

Trinity UMC Playschool



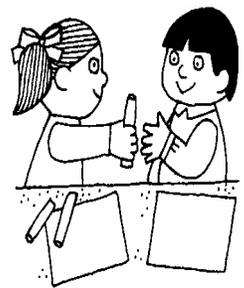
Newsletter

May 2008



Life in the Classroom

With "Miss" Amy's, "Miss" Yvette's and "Miss" Raegan's One Year Old Class



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 7th - Picnic in the Park
- May 11th - Mother's Day
- May 14th - Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- May 20th - 1 & 2 yr. olds End of Yr. Program
- May 22nd - 3 yr. olds End of Yr. Program
- May 22nd - Last Day of School for all classes
- May 23rd - 4 yr. olds Graduation
- May 26th - Memorial Day

LOOKING AHEAD

- June 11th - First day of 1st Summer Session
- July 2nd - 4th - Playschool closed for Independence Day
- July 10th - Last Day of 1st Summer Session
- July 15th - First day of 2nd Summer Session
- August 7th - Last Day of 2nd Summer Session

Tuition Payments

It is coming close to the end of the school year. We ask that all accounts are paid in full by May 15th. To help you do so, notices will be sent home on the 8th if your account still has a balance. If you have any questions or concerns about your account, you can contact Miss Jennifer at 704-399-1684 ext. 26 or email her at tumcmoney@yahoo.com.



Is coming soon!!!

Come and join us at Bible School this year. Your kids will develop a deeper relationship with God while having a wonderful time. VBS starts June 23rd and will run through the 27th. Our theme will be "Surfin' through the Scriptures." There will even be a Beach Party Cook Out the last day of VBS.

Well, it is May 2008!!! Our 1's are about to complete their 1st year of playschool. Life in the classroom is a lot different from the beginning of the year. Almost everyone cried the entire month of September! We had to pull staff from the office to help hold, rock and soothe the babies. At that time, some of our 1's were barely walking!

Fast forward 8 months to the present. It's like our entire class is in fast forward now! We have sprinters that run down the front of the church yard. We no longer have to carry them all out to the playground, they walk it themselves.

This year our class has learned many songs like, "Jesus Loves Me," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and "The Wheels on the Bus." We read books everyday including, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "I Love You Through and Through." Our 1's are now talking and walking into class like 2 year olds!!!! It has been a great year! Thank you parents for allowing us to share in your child's life!

Prayers for Claudia

Everyone please remember Miss Claudia on May 28th when she will be having hip replacement surgery. Please pray for her and the surgeon as she has this very important procedure. She will have to recover 6-8 weeks which will be really hard on her due to the fact that she loves coming to playschool each and every day. However, over the summer while she is out Susan Kidd will be here who is the Assistant Director and here to help her will be Jennifer and Shea. She will definitely be missed those weeks, but the important thing is that Claudia will come back with new energy and better than ever!



MR. CHARLIE'S STORY TIME



We would like to extend a big THANKS to Mr. Charlie for taking the time to come read to a class each week. Mr. Charlie is a member of the church here and has expressed to us what a blessing it has been to read to your kids. It has been great having him here and we know that the kids have enjoyed it too!

Spontaneous Spanish

In February's Playschool Newsletter, we informed you that once a week your children have been learning Spanish from Rubi Carter. Rubi is a Spanish and dance teacher at the Havana Social Club in Huntersville. We would like to thank her again for taking the time to come out and work so well with the kids.

She has worked so well, in fact, that one of our Older Two's, Gracie Foy, surprised her mom, Raegan (who is a teacher in the one's here), when she began spontaneously counting in Spanish at home. Raegan was actually caught off guard because she didn't even realize that Gracie was learning Spanish here at Trinity. We found this humorous, but then began to think that we better run another article to let you know about Ms. Rubi coming to teach the kids each week. Thanks again Rubi! The kids are definitely learning a lot.

May 7, 2008

9:00 AM until 12:00PM

Hornet's Nest Park

YES!!!! WE ARE COOKING AGAIN!!!!

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs! Plus we will have chips, drinks, fun and we hope lots of SUNSHINE!

Remember, the teachers will be busy, so we ask parents and grandparents to stay with their children and enjoy the festivities with us. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen.

Want to help...Parents can bring a dessert to share or toss a donation in the basket on the day of the event to help with expenses.

Thank You!

**REMEMBER, EVERYONE IS TO MEET
AT THE PARK ON MAY 7TH, BY THE
FIRST PICNIC AREA.**



Summer Sessions

This section is to clear up any confusion regarding the schedule of this year's summer sessions. With CMS kids having their last day of school on the 10th of June, we will start Session 1 on June 11th. Our first week of playschool will be a little different than the rest, but only if your child is enrolled on Tuesdays. For the first week of Session 1 we will be open on Friday which will serve as the day for Tuesday kids to come. So nothing changes for Wednesday and Thursday kids.

