

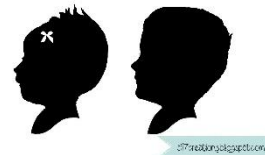
Trinity UMC Playschool



Newsletter March 2018



Johnson Silhouettes



In years past, we have had Mr. Johnson come to the school to make silhouettes of the children. He does not use any type of projected light and take the silhouette from the shadow but uses only a pair of scissors and cuts the child's side view as he looks at the child. He is a true artist and I love to watch him create. You will be receiving forms soon. Because of the time involved, he will only do silhouettes of the children where the parents have requested him to. If you would like a Johnson Silhouette, just fill out the form and put it in the wooden tray beside of Shelly's office door, before the 13th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 1st – BBQ
March 5th – 21st - Butter Braid Fundraiser
Mar. 13th – 15th Johnson Silhouettes
March 24th – Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM until 12 PM
March 29th – April 6th – School closed for Easter Break

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

Apr. 1st - Easter Sunday
April 24th and 27th – Graduation and class pictures taken

Happy Birthday

THREE YEARS OLD

Rajveer Sushi March 21

Clara Poole March 29

FIVE YEARS OLD

Lillie Bungart March 12

Aiden McGinnis March 28

Lila Blythe March 31



Registration Report

We have a good start on registration for the Summer Sessions and 2018-19 school year. Many of you have taken advantage of the \$25 savings by registering in February. You only have a couple more days to register for \$50. The fee will be \$75.00, starting on March 1st. Miss Susan's TK class is almost full, so we will probably have a second class of TK children. If your older child had Miss Susan and you want her for your current TK child, we need you to turn your form in immediately.

New for 2018-19 School Year - Six Month's Class

This year we have so many babies in the preschool family. Miss Shelly has bravely taken the class for 6 Months through One Year, that started this month and is doing wonderful. The last class that we had, starting in September was the year before last and it was amazing. It was taught by Dana DeWolfe, who taught twos this year. Dana is very knowable as to milestones children need to reach and how large motor skills develops brain growth. Many times I would pass by the room and she would be on the floor making sure a child could crawl. The following has been copied from the source Kidspot.

Crawling offers babies more than just a (cute) way to get where they want to go. In fact, learning to crawl is commonly considered an important developmental milestone in a baby's life. And while some babies may skip the crawling phase entirely and go straight to walking, generally, most babies will discover the benefits of getting about on all fours from around the age of six to 12 months.

A traditional crawl requires a baby to support his own weight with hands and knees while propelling himself in a forward motion. But babies aren't limited to the one crawl and many adopt a variety of different crawling styles to achieve mobility. From the bum shuffle to commando-style, the crab glide to bear walk, how a baby adapts this important developmental phase may be as unique - and entertaining - as they are. Getting about on all fours in the first year of life offers babies a wealth of positive and quantifiable benefits. Here we've listed just six reasons why crawling plays an important role in your baby's development.

1. Physical development

As your baby starts to crawl they're developing:

- **gross motor skills** - these are larger movements your baby makes with his arms, legs, feet or his entire body. These skills are important because they offer him a physicality he will need as he grows to be able to walk, run and jump.
- **fine motor skills** - these involve strengthening the smaller muscles in the body such as hands and fingers. They will be used down the track to grasp things, move the mouth and chew, write with a pen or pencil and even fasten clothing.
- **balance** - achieving balance is an essential physical requirement for your baby to gather both confidence and the ability to move into the next phase - walking.
- **hand-eye coordination** - required to use the eyes to direct attention and the hands to execute a task. This is essential to writing and even kicking a ball.

2. Spatial understanding

Crawling also offers opportunity for a baby to understand spatial concepts. This provide the child with a physical understanding and orientation of the physical world around them; their relationship with and position within it. For example, while a crawling bub often prefers to go 'through' things rather than 'around', with practice and experience, babies soon learn how to negotiate a more efficient path to their desired destination. This understanding will be of vital importance throughout their lives for self-preservation, navigation and problem solving.

3. Binocular vision

Your baby's visual skills will develop in leaps and bounds on discovering that their favorite rattle can be near or far away. This is called binocular vision and involves your baby training his eyes to look off into the distance and then back at his hands while crawling or reaching for that rattle. We use binocular vision to calculate distances and make sense of what we see. It is a skill that helps us catch a ball, drive a car and copy things from a blackboard.

