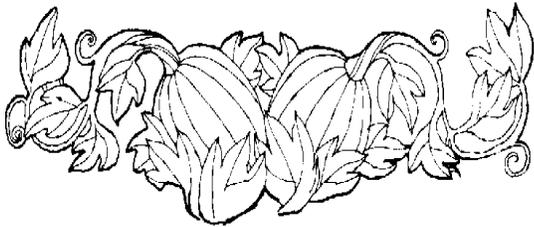


Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter October 2012



DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 6th - Rodeo at Rockin K
Oct. 10th - Fire Drill
Oct. 13th Fall Festival
Oct. 29th School Closed CMS Workday
Oct. 31st - Halloween

Here's a
heart-warmer
for everyone.



Joe Bertone graduated Trinity Preschool 14 years ago and we are so proud of him and all our graduates entering college this year.

As we were packing Joe's things for his first year at UNCW, he said, "Mom," I'm gonna need a few things... Some button-down shirts and some khaki pants for church." I about fell off my feet! Joe is 19 years old and grew up at Trinity Church and Playschool. I never imagined that church would be on his mind as he leaves home for the first time. The Bible says that if you bring them up right, your children will come back to what you've taught them - to what their Sunday School teachers have taught them -- about Jesus and His message. Very, very important.

Roz Bertone



Life in the Classroom

Children love traditions (doing things the same way). I am not talking about elaborate ones like some families pass down from generation to generation, but the simple, everyday things. I was watching Miss Jana and Miss Amy's ones and younger twos as they were preparing to go outside. It was only the second week of school and the children had picked up on the routine. First, the teachers tell them that they are going outside. Second, all children are to stand on the carpet in front of the door. Alex ran to the carpet, turned around and motioned for the rest to join him. Third, Karrington began pointing to each child and counting. She came up with eight. As she was counting Miss Jana starting counting in the exact same way Karrington was mimicking. As they walked down the hall, the teachers were reminding them hand on the wall. They do this so the children walk in a line, but to the children it is another tradition. Children feel empowered and safe when they know what to expect, so make sure you have plenty of simple everyday traditions in your own family's life.



WELCOME

We would like to welcome "Miss" Adrianna, our Spanish teacher back as part of our staff for the 2012-13 school year. Spanish classes began the third week of September, so please ask your student about their Spanish experience.



October Birthdays



Two years old

Anthony Falcone October 29th

Three years old

Hannah McGrady October 2nd
Coleton Schneider October 13th
Ben Eade October 29th

Four years old

Dominic Eichstadt October 1st
Lily Hunt October 5th
Kailen Gillis October 16th

Five years old

Demonta Perry October 6th
Jaclyn Davy October 10th
Jaeger Strange October 14th
Emily McGrady October 24th



Sundays at Trinity

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

Celebration Service: 9:00AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)

Worship Service: 11:00AM

"My Best Friend is Jesus"

At preschool we talk to God a lot during the day...thanking Him for the rain, saying "thank you God" for our snack, even calling Him on the phone! Now that was pretty cute! My hope is for each child to form a relationship with Jesus and, eventually, be able to talk to Him about anything! Try this at home where your little one has their own play phone which is a direct line to Jesus.

"Miss" Mary

PS- Parents, email your ideas for building a personal relationship between your child and God



A Great Thank You to the Methodist Men



For the last couple years money was so tight at the preschool and everywhere, we could do little to improve our playground. The biggest problem we had was about twenty years of us piling mulch over mulch every couple years until it got to the point that we knew all that mulch would have to be taken out and start again. The Methodist Men came to our aid and not only took care of the mulch but built a new sidewalk and made changes to the landscape to help with the land erosion when it rained. We also want to thank Larry Griffin, who donated sand and mulch to the project. The Methodist Men are also responsible for all the new landscaping; so now Trinity not only has the prettiest children in the world but also the prettiest grounds.



Let's All Go to the Rodeo!

Many of us old timers grew up in this area and remember that every Sunday afternoon there was a neighborhood rodeo at the Rockin K Ranch on Beatties Ford Road. Those neighborhood rodeos are no more and the horses that all the neighborhood kids had, have been replaced by four wheelers and motorized scooters. But, we are pleased to announce that:

7:30 PM, Saturday, October 6th

International Professional Rodeo Assoc. will sponsor a rodeo at the

Rockin K Ranch

3700 Miranda Road
Charlotte

Admission is Adults - \$12, Children - \$6,

Six years and under - FREE

This is great fun for the whole family.

With Love From Claudia

Here I sit looking at the ocean, for the first time in two years. I believe this was the longest time that I have gone without a trip to the beach in my whole life. I LOVE THE BEACH. I love to swim in, jump the waves or just sit and stare at the wonder of it. I know there are scientific reasons why the ocean goes just so far, but it still is a miracle to me. I can't look at it without thinking about a quote from Mother Teresa. "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in an ocean. But the ocean would be less without that missing drop." God made each of us so unique and special. If you have any doubt, just spend a morning in any of our classrooms. Lots of kids, but each child plays a unique, important part in a group which would not be the same if any of them were missing. The beach also makes me feel so close to God and I feel His love. It is hard to look at the vastness of the ocean and feel small and insignificant when you know that God of the universe feels that way about you.

Psalms 139: 17-18 David said "How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! They are innumerable! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up in the morning, You are still with me!" WOW and when He thinks of us, these thoughts are not how He wishes we would get our act together, but how much He loves and cares for us. Just like God thinks about us is how we should think about our children. I am not saying that we don't have a responsibility to teach and guide them, but I have learned a very important lesson by hanging out with children over thirty years. The best way to raise great kids is not so much dwelling on their short comings, but spending 99% of our time just loving and caring for them. In other words, seeing them the way God see all of us, His children.

Dancing with the Trinity Stars

September the 25th and September the 28th a few of our girls had their first class with "Miss" Adrianna.



They had a ball. It is not too late to enroll your child. Trinity Preschool is offering dance classes for BOYS and GIRLS who are enrolled in the Older Two

class through TK class. Dance classes will be held each Tuesday and Friday during regular school hours, during Out Door Playtime. Classes will be led by "Miss" Adrianna, our Spanish teacher at Trinity. The children will be instructed in tap and learn routines with a Latin influence. These classes will be limited to ten children per class so if you are interested, sign up quickly. Tuition for the class is \$25.00 per month for one day a week and \$45.00 per month for two days per week. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board by Claudia's office. Complete your form and attach a \$10.00 registration fee and return to Claudia. If your child only comes two or three days a week and you would like to sign up for the other end of the week and not miss any outdoor playtime, please note this on your form.

FIRE SAFETY AT PRESCHOOL



As many of you know that when you send your child off to elementary school they practice all kinds of drills. One drill is the fire drill. Here at Trinity we feel that preparing escapes plans and practicing fire drills are an important part of our routine. These drills are held periodically throughout the year on different days and times, so all of our children and staff understand the fire escape plan. Our first drill will be Wednesday, October the 10th. This will give you enough notice so that you can speak with your child about it and maybe even incorporate a fire escape plan at your own home. Studies show that children and even adults that regularly practice fire drills and escape plans are less likely to panic and more likely to remember what to do in case of a fire.