

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter January 2010



January Birthdays

Two Years Old

Jaiden Goodson	January 4 th
Kyrsten Figaro	January 5 th
Drew Kraeger	January 8 th
Kira Hardee	January 28 th
Braeden Watson	January 30 th

Three Years Old

Katie Riera	January 2 nd
Morgan Guissari	January 18 th

Four Years Old

Haden White	January 6 th
Chase Gilreath	January 16 th
Lily Sixt	January 19 th

Five Years Old

Matthew Cipriano	January 12 th
Nick Sharpe	January 13 th

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 19th - Playschool is CLOSED!!! Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 22nd - Parent Surveys Due Back

Jan. 24th - New Worship Service 5:00PM

Jan. 25th - Playschool CLOSED!!!

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 10th - In House Registration

Feb. 17th - Sibling and Church Members Reg.

Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day

Feb. 16th - Parenting 2010 - 6:00 PM

Feb. 23rd - Parenting 2010 - 6:00 PM

Feb. 24th - Registration Open to Public

Kids Say and Do the Cutest Things

From Claudia - I love to look in on the Transitional Kindergarten Class. The other day, this is what I saw:

Miss Susan our T-K teacher, is a master at taking play and fun and combining it with math skills, reading readiness, geography, science, health and social studies. For math, she was introducing math patterns to the class. The children had construction paper mittens and they were to form their own patterns with multi-colored squares. Ty Smart and Tad Hudson were at the table, randomly gluing on the squares without any discernible patterns appearing. As Susan gave examples of patterns, Ty looked up at her with a "What are you talking about? look." Now Tad Hudson is a different story. If he doesn't understand or there is a possibility he may be in a little trouble he gives that Tad Hudson smile that reminds me of the penguins on Madagascar when they say, "Just smile and wave, boys...Just smile and wave." As Miss Susan walked away, Tad turns to Ty and said, "I don't think we are getting this." (*So the next time "Miss" Susan comes by, "Just smile and wave."*)

2009 TAX INFORMATION

Parents please sign your name on the sheet outside Miss Jennifer's office if you are interested in getting the 2009 tuition paid information for your personal taxes. If preschool is also used as care for your child when you work, it may be taken as a tax deduction. Ms. Jennifer will have this information for you by January 31st.

Thanks for the Donations

We have had a great outpouring of love and support from you the parents through the donations of coffee filters and disposable cups. Thanks to you we were able to finish 2009 with enough to use for the kids' snack each day. If you would like to help start the New Year off great, we would be happy to accept any more of your donations of these items in the playschool office. Our children eat their snack out of a small coffee filter and have juice in a small (5oz.-8oz.) cup each day. For this reason we use a lot of these items. Thank you again for all your help and continued diligence in making this a great place for children!

With Love from Claudia

It's a new year...time to start over, time to make resolutions to correct a multitude of issues; issues that you are sure, finally this is the year, will be resolved. Last week was so busy at the school: we enrolled nine new children in the school (this phenomenon may have a lot to do with the fact that not only have parents spent a two week Christmas break with their preschoolers but the elementary children were also added to the mix), phones rang non-stop with photographers, fund raiser companies trying to schedule with us for the year of 2010 or our suppliers wanting to know if there was anything that we were out of or had been meaning to order that they could send us. The week was so busy that the first of the New Year's Resolutions had to be broken. Resolution #1- *Always have the newsletter to parents during the first week of each month.*

New Years is also a time of "Out with the old, in with the new." Moms and dads are trying to sneak out last year's toys to make room for toys brought by Santa and, worst of all, the mountain of toys received from spoiling grandparents. And that's not all...I was watching a Hallmark movie the other day; a commercial came on and thank Heavens I was the only one in the room as I screamed, "Oh, No!" They have replaced the actor who played the Gorton Fisherman with some pre-mature grey headed kid. If you are asking, "What is she talking about?", ask your mother or grandmother about it; they'll know, the actor could be a pin up star for any woman over the age of 50.

Think about how much the world has changed over the last 10 years: phones that do everything from take a picture to letting you surf the web, Kindles that hold hundreds of books where you read off a six inch screen and

can carry it in your pocket book, music where cassettes are now disc are probably the next to go with the invention of Ipods. When our children here at the school reach the ages of 11 though 15 years, the world will be a whole different place beyond all our imaginations. As we enter not only a new year but a new decade, let us all remember that 2010 will bring changes, some we aren't exactly happy with but the new year will also bring new adventures, opportunities and changes that will better our lives. May God bless you and keep you as we walk into a new decade together.

