

Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter February 2013



February Birthdays



Two years old

Harper Lingafeldt-February 11th

Three years old

Jackson Coleman-February 24th

Max Ramseur - February 24th

Four years old

Preston Snipes - February 2nd

Payton Stover - February 20th

Five years old

Jack Massey - February 17th

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 6 - In House Registration-Current Students

Feb. 13 - Siblings and Church Members Reg.

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 18 - **President's Day School CLOSED**

Feb. 20 - Registration open to the public

COMING SOON

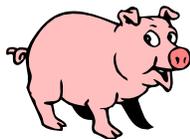
Mar. 7 - Trinity's Famous Bar-B-Q 11am-until

Mar. 1 & 4 - Graduation & Class Pictures

Attention Parents

Make sure you **register your child** for the coming school year and summer sessions before Feb. 20th, which is the starting day to register public and church members. If you need enrollment forms for friends, you may pick them up in the preschool office.

Bar-B-Q Time



Don't miss getting BBQ on Thursday, March 7th, 11:00 am until. Trinity has the best around. You can dine in or go through the drive through line. Prices are as follows:

\$9.00 for three sandwiches or a plate

\$8.00 for a package of one pound

The World of a Younger Two

The following was written by "Miss" Holly five years ago when she was a brand new teacher at Trinity. I got such a kick out of it when I first read it and had to smile when I ran across it again.

I've worked with young twos for about five months now and I would like to share with you the top ten things I've learned from them:

- 1.) The light switch is sooooo much fun and can be reached when you climb on the wooden car. **As you can see by the way the room has been changed, they figured out it was best to move the car.**
- 2.) Sharing is hard.
- 3.) Sometimes you just have to cry.
- 4.) The bathroom is a whole other world.
- 5.) It's funny to run away from your teacher while going to the playground.
- 6.) Everyone else's snack taste better.
- 7.) Snack is better standing up.
- 8.) Just saying the blessing gets a round of applause.
- 9.) Kids get taller when you're not looking. (Ex: reaching things you thought they would never reach)
- 10.) Parents will always come back, and when they do, it is such an exciting time for young twos.

A Spur of the Moment Science Class

A special thanks goes out to Mark Black, Trinity member and grandfather of Abby Black in our one year old class. He was at the church cleaning the gold pieces which includes the cross that sits on the Sacrament table. The pieces had a brownish gold film, but what he was taking out was black as ink. We knew when we saw him that, the transitional kindergarten class would enjoy learning about the chemical reaction that was taking place. He explained to the kids that the tarnishing came from people touching the cross and the salt from within our body reacting to the metal. The kids found it interesting but what they liked best was when Mark realized that they were having "Backwards Day" he turned around as he cleaned the cross behind his back showing how he did it on "Backwards Day". As the children left the sanctuary, They passed another Trinity Church member, "Mr Charlie" Tudor who along with his friend Billy Bear reads to our older twos and three year olds each Wednesday. We are thankful to everyone who shares their time with our children.



With Love from Miss Claudia

February is the month of "Love". I can't think of anywhere in the world where you can see so many signs of love as you see at Trinity UMC Preschool. These little ones love unconditionally. To them people are never judged by their political affiliation, the color of their skin, the total of their bank account or their life style choices. People are people and each person is a child of God. This month as parents and educators of young children, our job should be to preserve these ideals. I challenge each of us to remember that these ideals can be lost if children hear us say or see us doing things that don't show love. We are all guilty of saying unkind things to the people we are supposed to love, that we would never say to a complete stranger. As our children witness the love and respect their parents show each other it reinforces the way we all are to treat each other, but likewise overhearing hateful remarks can have the opposite effect.

The scripture that follows is one of my favorites and basically says it all.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

—1 Corinthians 13:1-13

During this month of love, not only should we model Christ like behavior in front of our children, but we should make sure our children know how much we love them. **Be random** Tell your child you love her during dinner, riding in the car, or after she makes you laugh. **Discipline affectionately** Touch your kids even when they're acting naughty. If one sibling whacks another, for example, get down to his level, hold his hand or rub his back, and say "We don't hit. Hitting hurts!" **Get creative** If your child just isn't a cuddler, you can still connect in smaller ways: Ruffle his hair, roughhouse with him (yep, this counts!), dance together, or exchange winks.

