

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter November 2009



WNC Workshop

November 12th and 13th

Our teachers are going to school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day

(Playschool CLOSED)

Nov. 12th & 13th - WNC Conference

(Playschool CLOSED)

Nov. 17th, 18th, and 20th - School Pictures

Nov. 20th - Turn in all Operation Christmas Child boxes in to classroom

Nov. 20th - Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 22nd - Dedication Service and Children's Parade for Christmas boxes 11:00 AM

Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 25th-27th - Thanksgiving Break

(Playschool CLOSED)



LOOKING AHEAD

Supper with Santa (TBA)

Dec. 13th - Choir Christmas Musical

Dec. 20th - Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 21st - Jan 1st - Christmas Break

*****School will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day November 12th and 13th for the WNC Workshop and School will also be closed November 25th, 26th, and 27th for Thanksgiving Break*****

Please Help Keep our Kids Healthy



As you know, there has been a virus and multiple colds going around. We understand that children may be fine in the morning and become sick very quickly, but please pay close attention to your child. If they are fussy and not acting like themselves, they are probably showing the first signs of being sick. Please remember to keep your child at home for 24 hours after having been sick or running a fever. This will help prevent the spread of viruses and colds. Thanks!!

Each fall the Western North Carolina Conference holds a workshop for teachers and directors who work with



preschool children. The conference offers two days where over fifty different classes are available. All of our staff will be attending the workshop in order to gain even more insight for working with your children.

Thanksgiving Feast

Almost thirty years ago we had our very first Thanksgiving at this school. Our numbers were so much smaller then, but we did Thanksgiving in a big way. By November the school had grown to about 18 children and as we were learning about pilgrims and Indians we decided to have a feast with all of the children preparing the lunch. The older children mixed up shredded chicken, pickle cubes and mayonnaise and made chicken salad sandwiches. The three year olds brought vegetables from home and made Vegetable soup. The littlest ones poured all types of juice together for "Mystery" drink. We all dressed like Indians and pilgrims and ate our feast on long tables under the trees where our playground now sits. By the next year, our school had tripled in size; we added on to the menu and we invited the parents. Over the next twenty years the feast got bigger and bigger so we had to have two separate feasts. About ten years ago, it became so large that we no longer fit well in the fellowship hall and had to discontinue the tradition.

During the last ten years we have built the Family life center where we have so much more room so we are going to have the feast again. Your child's teacher will let you know what to bring and the date of your child's feast.

We need the following additional help for each feast from parents: 5 parents to help fix the plates and sit them on the right table (10:30 - 11:00), 5 parents to help clean up after (12:00 until 12:30) and 2 parents to carry the trash to the dumpster and re-line the garbage cans. If you can help out please sign up by Crystal, Jennifer and Shea's office.

There will be a list outside of each classroom door. Beside your child's name please put the number of guests they will have at the table. Younger siblings will sit at the older siblings table if there is only one guest to share. For additional info., please see Claudia. Come on your child's day and enjoy the feast!



November Birthdays



Five years old

Owen Thornburg	November 4 th
Abel Varghese	November 9 th
Hayden Smith	November 21 st

Four years old

Davis Turner	November 5 th
Lex Kaijser Bots	November 6 th
Camden Hall	November 11 th
Nehemiah Wallace	November 21 st
Justus Whitlow	November 29 th

Three years old

Ryan Mullaly	November 1 st
Carson Leaphart	November 3 rd
Maylie Cobb	November 22 nd
L.B. Harris	November 27 th

Picture Time

Event Images will be at our school on November 17th, 18th, and 20th. Your child will receive a letter informing you as to which day he/she is scheduled. We have used Event Images for quite a few years and are very pleased with their service. Your child's teacher will let you know which day your child is scheduled. Your child will have a few poses made with Christmas props and a few without. If you would rather have all poses done with Christmas props or would like no props to be used, let Crystal or Shea know in the Playschool office. The pictures will be back in time for Christmas. Siblings will have a couple poses done together. If you would like a child's picture taken that is not enrolled in the school, just bring them at 9:00am on the day that your other child is scheduled and those pictures will be taken first. Class pictures will not be taken at this time. Those will be taken in the spring when Event Images returns to take pictures of this year's graduating class.



