

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter December 2009



Dates to Remember:

Wed. Dec. 9th -
Supper with Santa @ 5:30pm
Sun. Dec. 20th -
TUMC Children's Christmas Musical
Mon. Dec. 21st - Fri. Jan. 1st
Christmas Break
Thurs. Dec. 25th -
Merry Christmas
Fri. Jan. 1st -
Happy New Year 2010
Mon. Jan. 4th -
First day back from Christmas break

Tuition Reminder

All tuition monies for December must be in the office no later than 12:00pm, **Tuesday, December 15th**. After that, a \$10 late charge will automatically be charged to your account. **Tuition fees for December do not change. Tuition is figured on a yearly basis, and then broken down for your convenience into monthly payments.** If you have any questions about tuition, please let Jennifer know.

Inclement Weather



If we should get snow or freezing weather and it is sticking, please come for your children, immediately. Don't wait for Charlotte Mecklenburg to close. We will post any closings or delays on Channel 9 WSOC-TV. You can also check via their website @ www.wsoc.tv/closings. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside daily unless it is raining or snowing.

Supper with Santa

December is the month for one of the playschool's favorite yearly events. As you all know the Hot Dog Committee serves lunch each Wednesday from 11:00 until 2:00 PM. On **DECEMBER 9TH**, they will reopen at 5:30 so we can welcome Santa Claus! He comes each year on Long Creek's Volunteer

Fire Department truck. It is such a magical night as we stand on the steps waiting. The first thing that happens is we hear the siren and then we see the blinking lights through the trees as he makes his way down Beatties Ford Road. Adults feel like children again. Santa always arrives around **6:30pm** and will be available for photos with your child. This year our own Margie O'Shields will be taking photos as a fundraiser for her 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Group. If you choose to, you may purchase a 4x6 print of your child with Santa that she will print and place on a Holiday Card for your child to keep. If you choose to purchase one, they will only be \$5 and will be made available for you to take home that night. We will open the doors for Supper at 5:30 so come and enjoy a meal with your family before Santa arrives.



Fall Fundraising Report:

Thank you all for taking the time to help our playschool raise some much needed funds for school improvements. Collectively you sold enough seasonal items and magazines for Trinity Playschool to profit \$1200. This will go a long way to help us with budgeted needs. Our top three sellers were Madison Martin, Kyrsten Figaro, and Anthony Lohbauer who sold \$635, \$181, \$136 worth of items respectively. Thank you again for all your help with our Fall Fundraiser!

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to everyone that took the time to make Christmas extra special for little ones around the world. This year our church collected 108 shoe boxes full of goodies, toiletries, and love. Many of those boxes were packed by our Playschool family so we want to say a big THANK YOU! God has already blessed your gift and the hands that will receive it.

Also, we would like to inform you that there are a few Angels left on the Angel Tree. If you would like to help with this mission please select one from the tree outside the sanctuary and sign the sheet next to it. If you are participating, please have each gift wrapped, tagged, and turned in by December 15th. You may turn them in to us and we will get them to the right people. Thank You for your help!

Conversational Spanish Classes



As you already know, our children from the Older Two Class and up, have Spanish twice a month with Ms. Rubi. Ms. Rubi comes to our school each week to lead a class for 20 minutes in song and dance. The kids really seem to love her and the way she involves them in learning Spanish.

Ms. Rubi wants to offer you a way to enhance your child's love for learning Spanish. She is offering conversational Spanish here at Trinity on Tuesdays. The class will be no more than 10 children and will take place during Free Play. Your child and any others who want to sign up will go to a class with Ms. Rubi to play and learn a new skill.

If you have any interest in getting your child jump started on Spanish in a fun way, please talk to Claudia for more information.



