

March



2015

NEWS FROM NORMANDE PRESCHOOL

Summer Camps

Have an Amazing Summer Adventure!

Join us this summer for Normandale Preschool's celebrated summer camps! We will learn about the *Rain Forest*, enter the *Magical World of Eric Carle*, author of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Brown Bear*, *The Grouchy Ladybug* and *The Very Busy Spider*. Our last week of camp will be all about *Bears, Bears, Bears!* Classes run Monday through Thursday 9:00-1:00. The first week of class, May 26-May 29, will run Tuesday through Friday, due to the holiday weekend. Don't forget to bring a lunch as we will eat together in the classroom or have a picnic outdoors. Registration forms can be found in the preschool office or by visiting our website at www.normandalepreschool.org.

French Fun Mas Oui!

Madam Hargitt Returns!

BRAVO! Can be heard down the hallway as Madam Hargitt compliments her preschool students on their project of the day. From the preschool office, I hear French being spoken by both students and teacher, in our Monday afternoon French Immersion class. French was chosen due to its popularity in Edina Public Schools French Immersion program. With much evidence pointing to the benefits of early language immersion, we feel that we have made the right choice in adding this class to our preschool schedule.



To join Madam Hargitt in her Monday, afternoon class in 2015, stop by the preschool office or contact joanne@normluth.org



Construction Begins at Normadale

Circus date moved to April 16

After three years of planning, Normadale Lutheran Church will begin a five-year Comprehensive Campaign. The campaign includes a comprehensive look at the facility, engages mission and outreach ministries and envisions how the next generation will continue to "proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, through love, learning, worship and service."

Facility Updates Include:

- Improve all entrances for welcome and way-finding
- Open upper level narthex to expanded fellowship outside worship entrance
- Provide columbarium in west wall of rear narthex for placement of ashes and connection to ancestry
- Enhance lower narthex
- Refurbish Fellowship Hall to bring generations together in larger gatherings around meals and presentations
- Upgrade the kitchen to better serve our growing food service
- Improve restroom experience on the first and second floors
- Enhance staff area to reflect values of openness, accessibility and welcoming
- Remodel current library area for multi-use offices and congregational needs
- Upgrade elevator service to meet ADA standards

After April 20, when construction will begin, the main canopy entrance on the lower level will be closed. The preschool entrance and the upper east entrance will remain open.

Due to the beginning of the construction phase of this project, the Normadale Circus date will be moved up to Thursday, April 16.

New STEM Class

To Start in September

We're very excited to announce a new one day afternoon preschool class! Normadale Preschool will be offering a STEM class on Thursdays, 12:30-3:00. STEM is an acronym. It was used originally by the US government to describe fields of study that helped immigrants get work visas in fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Today, educators are linking these areas together in what is called a STEM curriculum.



Mrs. Kalb, will be teaching this one day afternoon class which will meet in room 110. She believes that preschoolers are natural scientists and preschool is the perfect time to develop science skills and knowledge. Mrs. Kalb plans to have a number of guest instructors visit the students on a regular basis bringing their expertise and creative spirit into the classroom. Stop by the preschool office to register today!

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room, but
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with life."

- Frederick
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Robertson