

## Building a Partnership

Here at North Coast Calvary Chapel and Coast Kids Preschool we value partnerships. By willingly beginning the home/preschool relationship with an open, sharing approach, we can build trust. I realize we are asking much of you to trust us when you cannot come in. I hope in a way that could be comforting to you to know that we are committed to doing what's best for the children. And what's best during this on going pandemic is to keep our environment as stable as we can and not have visitors come in.

Your child's teacher has reached out to you and this will be an avenue to keep connected. We also plan to send more of your child's work home during the week. We hope this will encourage conversations about specifics of what your child is doing at preschool.

The children need us to work together. This partnership provides the continuity and support that children need to feel safe and secure enough to explore, play, enjoy, and learn in preschool.

Clearly, ongoing interaction and support from both families and staff make the connection between home and school a two-way street. You can help by sharing information about your child with us. Especially during any crisis or period of change. When children are under stress they act or react differently, please keep us informed. Of course, anything you share with a member of our staff will be held in confidence. We can also set up phone conferences.

In turn we'll alert you to anything out of the ordinary that we might notice in your child here at our preschool. Only by sharing information can we build a partnership strong enough to support the children in their growth and development.



## FAITH CONNECTIONS & CHAPEL

"Those who love your teachings will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them." Psalm 119:165

Not only do we weave faith connections daily as we go about the day with the children, we will also dig into the Bible stories that will be covered during our chapel times.

This year we will be back in the Chapel building. But because we socially distance between classes, we fill the whole Chapel. We want to try something new this year because we do miss having parents with us during Chapel. Each class will be assigned a date to be the Chapel helpers. On those days, the parents of the Chapel helpers may join us in the Balcony of the Chapel. In order to do this, we are asking that parents follow the guidelines we have and that is wearing a mask indoors and socially distanced from other parents.

We will be using The Pray & Play Bible for Young Children this year. It brings us great joy to help your little ones develop a love and understanding of the Bible. The Bible stories will help make the Bible relevant to them and their everyday living. Words and pictures are not enough. Children need to use all of their senses to connect Bible truths to everyday life. That is why we will have application activities with each story. We will send home Take Home pages highlighting the Bible story covered and giving you some great ideas to do with your child at home. This year, children will learn about God's creativity, power and great plans for us. Most importantly, children will discover that God loves them and sent His son Jesus to show us how to love Him and love others.

Our chapel CDs will be available for purchase in October. The cost is \$13.25. Just email me if you want to purchase any of them. We will include it with your child's belongings at pick up. We will add the charge to your account. The children love our Chapel songs. We think you will too.