



LCNS News

“Love one another.” John
13:35

Dear families,

February is going to be a great month at Nursery School. The rooms will be filled with love and hearts for St. Valentine's Day. See how many ways you can show your children how much you love them and how they can show love to others.

As parents you are your child's first teachers. Make this month special by reading to your child every day. Spend time in conversation with your child. By doing just these two things you will help your child on the road to literacy and the love of reading.

Thanks, Volunteers

I want to give a special thank you to all the family members who have been volunteering at the Nursery School this year. It has been very heart-warming to have all the help in the office and to have so many family members helping in the

Children model their parents. If you show love and kindness to others, they will too. If you visit the elderly, they will learn to enjoy those visits. If you attend church regularly, they will learn that worship is an important part of your life. Your greatest job in life is to be a role-model for your children.

If you have any questions about registration, our curriculum, or class schedules, do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,

Nancy L. Cartwright, Director

classrooms. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to the school and to assist in your child's classroom. We have noted several hundred hours of volunteerism already given to the Nursery School.

Linglestown Christian Nursery School

February 2012

Our Mission

Our mission is to encourage the spiritual, emotional, physical, social and intellectual growth of each child in a loving Christian environment.

Our Vision

Linglestown Christian Nursery School strives to: Promote Christian values, Provide a safe, loving environment, Practice benevolent and responsible stewardship

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Pink Day

Be sure to wear something pink.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for Scholarships for the upcoming year are due in the Director's office by May 1st. Financial aid award decisions will be made by June 12th. Notification will be given to families in our June 15th mailing.

Teddy Bear Days

Bring your favorite teddy bear to school.

The children will be telling their classmates about their bears (language development) and each floor will have a Teddy Bear parade (show pride in belongings).

Dental Health Month

My challenge to you is to bring as many healthy snacks as possible during this month! The children love pretzels, fruit and cheese, crackers, pudding, etc. Thanks for modeling good eating habits to the children.

Valentine Parties

This is a fun experience and children enjoy sharing Valentines with their classmates who have become so special to them. This experience goes nicely with the Bible verse this month, "Love one another." Teachers will distribute class lists for a Valentine exchange. If your child is beginning to print, encourage them to address their valentines. Put the names on the outside of the Valentines.

Note to Two Year old Classes:

The 2's decorate bags during class time for their Valentines.

Note to Three, Four & Five Year old Classes:

To get ready for our Valentine's Party the teachers ask that you help your child to make a Valentine Box. A box about the size of a shoebox will work nicely. Involve your child in decorating it in whatever way you like. Clearly mark the box on the top with your child's name. Make a large hole in the top to drop the Valentines in. The children will be so proud of what you created together. Bring it to school on the day of their party.

Parent Surveys

Thank you for participating in our parent survey in January. We appreciate your support and your responses.

Spring PowerPoint slide shows

2 year olds: Heather Ofak

3 year old am/pm: Linda Samson

4 year old am/pm: Cara Flod/Alison Long

TK: Christie Hanawalt

Volunteer Coordinators

Scholastic Book orders: Sarah Winters (Prophets) ,Dawn Stanley (Cherubs)

Teacher Appreciation Luncheons:

Jen Lock 651-1036 (Wisemen) & Angela Wydra 571-6361 (Wisemen/Cherubs)

Moo Money organizer: Jerry Bowden 652-5975 (Shepherds) fall & Erin Miranda 657-1428 (Two by Two) spring

Soda can tabs: fall: Jeannette Zimmerman (Shepherds), winter: Dani Wilhelm (Disciples), spring: Courtney Micklewright (Little Lambs)

Scholastic Book Fair: Dawn Stanley 566-0436 (Cherubs) & Angela Wydra 571-6361 (Wisemen/Cherubs)

Labels for Education: Christine Cutuli (Wisemen) 497-1172

Tyson's A+: Brigitta Scheib (Rainbows) 979-7292

Class News

Character Value: Friendliness Special Day: Teddy Bear Day and Medical Visitors Day Focus skills: manages feelings, displays manners, demonstrates spatial awareness, makes good food choices, know about dental care, recognizes color pink and heart shape, understands size differences

Two Year old Class News



Angels, Cherubs, Two by Two
and Little Lambs
"A friend loves at all times."

(Proverbs 17:17)

February brings lots of hearts to these classrooms. Look for some special Valentine's just for you! We will read the book "Corduroy" for Teddy Bear Day. We will also learn how Jesus made friends and how he taught cooperation. We look forward to a special visit from a medical professional.

Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Jewby, Mrs. Erb, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Guarente

Three Year Old Class News



Shepherds, Fishermen, Kingdom Kids & Rainbows

"Love One Another" (John 13:35)

Our Bible stories this month are the Good Samaritan and David and Jonathan were friends. The children will be counting hearts on the special wreath they will be making. The children are working on cutting and pasting as well as following directions. The children are also beginning to recognize their names and the names of their classmates on their nametags. We will have visits from nurses and doctors as well as our special "Teddy Bear Day".

Mrs. Fatula, Mrs. Santopietro, Mrs. Waltman, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Horney

Four Year Old Class News



Wisemen, Disciples, Miracle Kids, & Prophets
"Love One Another" John 13:35

The Four Year olds will have a busy February packed with exciting things to look forward to. They will begin the month learning about Groundhog Day. They will continue to focus on learning their addresses. Some Valentine's Day and President's Day activities are planned. Our Bible lessons this month are Jesus Heals Jairus' daughter, Calming a storm, Healing a paralyzed man and the Visit with Zacchaeus.

