



Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter September 2015

LOOKING AT SEPTEMBER

Sept 12th - Fish Fry
Sept 23rd - School Closed

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

Oct 5th - 9TH - Book Fair
Oct 11th - Reunion
Oct 12th and 22nd - School Pictures
Oct 14th - Walk for Wishes
Oct 23 - School closed

FALL FISH FRY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12th beginning at 4:00pm for some Trinity fish. The UMM will be serving flounder, shrimp and catfish with all the fixings for just \$10.00 a plate. Homemade desserts will be available for \$1.00. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th of September.



NEWS ABOUT



At the beginning of each school year the teachers and children are very busy, but hopefully very soon the teachers can begin sharing with you on Parent Post. All of you should have received the letter about how to sign on to Parent Post. If you did not, it may be in your spam file. **It is important that you sign on** with a password so that you can comment on post and have a complete record of updates from the school on your child. If you did not get the letter one solution that has worked for a number of parents is to google ParentPost.com and enter the site. In the right hand corner log in, enter the email that you provided on your child's application and just click on forgot password. You will be sent an email with a site to change your password and that will get you up and running. Stop by and see Claudia if that doesn't work for you and she will help you sign on.

Two year olds

Estill, Milana September 28

Three year olds

Ashlynn Kidd September 19

Four year olds

Rishaan PranavKumar September 15
Ryder Shaw September 16
Milo Liner September 17
Cara Surratt September 26



With Love from Miss Claudia



A new year has started here at Trinity. It seems like just a few years instead of thirty four years. Each year brings a new little group of faces. So much has changed in those thirty four years. The first year our bookkeeping was a tin recipe box with a 3 by 5 index card for each student. Each month we would file the check in front of the card until time to post it to their index card and make a deposit. Now Cindy uses a computer program which was developed for management of preschool finances. There wasn't a copy machine so there were no School newsletters but each teacher still had her monthly newsletter that went out. The way we did them was by using carbon paper. For all of you babies that may not have a clue as to what carbon paper is, it is thin paper coated with a mixture of wax and pigment, that is used between two sheets of ordinary paper to make one or more copies of an original document. Most of the time, class newsletters were handwritten but sometimes typed on a typewriter. It took some time, if you had twelve children in a classroom. Children have always loved to color so for the copies we would tape an original to a window, place a white piece of paper in front and then trace. Our beautiful playground did not exist, but we went outside each day and played under the big oak tree. We played Red Rover, Crack the Whip and their favorite 3-2-1-Blast off. Ask your parents to explain what these games are because these games don't come with an app for the iPad. So much has changed but one thing that has not changed, will never change is the way preschoolers are. What they most want is people who love them and want to spend time with them. Quality time is still the child's most coveted gift.

We need Your Help to Promote our school



The day of long waiting list for preschools is over. It seems that all the schools still have openings and we are not excluded. We ask that you tell all your friends about Trinity. My grown children hate to go out with me for Sunday lunch because they say they keep losing me. I see a family with a preschooler and we start talking about how much we would love them at Trinity. This church is not surrounded by developments the way some schools are. Most of you are here from the recommendation of a friend or family member. Our prayer is for about a dozen more children. (For the past 34 years, Prayer has worked and I have no doubt it will this year. We would literally go to the sanctuary and ask God for the number of children that we needed and hurry back to the phone because we knew that he would deliver) Having 10 to 12 new children would make all the difference in the world with our very tight budget. Yesterday one of our Moms stopped by the office and added two days to her daughter's school week, so that's one! Besides following families around in the grocery store, there are two more things we can do. We have made half page flyers that we would love for you to put in the paper boxes or tape to mailboxes in your neighborhood. They may not be put in mailboxes. Many of you live in developments that have monthly newsletters and we would appreciate our school being listed there. If you need any information or flyers, please see Claudia or Cindy.



From Cindy's Desk

Monthly tuition payments are due by the 15th of each month. A late fee of \$10.00 will need to be added to all tuition payments received after the 15th unless you have spoken to me. Also please note that there is a \$15.00 fee for all returned checks. My office hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-12. On Monday and Tuesday I will check email and phone messages after class. You can reach me by phone or email.
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Make - A - Wish grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories, on an average, every 38 minutes. On October the 14th our children will Walk for Wishes to raise money for this organization. We do this in memory of Isaiah Joseph, who was a graduate of Trinity Preschool. We lost Isaiah to brain cancer, but are so thankful that he was able to fulfill his dream of a Disneyworld vacation with his family. This vacation was paid for by the Make a Wish Foundation. The money we raise will go to making other terminally ill children's wishes come true. Make your calendar now and you will receive more information in the next few weeks.



About our Newsletter

During the first week of each month you will receive your Trinity Playschool Newsletter. We have a column called "Parent Exchange". In this column you can tell the other parents anything that you would like to share. This is the space where you can announce yard sales, introduce your small business or anything that would be an interest to other parents. You never know, you may have something like a baby crib that another parent would love to buy used. Email Claudia at claudia@trinityumcofcharlotte.com announcements that you want to include in the upcoming newsletter by the 20th of the previous month.



Hot Dog Wednesdays

Many years ago a group of Trinity members (mostly senior citizens) came up with the idea of selling hot dogs each Wednesday to raise money to buy a church bus. That group of members have not only bought their bus but paid off much of the family life center and so much more. The menu of hot dogs has grown over the years to include hamburgers, corn dogs, chicken sandwiches, bologna sandwiches, BBQ's, fries, chili and pintos and some of the best homemade desserts that you will ever taste. Many of the playschool families stay each Wednesday to eat lunch. It has become one of the most popular places in the area to eat on Wednesdays. Make sure you stay one Wednesday soon. You will be glad that you did



Kid's Say the Cutest Things

This summer at the end of the day Miss Susan's summer class were sitting in a circle talking and waiting to be picked up. A favorite game in Miss Susan's class is Give Me a Word That Starts With...That day they were doing the letter "D". They had been around the circle a couple of times and it became Milo Liner's turn again. "OK, Milo can you give me another word that starts with "D"? " Dodecagon" was his answer. A very perplexed Miss Susan said, "Is that a dinosaur?" Milo gave her one of

those looks that said, "Did I really hear you say that?" and then very politely said, "No "Miss" Susan. A Dodecagon is a 12 sided shape." When we did our research we found that a Dodecagon is a three dimensional, 12 sided shape. I can't wait until that question comes up on Jeopardy, because I am guessing because of Milo's help, Miss Susan and I make up a small percentage of the population that knows the answer to that one!

Wanted:

- People who go through life making decisions with their hearts more than their brains.
- People who think jokes four-year-olds tell are funny.
- People who think there is no such thing as terrible twos, just twos who act like twos.
- People who may find the energy of a three year old tiring, but like them anyway.
- People who know all the wet diapers in the world are worth the smile from a one-year-old.

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED
AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR TRINITY PLAYSCHOOL.

On the bulletin board outside of Claudia's office you will find a sign-up sheet. On it please put your name, email and phone number, days you could sub and ages that you feel comfortable working with. The pay isn't great but the admiration and sticky kisses from a class of preschoolers more than make up for the small paycheck.