Be there when she fails "Kids learn more from their missteps than their successes," says Kenneth Rubin, Ph.D., a professor of human development at the University of Maryland, in College Park. Let her make some mistakes -- then listen, and give reassurance and cuddles.

Give hugs in good times -- and bad It's easy to be affectionate when your kid is being an angel, but it can be even more powerful to give him a big, loving squeeze after an argument.

Children Learn What They Live By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Kids Say the Cutest Things



As you know, Trinity Preschool has been a Pilot School for the reading program "Making Great Readers" for over four years. Along with the concept of See the Letter, Think the Sound is the practice of model writing. Even in our classes for ones and two, teachers make sure that the children have plenty of opportunities through the day to observe the teacher writing. In our classes for three through fives, children observe their teacher taking the child's thoughts and putting those thoughts into written words. While observing their teacher, they learn that you always start from the left and go right, sentences begin with capital letters and end with periods or question marks or many times in the life of the child, explanation marks! Below are some samples of the model writing in our classrooms:

Dear God Letters (Miss Kim's Class)

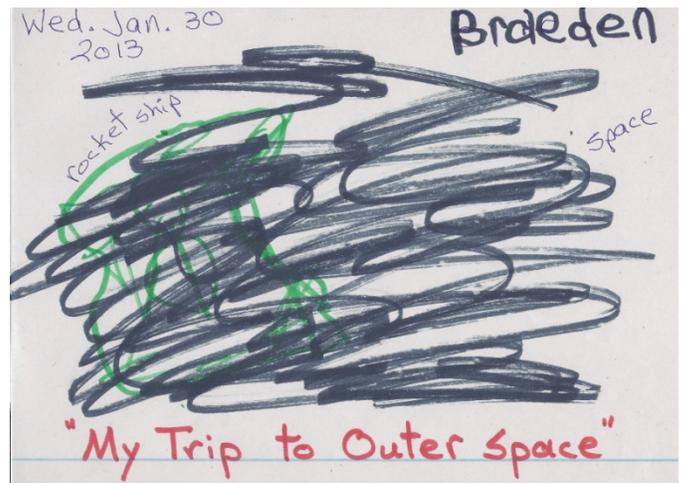
Dear God,
I took a nap in my house and then played in the shop.
Love,
Cooper

I love my family. Ben
I got some new transformers. Dominic
I played outside. Payton
I pinched my hand on the marker. Ainsley
My Mommy gets me in trouble. Jessica
I've been sick. I was coughing. I'm better now. Kailen
I have a Hot Wheels wall track. Preston
I went to the barn with someone. The music was loud. Syrie
My cousin was mean to my sister. Armand

My Trip into Space (Stories from Miss Susan's Class)



When I go to outer space I will get out of my rocket ship. I will see lots of planets and float around!



When I go to outer space I will go to the moon! I will see aliens. Then I will go back to my rocket ship.



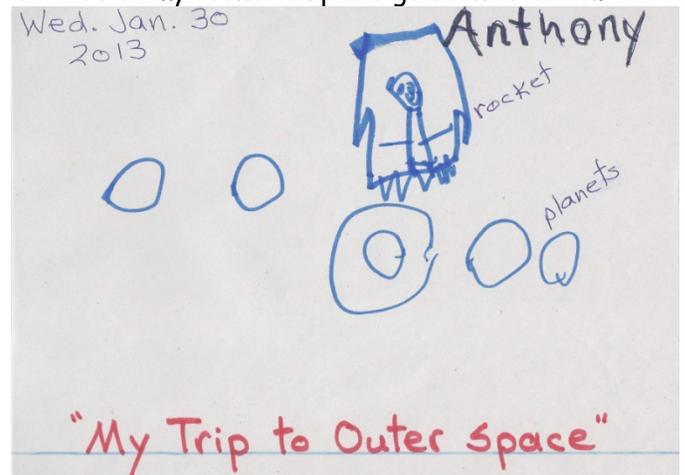
When I go to outer space, I will count down to blast off! I will see some aliens! I think they will be green.



