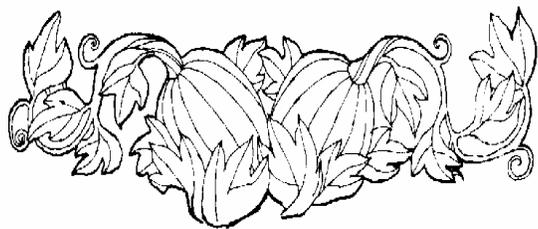


Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter October 2008



October Birthdays



Two years old

Blakley Watson	October 6 th
Lucas Fields	October 27 th

Three years old

James Davis	October 14 th
Joshua Walker	October 20 th
Zoe Locust	October 26 th
Emir Glover	October 28 th
Michael Valverde	October 30 th
Katie Gilbert	October 31 st

Four years old

Amaya Johnson	October 12 th
Trevor Camicia	October 20 th

Five years old

AJ Akerberg	October 3 rd
Cooper Denning	October 3 rd

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 12th - Crop Walk (Downtown Charlotte)
Oct. 18th - Long Creek Opry (Dinner 5:30pm;
Show 7:00pm)
Oct. 25TH - Safe Haven Halloween Carnival
@ Rockin' K Ranch (6:30pm - 9:30pm)
Oct. 31 - Halloween

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 2nd - Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 6th & 7th - WNC Conference
(Playschool CLOSED)
Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day (Playschool
Closed)
Nov. 18th, 19th & 21st - Event Images Fall
Pictures
Nov. 26TH, 27TH, & 28TH - Thanksgiving Break
(Playschool Closed)

From Jennifer's Desk

Reminder... your tuition is due on or before the 15th of each month. **Payment should be made by Check, Bank Check, or Money Order.** Please place your payment in the payment box which is located outside of Jennifer's office on the bulletin board. If anyone is still unclear about tuition amount 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 provide shaded areas for the playground. This year we hope to do the same. Our first fundraiser will begin in November which you will receive more information about soon!! If every family does their part you will be amazed at what we can accomplish for our school. Thank you in advance for your participation.



WNC Workshop

On November 6th and 7th, 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 51 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.

Kids Say the Cutest Things



Miss Terri was playing house with Molly Barnette in the home living area of the TK classroom last week. They made "vegetable soup" for lunch. Eyeing the fruit basket in from of her, Terri pulled out a bunch of grapes and a chocolate doughnut that had been placed there. She asked Molly if she should have the doughnut or grapes for dessert. Molly told her, "You should have the grapes because the chocolate will get all over you." Terri told her that was a great choice because the grapes were healthier for her.

Molly then reached over and picked up the doughnut and told her with a straight face that the doughnut was healthier for her.

After Terri finished her grapes, she ate a banana, then got excited when she saw a strawberry. Molly looked at her and said, "Careful Miss Terri, don't eat too much. It goes

straight to the waist!" Terri burst out laughing as Molly pointed to her sides with both hands.

Wonder where she heard that? ☺

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!

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!

children's eyes, you will realize that there is still plenty of joy to go around.

With Love from Claudia

If we were told that we would be given all the riches of the world, but would never again experience joy, it wouldn't take us long to say, "Thanks but, No thanks." Any of us would quickly say, "Great wealth would be useless without joy." The majority of adults would feel this way, but if asked "What would give you great joy?" their answer would probably have a price tag attached to it.

Children don't need things to have joy. They make their own joy. Over the years as I have stood outside each morning the children have made me really look at rainy days differently than I use to. Parents hurry and try to encourage their children to also hurry, but the kids walk as slow as they can so they can joyfully enjoy each wonderful drop. I watched Katie Gilbert, one of our two year olds walk at least three feet behind the mother who drove her car pool on a rainy day last week. It wasn't just a little rain; it was really coming down. Katie had a little umbrella and she would hold it over her head for about sixty seconds and then hold it to the side for sixty seconds repeating this pattern over and over. She had a smile on her face that said "I'm dry, I'm wet, I'm dry, I'm wet." She was experiencing joy in its purest form. Getting her head wet didn't cost a thing but there isn't a new toy in the world that could have brought her more joy or put a more beautiful smile on her face.

At this time, when adults are feeling so much stress over financial matters affecting not only our home lives but our country let us let our children lead us. The skies may seem overcast and cash and gas may be in short supply, but as you see the world through your

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. Each month or so, your child's teacher will send home flyers with the current month's 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.

24-Hour Rule

Parents we would like to remind you that if your child has had a fever, diarrhea, or any other illness, please refrain from sending them to school for at least 24 hours. Also, please leave any messages about your child's attendance on the playschool office voicemail at ext. 24.

Crystal can then let teachers know.

Thank you for helping keep our playschool safe for all children especially during the upcoming cold and flu season!



Participation in this program is completely optional. This is just a way to help update and expand our classroom learning materials.

LATE POLICY

Ok...This time I really mean it.

I'm sure that you read in the last newsletter that late fees would be applied to all accounts where parents are later than 12:05 or (1:05 if your child is in lunch bunch.) I hear that this is still a problem. I feel like the parent that says, "OK, I'm going to count to three" and the child knows they have until the count of three to continue doing what they are doing. Not only that, there is always tomorrow when they can break the rules again and as long as they stop by the count of three, the consequences will never really come. They know that everything is OK as long as the parent keeps counting.

Ok, this time Mama is serious.

The rule is that children are to be picked up no later than 5 minutes after. Please know that arriving at the school or in the parking lot by that time, does not mean that you made the deadline. All children and parents should be out of the classrooms by 12:05 (1:05 by Lunch Bunch) so if you are picking up more than one child please keep this in mind.

It is so hard on a child to watch as all of their friends have been picked up and wonder where their parents are. Many times a group of lunch bunch children have to wait to go to lunch until a late parent arrives. Most of our

teachers have elementary age children that will be getting out of school soon after playschool ends so they have a small window of time to run all their errands.

Any late fees will be applied to your account and Jennifer will send a bill home with your child.

I love you all but it's time for all of us to straighten up,
"Miss" Claudia



For Sale

My girls are growing up ☺ and I have several Little Tikes items that I would like to sell. If you are interested in any of the following, please stop by my room upstairs to see pictures, or call me so we can arrange a time for you to come by and take a look at them in person. 704-947-9326 Thanks "Miss" Cheri

Climber \$50

Kitchen \$50

Table and Chairs \$20

Sandbox \$25

Talking Vanity \$25

Sand and Water Table \$20



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