

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter October 2007



October Birthdays



One year old

Lucas Fields October 26

Two years old

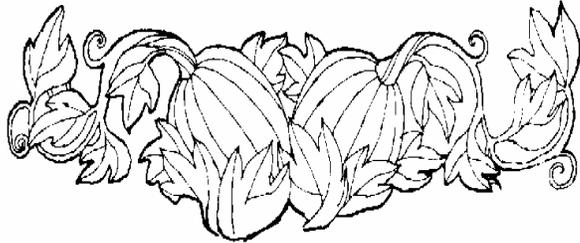
James Davis October 14
Zoe Locust October 26
Emir Glover October 28
Katie Gilbert October 31

Three years old

James McMillan October 5
Antonio Keeton October 11

Four years old

AJ Akerberg October 3
Cooper Denning October 3



DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 9 & 11 - Long Creek Fire Dept Visits the 3's & 4's

Oct 13 - Fish Fry @ Church

Oct 14 - Crop Walk

Oct. 15 & 18 - 3's Field Trip To Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 27 - Safe Haven Halloween Carnival @ Rockin' K

Oct. 31 - Halloween

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 1 - 16 - Fall Fundraiser

Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 8 & 9 - WNC Conference (Playschool will be CLOSED)

Nov. 13, 14 & 16 - Event Images Fall Pictures

Nov. 21, 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving Break (Playschool Closed)

From Jennifer's Desk

Reminder... your tuition is due on or before the 15th of each month. Please place your payment in the payment box which is located outside of Jennifer's office on the bulletin board. If anyone still doesn't have payment coupons please let me know, call 704-399-1684 ext. 26 and let me know your child's name and classroom teacher.

Fall Fundraiser

Throughout the year the Playschool has Fundraisers to fund the Scholarship Program and special projects that exceed our yearly budget. It is our wish that no child is kept from attending Trinity Playschool because of the inability to pay the full tuition. Last year we were able to pay all scholarship expenses and make major improvements to classroom equipment. This year we hope to do the same. Our first fundraiser will begin November 1st and run through November 16th. You will be receiving more information soon!! If every family does their part you will be amazed at what we can accomplish for our school. Thank you for your participation.



WNC Workshop

On November 8th and 9th the staff at Trinity Playschool will be going back to school. These are the dates for the Western North Carolina Workshop for educators in weekday ministries. Around 1,000 teachers and directors attend this workshop each year. Each day participants will hear a keynote speaker and then attend two classes. This year there are 46 classes being offered on subjects dealing with topics like rainy day activities, phonemic awareness, telling the story of God in the classroom, music, art, math and science.

All of the staff will be attending classes so Playschool will be closed on these two days.

We Still Need Help

We would love to have more parents sign up to be substitute teachers at the playschool. We promise you will enjoy it.

The sign up sheet is by Crystal and Jennifer's office on the bulletin board.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have signed up already!



Parking Lot Safety

Ronna Privette, the church secretary called the

other day to say she had just seen a sight that aged her quite a bit. She was watching from the window a mom with two children. The mom was securing the first child in a car seat. The child that was waiting decided to dart across the parking lot in front of a moving truck. Thank Heavens the driver saw her. Please don't turn your back on your children for even a moment and let's all be very careful as we drive through the parking lot.

About Our Church



Celebration Service: 9:00AM

Doughnuts and Coffee: 9:30 to 10:00AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM

Worship Service: 11:00AM

We invite and encourage Playschool

families to take part in the following studies

"EXPERIENCING GOD" - You are invited to embark on a twelve week journey to "Experience God". You will discover the way God works in the life of His church as well as your life. A workshop will be used to chart your course during this adventure.

Rev. Rick Auten will teach this class each Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Conference Room and Sundays at 5:00pm (beginning Sept. 30th) You can choose between either day.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY is a 34 week study that takes you through the entire Bible. It is a great program designed by the Methodist Church to train disciples through Bible study. Teresa Auten will lead this on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 7:30pm with orientation on Sunday, September 30th.

