

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

PARENT PARTICIPATION IS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR SCHOOL!

This month we are having a Fall Tri-Tip BBQ on Friday, Oct 12. Help us reach our goal of \$2,000 by selling or buying the BBQ tickets you have received. The meal comes with a Tri-Tip sandwich, fruit, chips, and a dessert item. Pre-sale tickets are \$12 or \$15 at the door. Kids meals are also available. A chicken corndog will be substituted for the tri-tip sandwich and pre-sale tickets are \$5 or \$8 at the door. **Proceeds from this event will help us purchase supplies and materials for our classrooms. The public is invited to attend, too.** Meals will be for Dine-In or Take-Out will be served 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 4:30-6:30 p.m.



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Cupcake, the pony is coming on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 16 and 17, at 9:00 a.m. Stop by the office and see last years pictures. There is no obligation to purchase. Every child will get their picture taken and you can decide whether or not you'd like to purchase them, after you see them. If your child does not attend school on Tues. or Wed. you are welcome to come, and stay with your child, to have his/her picture taken. Siblings are welcome to have their pictures taken, too.

Blessings for A Bountiful Harvest!



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 4 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Wear your school T-shirt, to show your school spirit. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30 PM.**

Friday, October 11 - FALL TRI-TIP BBQ. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. or 4:30 -6:30 pm

Wednesday and Thursday, October 16 and 17- PICTURE DAYS, WITH "CUPCAKE", THE PONY.

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

We will read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic", from the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear", and Ms. Shirley, will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on Kindness.

This wonderful time together will be on **Wednesday and Thursday October 2 and 3, at 9:05 AM**, in the church narthex.



Ms. Ashley and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Hello Pre-K Families! We have SO many new and exciting things happening in our class. We have begun to introduce our "Zoophonics" with our friend "Allie Alligator" who is helping our students to learn the sound and body motion associated with her! Just ask your child "what does Allie Alligator do?" and see what they've been learning! We will also introduce "Bubba Bear" (B) and "Catina Cat" (C) this month as well as the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Be on the lookout for both the "Book Bag" and the "Guessing Can", which may be sent home with your child. As some of you may have noticed, we have an abundance of caterpillars in our backyard! Our children are so curious about these little critters that we have begun discussing what exactly happens in the lifespan of these fuzzy friends, from caterpillar to butterfly. As your child may have mentioned, we have begun to share our "families are special because..." papers in class. If you have not, please take the time to sit with your child and complete this, as they love being able to share about their families in class. We place each of these in a binder, in our library, so they have the opportunity to look through this all year long and learn more about one another. Finally, we have enjoyed the time we have had to meet with each of you during parent-teacher conferences and the opportunity we've had to talk about the wonderful children that make up our class family! ~Ms. Ashley

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

We were so happy to welcome Ms. Elizabeth to our class! She has helped us get to know one another as well as ourselves. We used mirrors to notice the color of our hair and eyes and to help us as we drew our self-portraits. We studied rectangles and used two long straws, two short straws, and glue to make a rectangle railroad. Look for your child's boxcar, on the wall above the calendar, next time you're in the classroom! We are learning colors, with a focus on blue and we started letter recognition with Aa, Bb, and Cc. Thank you all for the beautiful apples you sent with your child while we were studying the letter Aa. We weighed and counted them as well as sorted them by color. While studying the letter Bb, we planted some bean seeds. The children have been using rulers to measure them daily! They have been growing 1/2 to 1 inch each day! We learned about Moses and the Ten Commandments. After discussing the importance of the commandments,

we decided our class needed a formal list of rules, as well. We came up with our own "Classroom Rules" which are posted, at eye level, in the class. Lastly, thank you to everyone who sent in a pair of socks as we learned about the number 2. We had a great time mixing them up and matching them. We are looking forward to welcoming fall and another great month. ~Ms. Andrea

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Swati's Toddlers

Fall is in the air and the children are very aware. In September they experienced the falling of leaves, and their change of color. We took walks around the school and church, looking for leaves and using them for various projects. Thank you for bringing in apples for the children to use to measure, sort and taste. We made apple turnovers, which was a wonderful cooking activity. The children enjoyed mixing, pouring and measuring ingredients. Their facial expressions said it all and the turnovers were yummy. Our conferences went well also. It was a great time of getting to know you and having the opportunity to talk about your precious children. They are growing and learning, and it is a pleasure to share these moments with you. In October our focus will be on fall fun, and whatever else the children seem most interested in. Harvesting will be one area we could talk about because of the pumpkins that will be visible this month. We will also be asking the children to bring in a pumpkin to share with the classroom. Remember that the weather is changing. It would be helpful to make sure that your child has a sweater or jacket at school, daily. Thank you, ~Ms. Shirley

Congratulations to Juliette Jones and her mom, Katie and dad, Even, on the birth of her new baby brother!



Dean Jones
It's A Boy!

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

Thank you, to my young toddler families, who have taken the time to meet with me, for parent-teacher conferences. I look forward to the conferences that are still to come. I truly value the opportunity to meet with you! In September, I spent time encouraging the young toddlers in developing their interactions with each other. They are showing more and more interest in each other. It is a joy to watch them point out a picture of a friend on a cubby or a Family Photo Board, to catch them observing or playing with others, and responding with laughter or to see them acknowledge the arrival of a friend or watch them wave or blow a kiss, as they say "goodbye"! With the apples your child brought in, the children were able to enjoy a variety of "apple experiences". We looked at their similarities and differences, observed the "Star", when we sliced them open, pretended to pull them from a tree, and tasted them. We also made our own applesauce which they were able to enjoy eating while it was still warm (Yum!). I count it a privilege to be a part of you and your child's lives! Blessings! ~Cindy Bo