

# Co-Op Chronicle      January 2011

The Newsletter of the Church of the Savior Cooperative Preschool

## From the President

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing and joyful winter break. I also hope you were as happy as I was for school to resume and life to return to normal last week. January, as always is a busy month for the co-op and there will be many opportunities to support the school. We have priority registration and the workshop on January, 12<sup>th</sup>. Both of these events are a great opportunity to socialize while we cut out future projects and make our classrooms sparkle for the spring semester. There is also the Open House and Co-op Sunday coming up on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Open House is a time to meet new families and introduce them to our school. Co-op Sunday will be a chance to show our appreciation for the Church and its support of our school. On Co-op Sunday, the Church will recognize the Co-op during the 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 services and the Co-op will host the coffee hours following each of these services. Please come to one of the services and/or send in some baked goods to serve at a coffee hour if you can. Once again thanks to all of you for doing your part to keep our school running smoothly.

Baked Goods needed for Coffee Hours and the Open House on January 16<sup>th</sup>. If you can contribute baked goods to be used for the coffee hours and the Co-op Open House on the 16<sup>th</sup> please contact Jill Barr. You can drop off goodies in the serving kitchen attached to the parlor the week leading up to January 16<sup>th</sup>. Simply label your items as being for the Co-op Coffee Hour and/or Open House and leave them on the counter or in the refrigerator. Thanks for your contribution.

The Co-op would like to organize a philanthropy project for our students to participate in this spring. Several ideas for a project suiting our students were presented at the January board meeting and it was decided that the job of Philanthropy Chair will be added for the 2011-2012 school year; however, it would be nice to start right away. Anyone interested in coordinating a preschool friendly project this year should contact Jill Barr.

The Co-op will be conducting an on-line program evaluation later this month. When you receive your evaluation, please take time to consider and respond to the questions. The evaluation should be quick and simple and your responses will be used to help improve our school and respond to the needs of co-op families as we make plans for the coming years.

Jill Barr, 2010-2011 Co-Op Board President

## From the Church Liason

The Co-op will be recognized during the 8:30 traditional service held in the Chapel, the contemporary worship service held in the Great Hall at 9:30 and the tradition service with choir and organ music in the Sanctuary at 11:00. There will be Sunday school and childcare available during the 9:30 and 11:00 services however children are welcome in all services held at Church of the Saviour. The coffee hours following each service will be held in the Church Parlor. Please send in those baked goods, the coffee hours hosted by the Co-op have a reputation for being the best of the year. Please contact Jill Barr if you have any questions or if you want to contribute goodies.

## Monday Threes and 3-Day Threes

It is so nice to come back to school and see all of our friends after a relaxing winter break. Everyone was excited to talk about what they did over the holidays, eager to dig in the snow on the playground, and happy to get back into the routine of our class day. It was a very long break for our Monday Class. We missed the last day before break due to the snow day, so we didn't have class for almost a month! It was a shorter break for our Three Day Class and we welcomed a new friend when we started back to school. This is such a friendly group and we all hope that Owen feels right at home with his new classmates:)

Both Threes Classes planted bulbs our first week back and we will water them carefully so that we can all enjoy paper white flowers blooming in the next month or so. We don't have flowers blooming outdoors, but we should be seeing snowmen springing up around the neighborhood this season and there will be snowmen springing up in our classroom too (but without the snow, of course!) Later in the month we will be making tracks, and as we move into February, we will look at shadows and talk about Punxsutawney Phil. Maybe Phil will see his shadow... and maybe you will see our shadows too!

Mrs. Collyer

## Threes and Fours

We hope everyone had a great break. We started out with great snow for sledding and all those fun winter activities. Hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the weather. The sing-a-long was so nice and such a nice send off for the holidays.

We spent the first week settling in and learning about tracks and talking about snowmen. Ask your children about how to be a nature detective. They may be able to tell you some things about tracks that you didn't know before. Next week we will be making Stone Soup. Besides the kids activities, we will also be having our workshop. We're already working on our "to do" list so we can let you know what needs to happen right off the bat. We know we'll be done quickly because you all were such efficient and hardworking at the last one. Thanks in advance and we'll see you soon!

-Mrs. Bartz and Mrs Stefanak

## Pre-K

Hoping everyone had a peaceful holiday and nice break. I was happy to hear that so many children were excited to return to school! We are starting the new year off with something new to our beginning circle time. Our "quiet moment", beginning and ending with the sweet sound of chimes is now a part of our routine in the classroom. The children seem to genuinely enjoy this novel experience and we'll try to keep it up for the rest of the school year.

Please remember to talk to your child about our alphabet show and tell every Thursday. It's always nice when there is 100 percent participation by all the children! The letters of the week are in the monthly calendar.

Our snowflake creations in the classroom worked....they brought real snowflakes falling from the sky! We will enjoy the snowy and cold weather during this month by getting outdoors to play, shovel, make snow angels and more!

-Ms. Day

## News and Notes

### BIRTHDAY BOOKS

There are new Birthday Books available across from the bulletin board. Please consider making a \$10 donation in honor of your child's birthday and adding a book to our library. Forms are on the bulletin board.

Thanks to the following families who have recently donated books:

The Jerabek Family who gave Mouse's First Day of School in honor of Parker's 3rd birthday

The Lloyd Family who gave Freight Train in honor of Will's 4th birthday

The Porges Family who gave Ocean: Picture Pops in honor of Reese's 4th birthday

Happy Birthday, Parker, Will and Reese!

### REGISTRATION

A reminder that when you make out your check for registration on Wednesday, January 12th:

- Make checks payable to **Church of the Saviour Co-op Nursery School**, not just to Church of the Saviour
- PLEASE write your child's name and class \*for next year\* on the memo line
- Make sure check is signed (I know, seems silly, but we do receive a fair number of unsigned checks)

We will accept cash as a form of payment as well.

Also, please remember that the third and final tuition payment installment is due on **Tuesday, February 1st**. For Monday classes, you may bring payment on Monday, January 31st. Please follow above guidelines for checks (your child's current class should be on the memo line).

### WORKSHOP

If you need to miss this Wednesday's workshop for any reason, you must contact Jill Barr in writing or via email one day in advance.

## **Special Dates**

Wednesday, January 12: Priority Registration and Mandatory Workshop

Sunday, January 16: Annual Open House and Co-Op Sunday at COTS

Tuesday, February 1: Third and final tuition payment due

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