Angel Tree

Thank you so much for the great outpouring of love that you showed through the gifts that were purchased for the Angel Tree. The response was amazing. You are a very special group of people who are truly the hands of God. Many homes were filled with holiday magic Christmas morning because of you.

We Need Your Input

Please take the time to fill out your parent survey. Your opinions mean so much to us. We ask that forms be turned in by Friday, January 22nd. Thank you for being the best parents ever. Please return the completed forms to the box marked parent surveys, which is located at the table near the playschool entrance.

About Our Church



We invite your family to be a part of our family each Sunday.

Early Contemporary Service: 9:00AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00AM

Evening Worship Service: 5:00PM

All Age Children and Youth Groups: 5:00PM

Life With Miss Andrea and Miss Becky's Threes

Good Morning is the first thing you hear when you walk in the classroom. Everyone is greeted with a warm welcome. The boys can usually be found playing with the cars or blocks, while the girls are all over the room playing. While we are having free play, we all take turns doing art. Oh how we all love to do art, the messier the better!!!! We also love knocking down the towers that the teachers build for us.

Next we start to clean up for our circle time. Once cleaned up we sit down on our fish rug to hear what we are going to learn about for the day. First we figure out what day it is and what the date is. Then the teacher's helper of the day helps us figure out what our weather is like today. After this, we discuss what our topic of the day is. We hear a book or two that goes with our daily topic. We talk about it and sometimes even have a science or math lesson to go with it.

Now we are getting a little hungry and a little antsy. We clean our hands and say our blessing. We wait for all our friends to sit down before we eat. We are learning to use our manners with yes please or no thank you. We are also working on our social skills while we talk to our friends around us. After our bellies are full, we get ready to start more fun. We go back to the rug and sing songs. Some of our favorites are Sticky Sticky Bubble Gum (thanks to Miss Shae), The Doors on the Church, Jesus Loves Me, and several versions of The Itsy Bitsy Spider.

After we ate snack and sung, we get ready to go let out some energy! We love to go play outside. We get to play with friends from other classes or our brother/sister. Playing on the swings/tire swing, playing in the sand boxes and just plain running is what we love to do. If for some reason we cannot play outside, we go play in the Family Life Center. This has happened quite a bit this year with all the rain we have had. We make the best of it and still have lots of fun no matter where we get to run around.

By now we are starting to get tired and ready to see our Mommies or Daddies. It is time to line up and head back to our classroom. Once settled in the room we do our Making Great Readers program. If time is left we either read or sing until it is time to go home. What a busy day we

have had. We learned so much, and played very hard.

See you tomorrow when we start it all over again!!!!

Registration Time for Summer Sessions and The 2010-2011 School Year is Coming Soon

In House, (Children enrolled this year)
Wednesday, Feb. 10th

**Siblings (of children now enrolled) and
Church Members**
Wednesday, Feb. 17th

Open to Public
Wednesday, Feb. 24th

You will be receiving forms and more information on our preschool classes and the Transitional Kindergarten soon.

2010 Chick-fil-a Calendars



On Sale Now!

Please come to the playschool office and see Shea Hartsell if you are interested in purchasing a 2010 Chick-fil-a Calendar. As you already know, each month has a great coupon for something free. The calendars are being sold for \$8 by Trinity's Age Level Committee. This is the committee that brings you the Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat. Please consider helping them out so they can continue to plan great events for our children. Thank you!!!!

Parenting 2010

Last year, many of you were involved in our parenting classes. They ran for six weeks and everything is planned to meet the needs of the young family.

Each session is started by parents, children and leaders sharing a delicious meal. After our meal the children's leaders will take your children to their area for fun and games while parents enjoy a kid free evening with other adults.

There will be four classes for the adults offered: "Parenting: the Early Years" led by our preacher, Rick Auten, "Parenting With a Purpose", led by "Miss" Holly's mother Cheryl Howard, "Parenting Teens" led by Lynn Bruce and "Single Parenting" led by Miss Claudia.

Tell all of your friends. If they are a parent or plan to be a parent, we have a class for them. Classes will start February 16th. You will receive more information soon.

A New Worship Opportunity

We are so excited to offer an alternative to our regular Sunday Worship Services at Trinity. All of us are usually so busy Mondays through Saturdays and it is so very tempting to sleep in on Sunday morning.

Starting Sunday, January 24th at 5:00PM our minister Rick Auten will lead us through the life and ministries of Jesus. Rick's message will resemble more of a college class than a traditional sermon. This series is presented with the homeland and history of the time of Jesus' ministry on earth as its backdrop. The children will also enjoy their time. Five o'clock on Sundays is the time we have our children and youth groups, we will also have a nursery for our smallest playschool kids. Please join us for this new worship service!

Happy New Year!!