

St. Simons United Methodist Preschool



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March 2023



Happy Birthday to:

Rosie Hartmann- 4

Ms. Nauj Merrell- 6

Reid Smith- 9

Bahirah Dineen-20

Happy Birthday, Friends.
May God bless you today and
always!!!

Coming in March...

Wednesday, March 1- New rates Tuition is due!

Monday, March 6- 2023-2024 Registration Forms go home to all classes except Ms. Aundreal's and Ms. Teresa's.

March 11- Super Saturday playground/furniture clean up

Monday, March 13-17 Dr. Seuss Week. Refer to the note home for daily themes.

Sunday, March 12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins “Spring Ahead”

(This is where you lose the hour)

Friday, March 17- All 2023-2024 Registration Forms due with Fee

Thursday, March 23- Thankful Thursday. Watch for the sign-up sheet by the office window.

Sunday, March 12, 2023



Coming in April...

Friday, April 1- Tuition is Due!!!

Saturday, April 8- Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9- Easter Services with child care up to age 4 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 10- Friday, April 14- SPRING BREAK. SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

More to come...





Dear SSUMP Families:

We are running the Domino's pizza fundraiser and we need your help! We have until 3/10/23 to reach our goal, and we can't do it without your participation!

Last Pizza Professor Challenge!

Text/Email this to 5 DIFFERENT family and friends:

Dear Family & Friends!

Please help our student's raising money for the end of the new playground! You'll save money on Domino's pizza all the way until **December 31, 2023!**

Your support is greatly appreciated! **Only \$15.....**

Store link: <http://stpcards.com/39253>

Or

Scan Barcode:



Eat more Pizza Please.

Thank you!

Tanja

The last thing...

It is just about spring and that means, time to clean. You know that extra cleaning when you get into all the places that are over, under and behind. I am doing that now with the 11-year accumulation of preschool boxes of paperwork. 6 boxes have gone to the shredder. That's progress!

However, I was not prepared for what happened as I sorted through years of registration forms and staff files. I started to picture and remember the faces attached to those names. I remembered moments that brought them back to this school like it was yesterday. I won't lie. There were tears and a little sobbing.

I found a letter dated June 13, 2012. I was into my second week as the new director and sent it to current and new families coming into the program. It was my way of introducing myself. I gave personal details of my family, hometown, how we got to Georgia and how we got to St. Simons Island. It seems so very long ago!

At that writing, we had just completed the concrete surface on the playground. The sprinkler system and security doors had been installed. The infant room was bare and waiting to be painted...it was the old preschool office. I was still interviewing candidates for hire. Families were anxious to make sure they got their children registered for the new full-time program.

But, we were still in the process of becoming licensed. Until that happened, there wasn't a job for interested teachers or spots to care for full-time children. There was a lot of prayer, though! Not just me, but an entire church had pledged their faithfulness to this new mission. And as He does, God saw this project through and has continued to make His presence known every day. I get a lot of credit for things, but don't think I don't know that without God's hand in this, and many, many church members, it would still be a part-time school.

I have had the privilege of working with some incredible women over the years. We have always had the BEST families attending our school. Your support, your kindness, and your grace will always be the thing I remember most about you, especially when things have been difficult. I have enjoyed our conversations, and at times, banter. By the way, I forgive you for all the times the FOB was in the other car.

But, let's face it. It's your children I will miss most of all. I LOVE the way they feel free to call me Mary! I LOVE the way they come to me to be entertained when I sit on the floor. I LOVE the way they non-judgmentally listen to my singing. I LOVE the way they grab onto my legs for a hug. I LOVE when they all share with me at the same time. I LOVE to watch them nap and snore. I LOVE their excitement. I LOVE sharing the stories and songs of Jesus with them. I LOVE when I ask them, "Who loves you more than anybody in the whole world?" They say Jesus/God.

I am so blessed. I am so grateful that God brought me to this place. I am so thankful, that for a moment in time, I was given the privilege of serving in this special ministry.

Thanks be to God.

Mary