Also this year will be just a bit different because we are closed the week July 2nd -4th for Independence Day. The following week will be the final week of Session 1. Then Session 2 will start July 15th and run through August 7th. If you have any questions please stop by the office.

With Love from Claudia

The dogwoods are in bloom, not only around the church but finally in Denver also. What I now know is the growing season in Denver begins weeks behind Charlotte. It seemed as if the dogwood flowers would never fully open. Having to wait so long only makes the sight more beautiful. My favorites are the white ones, especially those that grow wild mixed in with the other trees. I love them at the point before the leaves come on and it is just limbs and flowers. They remind me of children, all shiny and bright. Sprinkled through the forest, they seem to call out, "Hey, look at me!" I sat on the back porch the other afternoon and looked through the woods and delighted in the patches of white as far as my eyes could see. It was then that I realized exactly what they reminded me of at this time a year; it is the playschool graduates.

Many of the graduates came first to us as chubby faced one or two year olds. We have watched them grow, as I watched the trees in Denver for what seems to be such a long time.

On Friday, May 23rd Trinity UMC Playschool will honor our 2008 graduates. We will start the morning with a program presented by the children and we will all smile and think how beautiful and smart they are. The children will leave the sanctuary for a bit and the next time that we see them they will enter to Pomp and Circumstance, dressed in the white caps and gowns and Oh, how they will shine and their smiles will seem to say, "Hey, look at me!" With a tear in our eye we will all try to figure out when all of this happened... when those chubby little buds became such beautiful shining flowers.



I'm so sorry.

A dear friend that I love and trust pointed out to me that in my article in April's newsletter where I was trying to show why God said to be great in Heaven we must become like children, appeared that I was talking negatively about a child that misbehaved. As I reread the article I realized that from my words alone that anyone could take it quite differently than I meant it. The incident I was describing was not described in a way that everyone would understand what really happened. I am so very sorry. Elizabeth and Lucas are delightful children and were not misbehaving. Below I have copied the part of the article that is confusing and added what I should have added earlier in bold italicized font.

Miss Claudia

Love never gives up. In our youngest class Elizabeth Tran, a very tiny 23 month old and Lucas Fields, 15 months are best friends. **Because of the way they have always related to each other both children know they are loved. Many adult relationships are that way also, but adults seem to forget all of the ways love was shown to them in the past if something petty happens that they perceive as a negative act toward them.** As I was touring the school the other day with a new family I was horrified as I watched Elizabeth take her arm and knock Lucas off of his chair to the floor. **It wasn't hurtful. It reminded me of two teenage friends taking their bodies and whamming in to each other as they walked alone. I knew there was no malice in Elizabeth's actions. They were just playing one of their crazy Elizabeth and Lucas games... but what was the new family going to think?** About the third time she did it, I told her not to knock Lucas off his chair again. They both looked at me and smiled. **Lucas's smile was sheer happiness and Elizabeth's was that eye dancing, grin as if to say, "Oh come on "Miss" Claudia, you know we are just enjoying life."** No sooner than Lucas settled back into his chair, BAM, he was on the floor again. As I placed a chair in between Elizabeth's and Lucas's chair I told her that that would put an end to it. She looked up at me with a confused look and Lucas's lowered eyebrows spoke for their self asking, "Why did you do that?" Lucas got off the floor and crawled on to the chair beside his buddy and wham, off the chair and on to the floor. Everything was good again in Elizabeth – Lucas World. You see Lucas knew Elizabeth loved him an hour ago so therefore she loved him now. He may not have known why she was knocking him on the floor, but it sure wasn't a good enough reason to stop loving her. **Lucas did not forget all the ways in the past that Elizabeth had shown her love and by remembering that, he knew that Elizabeth would never mean him harm, that she was just playing. All of you know an adult who because of one little action got mad and ended a relationship that for years had been two people sharing love. When a child loves, they always love and remember why they loved in the first place. Children know: Love never gives up.**

Announcing a New Summer Opportunity

This summer is turning out to be one of our largest summer groups ever. We realized a few weeks ago that if all the children will have spaces who want to attend then we needed to open another classroom. It has been decided to offer a class that has a different concentration than our regular summer classrooms.

This class will offer great diversity not only in the ages of the children which will be a combination class made up of three, four and five year olds but also children with different learning styles. We would like to include all of our children who would be termed as atypically developing children who would benefit from group building activities and also include children who would be classified as typically developing children who would benefit in working together in this truly diverse group. This class will provide opportunities for advanced social dramatic play strategies. We call it play because as you know our philosophy states that "Play is the Work of the Child". Through play, children make sense of their world and learn how to best be a valuable member of the world's community. This class will differ from our regular classes in the way free play is set up. Instead of each child choosing independently as to the activity they will participate in, the class will move through the morning as a group who will through different challenges learn to work together as a team where each member is a valuable and necessary part of the group. For example, children will organize and

delegate roles to equally participate and complete the play sequence (free kitchen area play vs. organized McDonald's Drive Through). Christy Knecht, behavior therapist will be part of the class's staff to assist the teacher and children in their efforts. If you would like for your child to be considered as part of this group, please see Claudia as soon as possible.