(I have done both of these Bible studies in the past. The Disciple study was amazing. When you finish, you will know the Bible in a way you didn't think possible. This study is like attending a GREAT college course. Experiencing God is just like the title suggest. You will have a more personal relationship with God when you are finished. In both classes it is unimportant if you have been attending church all of your life or, if the truth be known, you haven't picked up a Bible in years. Baby sitting will be available. Claudia)

DARE TO BE A DANIEL is an amazing Bible study for kids grades 5 - 8. Dare to be a Daniel is a 13 week study developed by the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and will be offered each Wednesday at 5:00pm in the Children's Chapel with "Miss" Teresa leading it.

Kids Say the Cutest Things



Tracey Broome, one of our parents has a night time ritual she shares with her boys. When it is bed time she lies down with them and they talk about their day. Dalton who graduated from Trinity had just completed his first day of Kindergarten. "Did you like your first day of Kindergarten? What did you do?" Dalton was telling Tracey different activities, when he began talking about calendar time. He suddenly stopped and looked at his mom with a perplexed look, "Mama, why do I have to go to kindergarten? I did all this stuff last year in Miss Debbie's room." Tracey was thrilled because all Dalton would say last year when asked, "We just played." Trinity loves hearing that the children feel like what they do, as they learn, is play.

Life in the Classroom With Kim & Andrea's Threes



A day in the life of a three year old is a day full of fun, chaos and lots of energy. Miss Kim and Miss Andrea's three year old class is proof of that. We are now starting our 2nd month, the tears are gone and they are replaced with huge smiles.

The three's start their day with free play. This is a time for socializing and boy do they love to socialize. Some of the girls love to sit on the carpet and share tales of the weekend. We usually have a cluster of children around us by 9:30 competing for the role of storyteller. By 10:00 they are ready for clean-up and after only four short weeks the threes now know where

their circle is on the carpet (where they sit after all the toys are cleaned up).

I believe their favorite time is circle time. That is when we do our sharing, prayers and calendar. Everyday they are asked "who has something they want to thank God for and everybody's hand goes up in the air. My favorite response so far is wanting to thank God for Cap'n Crunch.

Soon after circle time is art and they all rush to the tables. One thing I have come to realize in all the years I have worked with three year olds is that they are very proud of their artwork. Five minutes in to the activity I hear "Miss Kim look at my picture!" I am very happy to say I am proud of their artwork also!

After art we have snack and this is a wonderful time for the children to socialize and learn table manners at the same time. Who says you can't have a conversation while eating?

We are now ready for music and oh what fun we have during this time. We have so many animated children and it makes singing an interesting occasion for Miss Kim and Miss Andrea. Just watching the children sing with such enthusiasm, like a professional singer just puts a permanent smile on our faces.

Now it is time for outside time. Our children have learned how to line up and walk down the stairs safely. The line lasts until they see the playground and then excitement takes over. On the playground I have noticed that our threes love spending time with the fours. It gives them a change of faces and they get to see friends they don't get to see very often.

We now head back upstairs for story time. This is Miss Kim's favorite time of day. I pick out books I know I can act out and get silly with. There is nothing like hearing a child's laughter after a busy day. We love our threes very much. Every year Miss Andrea and I say "this has got to be the best class" and every year we are right. God has blessed us with the best job ever. Bringing the word of God and laughter into a child's life is very rewarding. Thank you for letting us be your child's teachers.

FISH FRY



On Saturday, October 13th the Trinity United Methodist Men with the help of Hopewell Presbyterian Church will host a Fish Fry in honor of Miss Bryson Nicole Frye. Bryson lives in the Long Creek community and has a disease called rumination which does not allow her to process food correctly. Because of this Bryson has to have a feeding tube at all times. This is very expensive and Trinity and Hopewell want to help this family out with some of the medical bills. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13th and plan to stop by between 4:00pm and 8:00pm for some of the best Fish, Shrimp, and Catfish in town. In eating you help to provide food for someone else.

WHO IS BRYSON FRYE? Bryson is a 13 year old who loves horses and barrel racing. She likes to spend every waking moment at the barn if she were given her way. Bryson loves school and works hard to make good grades. She attends Bradley Middle School and is in the 8th grade. She enjoys spending time with friends and family in the mountains at the cabin. She loves riding four-wheelers and enjoys camping. Like most thirteen year old girls, she also loves to shop! She likes country music and Tim McGraw and Carrie Underwood are her favorites.