When I go to outer space I will walk on the moon! I will ride on my rocket ship and go back to earth.



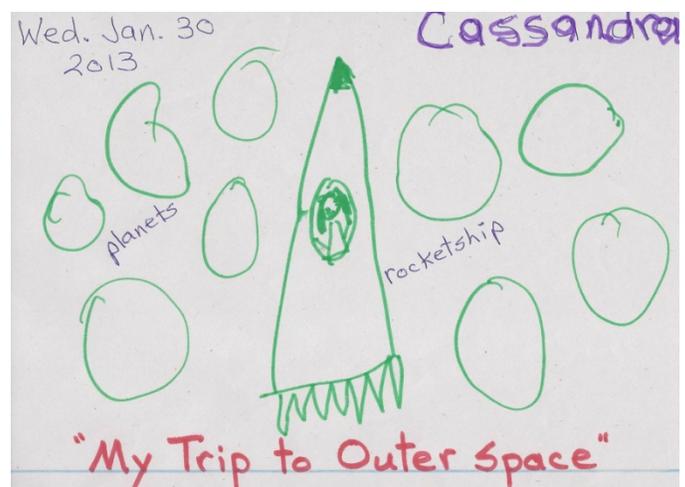
When I go to outer space I will see bunches of stars. I will see the sun.



When I go to outer space I will get out of my rocket ship and walk on the moon. I will look for buried treasure!



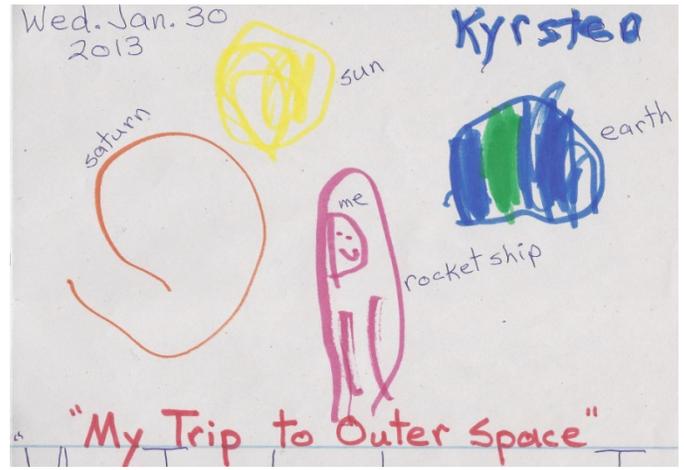
When I go to outer space I will be on my rocket ship. I will look at the planets and earth.



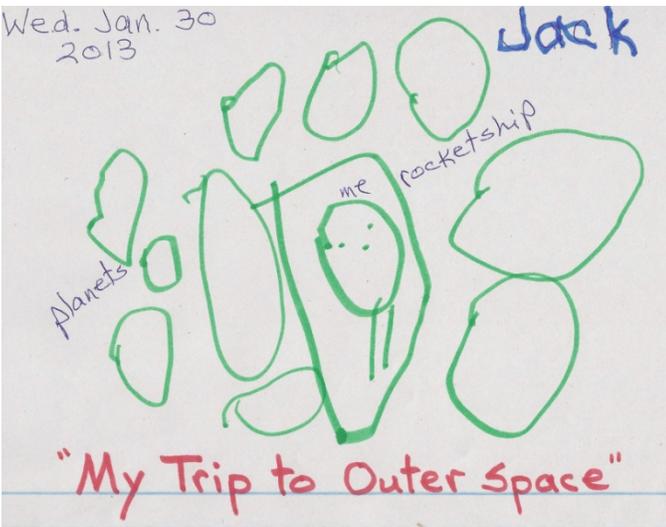
When I go to outer space I will see all the planets. I will ride on a rocket ship. It will go fast!



When I go to outer space I will be far from the earth! I will get close to the moon. I will see the planets floating around!



When I go to outer space I will ride on a pink rocket ship! I will float all around! I will see the earth and the sun and Saturn!



When I go to outer space I will fly all around. I will see some stars and some planets.



When I go to outer space I will land on Jupiter. It will have lots of rocks on it. I might see some aliens! I think they will be green.

