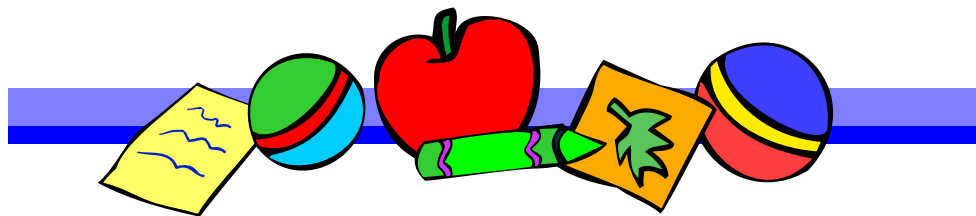


Weekday News

Fall Quarter

November 2009



From the Director

This year is off to a great start! Our children have settled into their routines, there are no more tears when our babies and toddlers arrive at school. Transitions are not so difficult because we are all happily moving up and down the halls!

I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with such wonderful, creative and inspiring teachers! We hope you have seen our prayer circle each morning. We start our day together before our children enter, lifting up our joys and concerns. We pray for our children and families by name. This special time together begins our day focused where it needs to be! Stop by our office to put any prayer concerns or joys on our prayer board!

I would like to thank all the families who supported our book fair by purchasing books for classrooms and working our event. The school has benefited from your generosity and will have over \$1,000 to add needed curriculum, resources and books for our library. Look for the winter quarter to focus on literacy.

If I have not had a chance to visit with you personally, please stop by the office...I would love to take time to get to know all of our families.

Grace and much joy!

Cathy

Great Resources...
National Center for Family Literacy
www.famlit.org

Innovative Kids
www.innovativekids.com

PBS Parents: Early Math Reading and Language
www.pbs.org

What's New at School

Shopping days for families!
Children can stay for "Fun with Friends" from 2:00-4:00 p.m. beginning November 30 to December 17 for \$7.00 a day!
Stop by the office to make your reservation today!
Space is limited!

Did you know?

We are in the process of submitting grants to help us with our "garden project." We will have an outside learning environment for our children to experience growing plants, composting and a worm farm. Our Kindergarten class took shovels and helped break ground! Their pictures were sent along with a grant to show our space and the many "happy faces" of the children who will benefit from this extension of our learning environment. Look for the garden by our little house. We will soon have a huge spot dug and a six foot wrought iron fence with two gates! The school will have a celebration and dedication of the garden in the spring. If you would like to help with our project, find the bulletin board in our hallway with a huge flower. There are many opportunities for families to help with the items needed for our space. We would also love to have grandparents come help us with our gardening and harvesting. We will have many areas for vegetables, herbs, plants to attract butterflies and much more. Keep an eye out...exciting things are happening!



Coming in January

30 days of Preschool Literacy Activities for families to do at home from the National Center for Family Literacy. January is book month...helping children with print awareness, oral language, alphabet knowledge, early writing, and phonological awareness. Families will receive a packet to help with special activities to do at home together. At school, we will be working on telling stories, writing stories and reading together. We invite any parents or grandparents to come and read to our children. Sign up in your class or the office.

Breakfast with Santa and Carranza Puppet Show! Plus "Stay and Play"

Saturday, December 12
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Pancakes and Puppet Show
Visit with Santa
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Stay and Play while parents go Christmas shopping!

Reservations are needed for Stay and Play!

Look for more information!

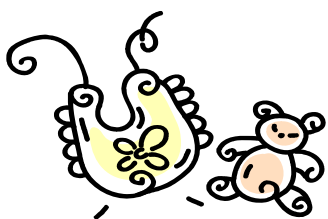


Remember we follow Spring I.S.D. calendar... Our Thanksgiving holiday is November 23rd - 27th
See you on Monday, November 30th!
Christmas Break is December 21st - January 4th
See You on Tuesday, January 5, 2010!

Preschool Vision and Hearing Screening is due by December 18th!

Preschoolers Watching Loads of TV (*The National Institute for Early Education Research*)

Data released this week by Nielsen News shows that American children aged two to five are spending more than 32 hours a week—or more than 4.5 hours a day—watching television. That's four more hours per week than kids six to eleven. *Suggestions to parents: Playing games together, reading, playing outside, visiting a local park, having children help in the kitchen with simple tasks, or baking cookies! Let us know what your family is doing together instead of watching T.V.*



Infants Corner

Our walkers love to go to chapel! When they hear the music, they walk a little and dance a little, until they reach the front. We have one who loves to dance up front with Ms. Cathy!
Ms. Wilma



Toddlers

We pray with our children before eating. They always wait until we are done with the prayer to declare, "AMEN!" many many times!
Ms. Mary
Ms. Carolyn



Twos!

Our girls were sitting around the table "socializing" and talking about everything and nothing, when one of the boys went to sit in the rocking chair. All the girls started to giggle slapping the table and saying, "oh that!" and continued to giggle. *Is this the beginning of girl talk?*
Ms. Amie
Ms. Becky

Parent/Grandparent Helpers Needed

Our school needs help processing books for our library. If you have a few hours a week, please stop by the office for more information! Thank you!



Five Day Threes

Our children were decorating their pilgrim white collars for our Thanksgiving feast when one of our little boys asked, "Ms. Tracie, why are we decorating toilet seat covers?" Ms. Tracie laughed and replied, "Because we are going to wear them." *You can only imagine the many puzzled looks Ms. Tracie received from her comment!*
Ms. Cosby
Ms. Burnham

We would like to welcome Leonetta Green, MA, Psy. D., Psychology Intern, from Krist Samarian Center. Leonetta will be available on Thursdays for appointments. Leonetta will lead a seminar for parents in January.



MOTOR...

Quote from Cindy Waller
"Last week I used 'two eyes' as a stamp on the children's arms after Motor Class. I was so touched when one of our children said, Look Ms. Cindy, its Jesus' eyes peeking out from my heart!"

Toddler and Two's Playground Refurbishing
We are excited to add a climbing structure and a riding track to our playground. Plans have been accepted and we are arranging for construction. Our little ones will be so excited to ride "big" trikes and wheel toys on the track.



Three Day Fours

Having a classroom with 10 girls can be a challenge. We keep lots of Barbie and princess toys in the classroom. The girls love to play with all the "girl" toys. So we were so surprised when dissecting our class pumpkin that girls were first in using not one but two hands in removing all the pumpkin seeds with all the slimy "strings." They truly enjoyed all the "gooey things" inside the pumpkin. We then enjoyed roasted pumpkin seeds, which the class declared to be just yummy!
Ms. Baldwin
Ms. Sivley

Five Day Fours

One boy in our classroom was having trouble writing his name. He would sit watching his friends play while he was at the table trying to finish his morning writing. One day he decides to write his name and is the first one done. Ms. Nichols takes him up and down the hallway to visit the classrooms because of his accomplishment. The best part was when he returned to the class, one of our girls said, "We're all so proud of you!" *What a special moment for them both!*
Ms. Luttrell
Ms. Nichols



Life in Kindergarten is so hard! There is always some kind of negotiating going on. Everyday we have to negotiate the amount of "hard work" we have to do versus playtime. It's a good thing I am not in the corporate world!
Ms. Westcott