4. Coordination

Left and right brain coordination is boosted by crawling, as the brain is required to process hearing, sight and movement all at the same time. So the more your baby practices crawling, the more synchronized

and developed each of these essential skills will become. All must work together for baby to achieve mobility - left arm and right knee ... one forward movement; right arm and left knee ... another forward movement. But even as your baby is gliding along the floor, they are also using their developing eyesight and hearing to identify their desired destination.

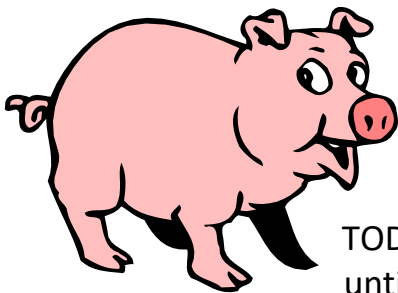
5. Self-confidence

A crawling baby is building self-confidence and making some of their first decisions. They take regular physical risks and with each success - and failure - discover both their potential and their limitations. It can be wonderful to watch your baby discover the world around them at this exciting stage of their development. As they become more experienced at crawling they will become apt at knowing when to slow down to avoid hurt, navigate a step or investigate obstacles in their path.

6. Physical strength

As baby starts to get more and more physical, discovering an exciting new independence on all fours, they are also gaining significant physical strength, which will prepare them for walking in a few months' time. When a baby starts to pull themselves up on furniture and stand up, the normal curve in their spine begins to develop and their lower back and leg muscles begin to strengthen. The more crawling the baby does, the more practiced and prepared they will be to walk on their own two feet.

Thursday, March 1st is the Big Day!



Don't Forget!!!

BBQ Time Is Here!!!! Don't miss getting BBQ

TODAY, 11:00 am until. Trinity has the

best around. You can dine in or go through the drive through line. Prices are as follows:

\$10.00 for three sandwiches or a plate

\$10.00 for a one pound package



You are invited

Easter Egg Hunt Event - Saturday, March 24th, 10am to 12pm

Plan on hopping by to enjoy cookie decorating, egg dying, a craft, treats, cuddles with real bunnies from Whispering Farms, and the Egg Hunt! Please bring 12 plastic eggs filled with treats for the hunt.

You can help! Volunteer or donate money to cover the supplies, bunnies, and treats for the kids. See Amanda Bungert, Lilly's mom from Miss Susan's class.



Celebrating-Easter.com

With Love from Miss Claudia

After the cold days of winter, we welcome the March winds, as they are the first signs of Spring approaching.



God in His wisdom, created the seasons for both nature and man. Twice a year, we experience what is called the Equinox, which comes from the Latin words which means “equal nights” – aequus (equal) and nox (night). After the Spring equinox, we begin enjoying longer periods of daylight. We have earlier dawns and later sunsets. The Earth’s two hemispheres are receiving the Sun’s rays about equally. The tilt of the earth is zero relative to the sun, meaning that it points neither toward or away from the sun. Astronomically speaking, the first day of spring which is marked by the Spring Equinox happens on the 19th or 20th of March. It signals Spring beginning in the Northern Hemisphere and Fall beginning in the Southern Hemisphere. Nature also gives us signs of Spring. Worms begin to emerge from the earth, giving the March moon the name of “The Full Worm Moon”. Birds are migrating northward, along the path of the sun. Did you know that the increased sunlight is what triggers birds to sing? Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach. You begin to hear these phrases, One swallow does not make a spring. Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring. Don’t say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies. Spring – time sweet! The whole earth smiles thy coming to greet.

Spring for me is watching the kids running all over the front lawn at the end of the school day as their parent pause and chat with each other. They remind me of brightly colored Easter eggs. Spring also reminds me of the character of God. We wait

for Spring, but there is nothing that we can do to hurry it along. The coming of Spring is out of our control, but we really know that it is the God of the universe that brings each new season. There is no better time to see God’s creative nature. We look at daffodils, bluebirds, praying mantis and most important, each of us. He made us all unique. We see God’s joyous nature. When the first green leaf appears, followed by yellow and pinks, you see smiles. Have you ever notice, people begin to smile more in Spring. The coming of Spring, also shows us that God is faithful. Just like we know that the sun will rise and set each 24 hours, we know that every three months, God will give us a new season and it reminds us that just like God, Spring is right around the corner, just like God, waiting to give us a new beginning and another chance.

Butter Braid Fundraiser

This March we will be having our Butter Braid fundraiser. The school makes over \$5.00 on each unit sold. Forms will go home with the children on March 5th and will need to be returned by March 21st.

