



## St. Mark Preschool's Beach Ball Press

*"The principle of the beachball tells us to hold the space for all perspectives.  
No one can see an entire beachball from one perspective."*

**Friday, 11-6-20**

### Dear St. Mark Parents,

I am so happy! Our sweet preschool is humming! We have a full staff in place and we are growing. The word is out...Today I gave two tours. Both families were curious after a friend or family member recommended SMP. Word of mouth is one of the best acknowledgements of happy families. Both families signed up!

We are now at 50 children total. About half are full-time. There will be nine children that I know of starting by January. Please know that we continue to wash toys and surfaces all day long and ask the children to wash their hands multiple times during the day. We have daily cleaning staff and Big Green cleaners continue to come each Friday, to deep clean and disinfect every classroom. This extra effort is working. I have never worked in a preschool or elementary school with as few ailments as SMP now. Yay! Go team! Thank you!

### NEXT WEEK

You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from **November 9 – November 22!** All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more. These books make wonderful birthday and holiday gifts! Thank you for participating.

There is a NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25\*
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmarkpreschool1>

Thank you Erica Diaz and Colleen Riley for organizing this event!

### PARENT PARTICIPATION (6 HRS.)

I have received 10/50 Parent Participation forms...If you can lend a hand we would be grateful. Here are a few of the things we need help with:

- We need someone who has audio-visual equipment that can be converted to a short video. We will be creating 2 videos. One for a Winter Holiday Sing and another for a Winter Read-In.
- We would like to create an all school songbook so that when we are all back together, we can have regular potlucks and sing-a-longs. Now's the time to prep it. I have a music sheet start in the office and need someone to help me copy it and put it into binders.
- Work with the office staff to create a new family connection with an existing family that can answer questions and be a

"buddy" family in the initial weeks.

- Touch up the dark brown trim in the doorways to each classroom (we have the paint).
- Hang 3 fire extinguishers (drill)
- Hang a broom, rake, shovel holder (drill)

### PRESCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

We are looking for a representative for each age group to join PAC - our version of a board. Meetings are the 2nd Tues. of each month, for about 1-2 hours depending on what's up. Thank you for considering being a rep!

Toddlers: (Needed)  
Ages 2-3: (Needed)  
Ages 3-4: (Needed)  
Ages 4-5: Erica Diaz

### REMINDERS

#### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

- Veteran's Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving, Wed.-Sun., Nov. 25th-27th
- Winter Break, Mon. Dec.23rd-Jan. 3rd

- **AXCESS** - Here is the link to purchase a card:

<http://axcesscard.com/fundraising/>

- Please make sure your child(ren) have [jackets for early mornings and later in the afternoon.](#)

Have a peaceful weekend!  
Michele