Life in the Classroom

With Ms. Debbie's 4s

Good morning, welcome to Miss Debbie's 4 year old classroom. We're having so much fun this year. October was such a busy, busy month. We learned about fall and all the changes that it brings and we learned about Christopher Columbus. We painted pumpkins, made mosaic pumpkins and fall leaves. We made fall colored necklaces, we decorated our trick or treat bags and went trick or treating to all the classrooms and both offices. That was a blast. Miss Debbie's daughter came and painted our faces. After all that, we had a fabulous Halloween party, thanks to our wonderful moms.

We worked so hard and we're so exhausted and we still have seven months to go. Even with all this, we work puzzles, color and draw pictures at the drawing table; we love the blocks, the Legos, and the kitchen. After free play we have circle time. The leader of the day helps Miss Debbie with the calendar and they do the weather. We also have a caboose at the end of the line. Miss Debbie says this is a very important job because they have to turn off the light and shut the door. Then, they make sure everybody stays in line. We stay in line to go downstairs and sing with Miss Susan, Miss Shae, and Miss Jana's classes. After that we eat snack and go outside. Boy, we have FUN on that playground.

When we go back into our room, we read books and on Tuesday's and Friday's, we have show & tell. We all have our favorite things that we like to do at Playschool. Sophia, Jonathan and Ella love the kitchen. Gracie, Brandon and Nicholas love to swing. Matthew likes the dinosaurs, Hunter likes the blocks and the dinosaurs, and Michael loves the dinosaurs and cars. Abigail loves the books in our room and Judd likes to slide on the playground sliding board. Hayden really likes the big green wagon on the playground. Jack likes the grill that's in our kitchen and John Peter likes the Legos and the blocks. We are happy that you came to visit our classroom. Please drop in any time you want. You are always welcome!!

With Love From Claudia:

One reason I love babies is how innocent and accepting they are of everything and everybody: of course until they are taught not to be. I'm sorry to say that I have observed over the years that this happens all too soon and sadly so often, we continue to add on more and more bias each year.

When I speak about biases, I'm not just talking about race, gender, sexual orientation or social standings. I would assume most people if asked like squirrels and think they are cute, why just look at those fuzzy tails. As far as I was concerned squirrels are fine as long as they stay at least 25 feet from me. Up close all I think about is that they are rodents and I am terrified of mice and rats.



I have a bird feeder that hangs very close to my back porch. I spend so much of my time there reading, working on the computer and enjoying the small colorful birds who have found the feeder and feel very comfortable being so close to me. You almost feel like you are in an animated Disney movie with all the birds singing and coming so close.

One day this past spring, I was enjoying this scene when up the shepherds hook climbed a bold, icky squirrel. I clapped my hands; he ran away but continued to become more bothersome and determined in the days that followed. I spent the next few weeks banging on the windows, clapping and when that failed to keep him away, I started sneaking up on him and dousing him with a cup of cold water. Nothing I did could convince that squirrel that he was not wanted.

I came home from work one day in the summer while my mom was visiting and she told me that I would never believe what "my" squirrel did that day. "MY squirrel, I don't think so!" My mother can see the porch and bird feeder out the window and observed him climb up the hook, eat his fill, hop on the porch and lie down and take a nap. Of all the nerve, THIS WAS WAR! I asked my son if he had a BB gun that would not kill an animal but would sting him really bad. I'm sure he does, but he pretended he didn't. (I think the thought of his mama sitting in wait on the back porch so I could shoot a squirrel was totally out of character since he knew that I don't have or want any guns in my house.)

