



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 16th – School CLOSED Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 24th – School Closed

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 8th – In House Registration (for children enrolled this year, their siblings and Church members)

Feb. 15th – Registration Open to Public

Feb. 17th – School WILL BE OPEN

Feb 20th – School will be CLOSED



January Birthdays



Four Years Old

K K Odili January 8th
Atticus Arrington January 20th

Five Years Old

Sydney Bringardner January 28th

2016 TAX INFORMATION

Parents please sign your name on the sheet, that will soon be outside Miss Sara and Miss Shelly's office if you are interested in getting the 2016 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. This information will be ready for you by January 31st.

Angel Tree Update



Thank you so much for the help that so many of you gave to make the Angel Tree a success. The greatest thing is that not only is it a gift for the child, but also means the world to the parents who, by your generosity, were able to give their child a good Christmas.



Registration Time



For Summer Sessions and the 2017/2018 School Year is Coming Soon

In House - Wednesday, Feb. 8
(Children enrolled this year, their siblings and church members)

Open to Public – Wednesday, Feb. 15

You will be receiving forms and more information toward the middle of this month.

A Little Wishful Thinking



Ok, here it comes, hoping and praying and fingers crossed. As I have said before, besides children, my two favorite things are the beach and snow. We are past due for a good old snow storm! As for the snow, it seems to me that we are receiving less and less! We get rain when the temperatures are above freezing and just let it drop below freezing and North Carolina, get ready, because "HERE COMES THE SUN". All I want is a little bit of snow, well actually if I am going to wish, let's make it more than five inches. It also would be really nice if it could start around 10:00 am on a weekday. You haven't experienced fun until you have been inside of Trinity Preschool and all of the sudden someone looks out the window and says, "Look, everybody, it's snowing!" Within seconds the noise value inside of the school goes up at least 90%; teachers and kids run to the windows and as for the director, you can probably find her outside doing a Snow Dance. Below are instructions to follow **not if, but when** it snows.

Inclement Weather Policy

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. If you wake up to snow and CMS is closed, we will be also. If the snow has just begun, call 704-399-1684 ext. 23 for an announcement. And don't forget to cross those fingers.

"Baby, it's Cold Outside"

During cold weather, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside unless it is raining or below 32 degrees. Also, make sure each article of outerwear has your child's name in them, as several jackets have disappeared.



Please Help Keep our Children Healthy

We had a very rough November and December with a cold and stomach virus and a bout of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. It is still cold and flu season. We disinfect constantly but need your help. We understand that children may be fine in the morning and become sick very quickly, but please continue to 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, vomiting or running a fever.



Don't forget to sanitize your children's hands as they enter preschool and as they leave. This will help prevent the spread of viruses and colds. Thanks!

With Love from Miss Claudia



It is officially a New Year and Christmas 2016 is a sweet memory. If you were lucky enough to have ever spent a Christmas season with a room of preschoolers in a Christian school, you have experienced the holiday in a whole different way.

For the first fifteen or so years I was lucky enough to both teach and direct at Trinity. Each year, you add chapters to your own Christmas book. There are adults that I see that I can remember when they were four years old, with bath towels stretched across their arms for angel wings as they whispered in Mary's ear that she was going to have a baby.

I have a good friend who teaches High School English in Newton that worked for years at Trinity teaching two year old's. Each Christmas she cornered off a section of the room and spread hay on the floor. I painted child size animals to prop against the wall of the make shift stable. Each day Miss Jeannine would sit on the hay with the children and talk about the sounds and smells that were there and told them the Christmas story. On the day before Christmas break she would bring a baby doll and the children would wrap Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes and lay him in the manger. When the children returned after the holiday the stable would be gone but Baby Jesus was still in the home living area. He got rocked a lot and attended many tea parties.

One of my most precious memories was Christmas 2002. The whole family was at my house, as always, on Christmas Eve. We have a tradition that at the end of the evening, someone reads the Christmas story from Luke in the Bible. This year my niece who was four years old and a member of Miss Susan's class at Trinity said, "I can tell the story." We all sat and Lacy stood in the middle of the room and began...." It was a long, long time ago and one night an angel came to a girl named Mary and said, "I have a secret to tell you. You are going to have a baby!" She then sang the song "Mary Had a Baby" She went on with the story, stopping every little while and singing the correct song for that part of the story, until the whole Christmas story had been told. The room was so quiet that you could have heard a pin drop. The Bible was closed because we knew not only had we heard the story that night, but it had become part of our heart and memory that we would cherish forever.

So, for this New Year of 2017, read and tell the stories of our faith to your children and let them tell the stories back to you. I promise you that they will take on a whole new meaning.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

This year our Scholastic Book Fair (held in October 2016) was a HUGE success! We profited so much in Scholastic Dollars, that we were able to purchase a new book for EVERY child enrolled at Trinity UMC Preschool! Here are a couple of pictures of the books given out and a few of the kids after they received their new books. If your child did not receive a book yet, please let the Preschool Office know.

We must say THANK YOU to all our parents, grandparents, church members, family, friends, and anyone else who purchased a book through our Book Fair this year. Because of YOU, we successfully put a book in the hands of each and every child at Trinity UMC Preschool! That is something to be proud of. THANK YOU!