Bryson got sick in September of 2006. For 9 - 10 weeks she had an unrelenting pain, which was finally diagnosed as strep. The infection had settled in her abdomen. She went through dozens of tests and weeks and weeks of pain. She missed a lot of school. By the time she was diagnosed with strep, her body had endured a tremendous amount of pain and stress and would no longer let her eat. Whenever she eats solid food, it comes back in about 10 seconds. She spent a week at the Presbyterian Hemby Children's hospital in late November, 2006, but doctors could not figure out the cause or a resolution. After weeks of no end in sight, weight loss, and weakness due to lack of nutrition, Bryson went to Chapel Hill to get a feeding tube in early January. Her diagnosis is rumination. The internal feeding tube in her nose did not allow Bryson to attend school, but she kept up with a program called Home Bound. After

summer-long weekly trips to Raleigh for Biofeedback therapy, Bryson's doctor's decided to put a G-tube in her stomach. She had the internal tube for nine long months and was ready to try something easier and less painful. The new G-tube has proved to be a blessing, as Bryson is back in school and enjoying a fairly normal life - except STILL no food will stay down if she eats normally. The G-tube allows her to get the nutrition she needs. Hopefully in time this rumination will pass and Bryson will be able to eat and digest food normally, with the help of additional therapy under Chapel Hill's guidance.

Scholastic Book Club

This year at Trinity we will be participating in the Scholastic Book Clubs once again. Through this club you will be able to purchase books for your child at a great price. And every time you purchase books, your child's teacher will earn points for classroom books and other educational materials to use in the classroom.



Here's how it will work. Every month or so your child's teacher will send home the flyer with the current months selections. Look it over and check the boxes on the order form for anything you would like to order. Then turn in your order form along with your check payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. Your order should arrive in about 2 weeks and can be picked up in your child's classroom. Participation in this program is completely optional. This is just a way to help update and expand our classroom learning materials.

Please do not allow your children to come into their classroom before 8:55 am. This time allows the teachers to prepare their rooms for the day.

With Love from Claudia

No matter what we say, the average person does not like change. This fact of human nature spans across all age groups. Many children who have graduated Trinity and some children who are still with us wish they could rewind time and go back to the class that they were so familiar with last year. Children who were so excited as they anticipate the arrival of a new brother or sister, more often than not, have some problems adapting to the changes a new baby brings. Our head tells us that change is exciting. It is an opportunity to experience new things, Change helps us to grow into more well-rounded people, Our heads understand but our hearts and our emotions don't quite see it that way. In two months I will be leaving the house that I've called home since the third grade. It was the house I grew up in and as a young married couple we bought it from my parents. The new house that is being built is going to be beautiful. Everything is new and in perfect working order. Sounds great, but I can't ever remember feeling as much stress as I do now. It has made me more aware of changes everywhere. On top of the huge change of experiencing a new classroom, I see so many of the children going through changes that will totally alter their lives, And those are just the obvious ones. Our children experience so many subtle changes that adults aren't even

aware of. To give myself a sense of stability I'm making sure that most of the constants in my life stay the same. I follow the same routine as I get ready for work each day. Each evening I make sure I'm looking at the sky when the sun slips behind the trees and the colors begin to fill the sky. Experiencing this changing time in my life makes me realize how important it is for us as parents, grandparents and teachers to provide those anchors in our children's lives; anchors that they can always count on when changes come their way. Anchors can be simple things like a favorite blanket or book. It can be a pet name or simply the fact that bath time always follows immediately after dinner time. The key factor in handling stress, whether you are three or ninety three, is consistency. Predictability is not boring; it is comforting. It is what children need. Remember parents, life is full of changes and stress follows change so take time for yourself, things you enjoy and seek out people who support and nurture you.





Worried about letting your ghost or goblin roam the streets in search of fun and candy???

Worry not -

We have a place for Scary Ghosts to roam safely at the Rockin' K Ranch. Fun for the whole family.

Make it a part of your Halloween experience!

What: North Mecklenburg Safe Halloween Haven
www.safehalloween.net

When: Saturday October 27, 2007
6:30 until 9:30 PM

Where: Rockin' K Ranch on Miranda Road

Costume Contest at 8:00PM (by age groups)
Haunted Hay Rides
Games and candy
Carnival Rides
and much more.

This is a FREE Event!



If you could bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to help with this event it would be greatly appreciated.

(Watch near the playschool entrance. There will soon be a box available where you can leave your candy donations.)