A couple days passed and one day I looked out on the porch and there he slept in the sunshine. He was laying flat on his belly with his hind legs stretched out straight behind him. My heart melted. The next day when he came to eat I told him, "Ok, you win, you can eat all you want, just don't invite over your friends." Up through September, Sparky (he had to

have a name since he was part of the family) visited every afternoon as I sat outside and he ate and even got brave enough to take his naps near me.

Along the first of October, Sparky went about a week without showing up. I wondered if he had run off. Maybe he had found a house with a better grade of birdseed. I walked out on the porch one day looking for him in the woods and he ran up on the porch and ran a few circles around my feet. When I looked down I saw horrible puncture wounds on both sides of his neck and down his back. They were so deep I could see into his little body and knew a hawk had had him. He left without eating that day. That night I put out bird feed and cut up apples on the porch and the next morning it had not been touched. Weeks went by and I assumed Sparky had died from his wounds.

This past weekend I was reading on the back porch and looked up to see a squirrel laid across the bird feeder eating. I hollered SCAT then banged my book on the table. He just kept on eating. I thought, "Could this be Sparky?" I tiptoed over and sure enough, the new fur didn't lay straight across his neck and back. He jumped down and ran to the middle of the yard. I hollered for him to stop and he did and looked straight at me. I told him to come back and eat and he hopped up on the ledge of the porch. The railing was all that separated us. I told him to go on and eat. He did as I stood there talking and gushing over him.

You may think I have lost my mind talking to a squirrel that can't talk back, but Sparky taught me a valuable lesson. Be careful with what you say in front of your kids. Forming biases can really have an effect on your life. I'm so thankful Sparky didn't give up on me and ignored my bias against rodents.

Sneakers Please

Parents, we would like to remind you that it is important to send your child to playschool each day wearing tennis shoes. This is important because your child will get to run, jump, and play on the playground or in the Family Life Center everyday.

Tennis shoes are very important whether your child plays inside or out. If he/she is out on the playground, sneakers will protect his/her little feet from the mulch which can be prickly if it comes in contact with toes. If they are playing inside, tennis shoes are just as important to keep ankle sprains and things of this nature from happening. We really appreciate your cooperation in this effort to keep accidents from happening during free play.

Operation Christmas Child



Don't forget to pack a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse. Thanks to people like you, 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered to children in need all over the globe. Doing these simple acts of packing a shoebox and taking an angel off of the Angel Tree are two sure fire ways to show your children what the true meaning of Christmas is. If you can give this to your children, you will have succeeded in giving them the best gift they will receive this Christmas. You can use a shoe box from home but we ask that you consider using a plastic one. The plastic box becomes a lasting treasure to a family that has so little. Dollar Trees and similar dollar stores across the area are set up to support this project and have everything you need to fill your boxes. Flyers are sitting on the table at the main Playschool entrance with all the information you need for making a child's year brighter.

On Sunday, November 22nd we will have the dedication service for the shoeboxes at our 11:00AM church service. We ask that you and your children attend that Sunday. The children (playschool children and their older brothers and sisters and Trinity's members' children) start the service by carrying in the boxes and placing them by the altar. It is one of the most beautiful sights that you will ever see. Claudia and some other playschool staff will be out front at 10:45 on that Sunday. Drop the children off with us and then you can go into the sanctuary. Talk to Claudia or your child's teacher if you have any questions. Sample boxes and flyers are located on the front table as you enter the playschool. Tell everyone you know about this so there will be plenty of boxes for the children who need them. Turn in your boxes to your child's classroom by Friday, November 20th.

Thank you, in advance for loving these children.

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

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-12th Led by Shelly Black and Elizabeth Hyatt 5:00 - 6:30

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

PARENT ↔ EXCHANGE

FREE KITTENS

(to a good home)

We have 7 barn kitties that are approximately 10 weeks old (3 female, 4 male). They are VERY sweet and loving and have been handled since they were born. See flyer on bulletin board for picture. ☺

If interested, please call:

(704) 464-1012

