner. ROCK will start at 6:00pm., Room 304 of the main church.

Children will be dismissed at 7:00pm. ROCK is open to children ages 3 (must be potty trained) to 5th grade.



Five Simple Activities to Prepare Toddlers for Reading

1. Make stories and books part of everyday routines. Read children's books, tell stories about the squirrels outside, his stuffed animals, etc.
2. Talk together. Say the names of things you see; talk about what you are doing.
3. Play pretend. Encourage toddlers to make up and act out their own stories.
4. Ask questions. Why is the sky blue? Why do birds chirp? The right answer is not important. Just get your toddlers to thinking.
5. Scribble and draw pictures together. Let toddlers play with crayons, markers, paint and chalk. Have them tell you about their pictures, then hang them up.



Is it a Cold? Or is it the Flu?

Your child is sent home from school with a sore throat, cough, and high fever — could it be the flu that's been going around? Or just a common cold?

Although the flu (or influenza) usually causes symptoms that make someone feel worse than symptoms associated with a common cold, it's not always easy to tell the difference between the two.

Symptoms Guide

The answers to these questions can help determine whether a child is

fighting the flu or combating a cold: If most of your answers fell into the first category, chances are that your child has the flu. If your answers were usually in the second category, it's most likely a cold.

But don't be too quick to brush off your child's illness as just another cold. The important thing to remember is that flu symptoms can vary from child to child (and they can change as the illness progresses), so if you suspect the flu, call the doctor. Even doctors often need a test to tell them for

sure if a person has the flu or not since the symptoms can be so similar!

Some bacterial diseases, like strep throat or pneumonia, also can look like the flu or a cold. It's important to get medical attention immediately if your child seems to be getting worse, is having any trouble breathing, has a high fever, has a bad headache, has a sore throat, or seems confused.

While even healthy kids can have complications of the flu, kids with certain medical conditions are at more of a risk. If you think your kid might have the flu, contact your doctor.

Treatment

Some kids with chronic medical conditions may become sicker with the flu and need to be hospitalized, and flu in an infant also can be dangerous. For severely ill kids or those with other special circumstances, doctors may prescribe an antiviral medicine that can ease flu symptoms, but only if it's given within 48 hours of the onset of the flu.

Most of the time, you can care for your child by offering plenty of fluids, rest, and extra comfort.

Flu vs. Colds: A Guide to Symptoms		
Questions	Flu	Cold
Was the onset of illness ...	sudden?	slow?
Does your child have a ...	high fever?	no (or mild) fever?
Is your child's exhaustion level ...	severe?	mild?
Is your child's head ...	achy?	headache-free?
Is your child's appetite ...	decreased?	normal?
Are your child's muscles ...	achy?	fine?
Does your child have ...	chills?	no chills?

February 15, Team Grace 16th Annual Father/Daughter Dance

Team Grace will hold the 16th Annual Father/Daughter Dance on February 15 from 6:30-9:00pm. Doors open at 6pm.

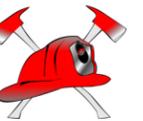
The cost is \$30 per Father/Father Figure and any number of accompanying daughters. Tickets may be purchased at <https://fatherdaughterdancetroy2019.eventbrite.com/> Proceeds go to

Girls on the Run Dayton to help fund scholarships for girls to participate in the program. The dance will feature crafts, a photo booth, a DJ, and a gift basket silent auction.

Contact Brett Bogan (bdbogan@troyfumc.org) or Cynde Sroufe (cynrae@hotmail.com) with any questions.



Thank You to Our Special Visitor



First Kids Preschool was fortunate to have a visit from Brian Hedrick (Sophie's Dad), who works for the Beavercreek Fire Department. A huge "Thank you!" to Mr. Hedrick for sharing fire safety information our students and demonstrating for them the personal equipment used by a fire fighter.