Butter Braids come in a wide variety of flavors and take up very little space in your freezer. All you have to do is take them out, thaw, rise, and bake!





Preschool Summer Camp Fun 2018

Session One

6/12 – 6/14 **"Our Woodland Friends"**

Let's explore the woods. They are full of some of God's most delightful creatures like birds, turtles, rabbits, deer and so many more

6/19– 6/21 **"Creatures of the Ocean"**

Oceans cover 71% of the world and God has filled it with all sorts of beautiful and unusual creatures. Let's put on our scuba gear and do some exploring.

6/26– 6/28 **"Reptiles, Then and Now"**

From Dinosaurs to Snakes; what makes them different than other animals?

7/10– 7/12 **"Old MacDonald Had a Farm"**

Let's learn about farm animals and all the gifts that they share with us.

Session Two

7/17– 7/19 **"Is It Magic or Is It Science"**

It is hard to tell; is it science or just a slight of hand? We will have special visitors to show us both the world of magic and science.

7/24- 7/26 **"The Wonderful World of Plants"**

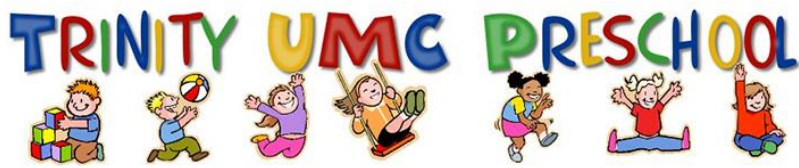
There is so much to learn about the plant kingdom, from the parts of the plant to how plants provide us with food.

7/31– 8/2 **"Heroes the Bible"**

Little David and the Giant, Goliath – Mary, Teenage Mother of God - **Miriam's Courage – Samuel Hears God**

8/7– 8/9 **"Shapes, Shapes, Everywhere Shapes"**

Look around. You will find shapes everywhere: circles: the sun, wheels on a car, and cookies on a plate; rectangles: windows and doors on buildings, tree trunks, and stripes on a bee; and triangles: pine trees, wings on a butterfly, and the roof of a house. Your children will have fun learning about geometric shapes with the fun and educational activities, games and crafts.



Trinity's 2018 Summer Adventure Camp

For Elementary Ages Rising 1st – 6th Graders!

Session One - Life Skills Camp

Teaching life skills to our children helps build the foundation for adulthood. We will focus on teaching campers the joy of serving others, as well as many basic – but very important skills.

6/12 – 6/14 – "Cooking/Cleaning"

Campers will focus on many basic needs around the home. They will pack their own lunch, make a simple meal, do laundry, sweep/mop, learn table manners, wash dishes, and clean their room.

6/19 – 6/21 – "Woodworking/Auto Mechanics"

Woodworking and mechanics teaches persistence, focus, math, and helps to develop fine motor skills. Campers will learn about the tools, how to drive a nail, and build their own birdhouse!

6/26 – 6/28 – "Sewing"

Can you thread a needle? Sew on a button? Know how to use a sewing machine? Campers will learn all these things with hands-on activities and make things with their new skills!

7/10 - 7/12 – "Money Management"

Campers will learn the value of a dollar. They will be able to earn, spend, save, and give money. They will create a family budget, learn to write checks, pay bills, and even file taxes!

Season Two - Magic Tree House Adventures

7/17 – 7/19 – "Midnight on the Moon"

Three... two... one... BLAST OFF! The Magic Tree House whisks Jack & Annie off to the moon. Campers will be doing some "out of this world" space activities like making moon rocks (eating them too), learn about planets and constellations, and create a nebula!

7/24 – 7/26 - "Dolphins at Daybreak"

It's sink or swim for Jack & Annie when the Magic Tree House whisks them off to the middle of the ocean. Campers will learn all about ocean life and animals, explore the ocean layers, do hands-on experiments, and learn how to draw a life-sized whale!

7/31 – 8/2 - "Vacation Under the Volcano"

Who wants to vacation next to a volcano? Jack & Annie are about to find out when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to the days of the Roman Empire. Campers will explore the city of Pompeii and recreate the eruption of **Mount Vesuvius!**

8/7 – 8/9 - "Monday with a Mad Genius"

Can man fly? Find out with Jack & Annie as the Magic Tree House whisks them off to the time of Leonardo da Vinci. Campers will study the engineering behind several of his inventions, build a self-supporting bridge, and create a parachute in an attempt to drop an egg without breaking it!