Every Sunday:

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.



We invite you to bring your family and be a part of our family each Sunday.

Celebration Service: 9:00AM
Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)
Worship Service: 11:00AM

Trinity Church also offers Youth Programs for Kindergarten through 12th grade on Sunday afternoons. Feel free to stop by Sunday afternoon and see what Trinity's Youth Program has to offer your family!

K-2nd Led by Shea and Holly Hartsell 5:00 - 6:30
3rd-5th Led by Margie O'Shields and Mike Taormina 5:00 - 6:30
6th-8th Led by Shelly Swaringen and Danny Barth 5:00 - 6:30
9th-12th Led by David and Donna Stroupe 7:00 - 8:30

Talk to Claudia or call the church office 704-399-1684 for more information!

Happy Birthday



Two years old

Joshua Callis	May 4 th
Mia Usinger	May 23 rd
Bex Andrews	May 24 th

Three years old

John Corner	May 3 rd
Anthony Lohbauer	May 3 rd
Katie Sheets	May 15 th
David Grady	May 27 th

Four years old

Sean MacDonald	May 5 th
Meagan Samuel	May 27 th

Five Years old

Nathaniel Corner	May 17 th
Jane Cuttino	May 27 th

Summer Birthdays



One Year Old

Pearce Conklin	June 18 th
Jackson Hyatt	June 21 st
Trent Harris	August 30 th

Two years old

Cam McCord	July 7 th
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Three years old

Eva Douglas	June 1 st
Brandon Bray	June 2 nd
Abigail Luber	June 7 th
Lawrie Barth	June 10 th
Kendal Hudson	June 25 th
Jake Reichert	July 8 th
Judd Shank	July 20 th

Kirra Hough
John Peter Cuttino
Kaylee Yaudes

July 26th
August 17th
August 19th

Four years old

Zachary Garland	June 4 th
Alison Naugle	June 17 th
Shelby Naugle	June 17 th
Isabella Harris	June 24 th
Grant Damare'	June 25 th
Jacob Gavin	July 6 th
Elena Buffone	July 8 th
Aubrey White	July 16 th
Braydon Burkhart	July 19 th
Caleb Abbot	July 24 th
Emani Glover	July 29 th
Owen Leaphart	August 9 th
Addien Hunter	August 13 th
Keely Hunter	August 13 th

Five Years old

Rebecca Sheets	June 19 th
Emma Mullaly	June 24 th
Mairin Mullaly	June 24 th
Adam Gruger	July 9 th
Evan Broome	July 17 th
Ryan McCarthy	July 29 th
Ann Michael Hudson	August 11 th
Laura Shrader	August 15 th

Six Years Old

Owen Hunter	August 31 st
Emily Johnson	August 22 nd



Happy Birthday

Parent Exchange & Events

Start Saving Today



If you like to save money while shopping, dining or taking vacations, this website is for you. I have discovered a way to save HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS every month simply by taking advantage of exclusive offers through this website!

You can start saving money immediately at places like Starbucks, Lowe's, Pizza Hut, Burger King, Macy's, Target, AMC Theatres, Sea World and even Grocery Stores.

PLUS, you can save money at over 600 BRAND NAME Stores and have the ability to earn cash every time you make a purchase Online.

These discount savings are WORLDWIDE, so you can save money anywhere you go!

Check out my website at:
www.SAHM.MyWorldMovie.com or call me, Sal Harper, with any questions at: 704-947-8484

Mothers Day with Carrie's

Mother's Day is just around the corner. I am offering some great baskets and goodies for Mother's Day this year such as, cookie bouquets, cookie baskets, cakes and candy. Please call me if you would like to place an order or for inquiry.

Thank You,
Carrie
704-875-7153



YARD SALE

MAY 3, 2007
7:00 am



TRINITY UMC

Proceeds go to benefit the Montana Mission Team that will work on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation this summer.

Crafters and Attic sales welcome. Come and be a vendor or shop!!! Rent your space for \$25.00 and let us do the advertising for you. We have a great location. Reserve early as last year was a huge success.

Contact Lynne Bruce @
lynneb@wlrassoc.com

Child Care

Parents, if you're looking for someone to keep your kids an evening or two out of the week. Or maybe on the weekend for a night out, please contact Alicia Miller. Alicia is one of the teachers of our young threes. Her daughter Brooke is willing to babysit and is offering her services any afternoon or evening that you might need some extra help. You may contact Alicia or Brooke at 704-399-1202.