December Birthdays



Two Years Old

Erin Douglas	December 13 th
Connor Midthun	December 13 th
Addison Tran	December 18 th
Ayden Frazier	December 20 th
Madilyn Rominger	December 29 th

Three Years Old

Thomas Davies	December 19 th
Aislynn Lowe	December 26 th

Four Years Old

Mycah Henry	December 3 rd
Joshua Moore	December 10 th
Morgan Patterson	December 16 th
Kyle Cunningham	December 20 th
Zachary Ailiff	December 27 th
Quinton Hoskie	December 27 th

Five Years Old

Cody Cook	December 3 rd
Hayden Dillard	December 28 th

With Love From Miss Claudia:



This morning as I was greeting the children, I watched with delight as so many stopped by the manger scene in the front yard. They always have the most beautiful look about them as they leave, their eyes filled with wonder and awe.

Some years back I went to Israel and walked where Jesus walked. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life and I was filled with that same wonder and awe. While there, we made the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem and I thought of Mary and Joseph as they made the same trip to be counted in the census. Here they were; newlyweds traveling to another city, Mary, heavy with a pregnancy that was more of a shock than planned. As a mother I thought so much of the thoughts that must be running through their mind. Mary was close to her time and they had none of the items you feel you need for the birth of a child. Joseph was probably worrying about where they would stay.

As you know, they ended up in a stable, actually a hole dug out in the earth. Jesus' bed was a manger used to feed animals and His first guests were smelly shepherds; He had so little, but oh so much! The angels sang and a great star lit the sky and all of Heaven rejoiced. I believe Heaven rejoices every time a child is born knowing that each child has in them, the power to change the world.

While thinking of Jesus and how remarkable that baby was, that had seemed to have so little when He was born, I thought of a little girl who will be here in about nine weeks and the fears and concerns on her Mom's face. She too was not planned. Mom thought she

was through with her family with the last child in the four year old class at Trinity. The mother told me they have nothing that they need for this baby. Cribs, car seats, and baby clothes were given away long ago.

I have a basinet that I used for my grandchildren, that I am bringing but the baby will outgrow it soon. With this economy, all of us are feeling the pinch financially but like the innkeeper we all have things that don't seem like much but could make a huge difference for this family.

If you have anything that would help this family from a high chair, to layette items, any of the things babies need... bring them to the school and we will be sure she gets them. Mom can then relax as she rests her hand on her stomach and feels the wonder and awe of the season; instead of worrying about what they need, she can reflect on how this little child can change not only her life but the world.



Trinity Playschool Will Now Enter the World of Cyberspace

(Well to be honest, the rest of the Playschool was already there; "Miss" Claudia has decided to join them)

Starting in January, you will receive your monthly newsletter by email. If you do not receive it by the 10th of the month, see Shea or Crystal in the office. If you are like "Miss" Claudia and enjoy holding your reading material in your hands, there will be a few copies on the bulletin board outside of Claudia's office.

Have you ever wished that you could be Santa Claus?

We decided to pose this question to our Transitional Kindergartners: If I was Santa Clause, what would I give to my mommy or daddy? Here are there replies:

Jordon Brooks: Mommy - a gold necklace
Daddy - a Panther's hat

Grace Foy: Mommy - jewelry
Daddy - a boat

Lucy Furry: Mommy - a Barbie doll

Samantha Hill: Mommy - jewelry
Daddy - decorations

Tad Hudson: Mommy - a chair
Daddy - a knife

Owen Leaphart: Mommy - a car
Daddy - a truck

Brianna Pirro: Grandma - glass angel and glass bear
Poppa -wheel chair because he has a boo boo leg

Lauren Simendinger: Mommy - a ring

Addison Smart: a pretty room

Ty Smart: a football goal that comes with a Redskin jersey and a Panther jersey and a NFL football

Owen Thornburg: Mommy - trip for all of us
Daddy - ski boat

Abel Varghese: Mommy - bells
Daddy - a new toothbrush



The entire staff at Trinity would like to wish you a very

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We look forward to seeing you in January. Have a safe Holiday!