They will conclude their month with the always favorite Teddy Bear Day.

Mrs. Santopietro, Mrs. Moul, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Crouse, Mrs. Hamann, & Mrs. Young

Five Year Old Class News



Science: The Transitional Kindergarten class will be looking for the groundhog's shadow this month. Watch for their special

"shadow" craft. Creativity: For Valentine's Day they will make a craft full of "love". History: Our history lesson will be a discussion of the Presidents of the U.S. with a special emphasis on George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Barack Obama. Bible: Our bible lessons will be the Good Samaritan, Being Kind, The ten lepers and Jesus and the children. Getting Ready for School: The class will be writing their first and last names with a "thumb space" in between them. We will continue to write upper and lower case letters.

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path. Psalm 27:11

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks. Psalm 75:1

Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. John 16:23

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. Psalm 56:3

Mrs. Gallagher & Mrs. Young

Second Step Program

Dear parents of four year old children,
In recent months your child has been learning what to do about angry feelings. Your child was taught the following to say to her/himself:

1. How do I feel?
2. Calm down: take three deep breaths count slowly to five.
3. Say "calm down."
4. Talk to a grownup about my feelings.

The children are taught that it's okay to feel angry. Feeling angry is not "bad," but how one acts when angry is where many children run into problems. Angry behavior (pushing, hitting, etc.) is not all right.

You can help your child to deal with anger by doing the following:

Help your child to recognize when they are angry. Ask "how do you feel about that? Or say "Ooooh, that must have been hard on you."

Take deep breaths, count slowly and say 'calm down' with your child when they are angry.

Give your full attention when listening to your child's feelings. Some feelings are hard to accept, but a child can often work out these feelings by talking about them.

Let your child see you use the skills in real life situations. This may mean thinking out loud as you go through the problem-solving steps.

In class your child will be practicing calming down and dealing with: being hurt, being called names, having things taken away and not getting what one wants.

Getting Ready to Read Screening

Our 4 & 5 year old classes will be participating in the "Get Ready to Read" screening this winter. This screening tool is designed to explain how children learn to read, determine how far along a four/five-year old is on the path to learning to read and provide information, activities and resources that will help teachers help children to become more successful and enthusiastic readers.

Children develop literacy skills by having many early experiences with language, books and print. They can have these experiences as part of everyday life at home and in early childhood programs and through play, conversation, and a wide range of activities.

This screening is not an assessment to determine individual literacy abilities but rather, is an instructional tool to be used to help your child's teacher target literacy experiences within your child's program. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. Mrs. Cartwright

Lenten activities for your family

Lent may seem like a “heavy” time in the life of the church. How can this season of preparation for Easter be meaningful to small children?

Many people only think that Lent means “giving up something”. This can leave children dreading Lent and missing the greater meaning of the season.

First, we ourselves must understand Lent and enter into it with real devotion and joy. If we incorporate Lent into our conversations and practices, children will see Lent as a season of grace.

Second, children like symbols. As we use symbols during Lent, children will naturally ask “why” and we can use that as a jumping off point.

Symbol # 1: a bowl of water to remind us of our baptism. Baptismal candles or garments or even photos or videos of baptisms can help us tell the story of salvation.

Symbol # 2: Nails or a crown of thorns remind us of Jesus’ death on the cross.

Symbol # 3: Make soft pretzels and talk about praying with our hands folded.

Symbol #4: Palm branches help us remember Jesus’ triumphal entry in Jerusalem.

More Ideas for Lent and children

Lenten Practices #1: Meat-less days

Many families go meatless on Friday, giving the money saved on meat to the poor. Talk with your children about how Jesus gave himself for us and how we can give to others. Talk about people who do not have food to eat, talk about the poor in the world.

Most of the poor of the world eat a simple meal of rice and beans. The meal is healthy, nourishing and filling. Why not make rice and beans for your family.

Lenten Practices # 2: Cooking as Prayer
Preparing a meal can be a wonderful prayer. Cooking for our family or for others, can be an act of love.

“Dear Lord, as you nourish us with your love, let me prepare this nourishment with you at my side. Give me the joy of being creative and loving, self-sacrificing and generous. Let me offer this meal as a religious experience for me and for my family. As I prepare, help to contemplate the men and women in villages around the world who are preparing meals today for their families-with great love, and with what they have. Thank you for your love. I now prepare to share it. Amen.”

Lenten Practices # 3: Daily Prayer
Give thanks on Sundays,
Pray for those in need on Mondays.
Act out of love on Tuesdays.
Look inward on Wednesdays.
Study Scripture on Thursdays.
Fast on Fridays.
Be good stewards on Saturdays.

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Reaching and teaching children for
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Registration Information for current families

Step 1: Registration forms

1. Registration forms will be distributed in January in the Two and Three Year old classes.
2. Registration forms for TK will be distributed at TK Information Session
3. Families with siblings eligible for the 2's or 3's classes should come to the office in January to pick up a registration form.

Step 2: Registration Day, Feb 1, 8:45

1. Current students & church members bring your Registration Form(s) and the \$40 registration fee per child to the cafe.
2. Pick up your numbered ticket as you enter.
3. Browse at the Book Fair or sit and enjoy the café.
4. Ticket numbers will be called and registration forms taken on a first come-first served basis.
5. You will receive your first choice unless you are notified by the office.

After Feb. 1, bring your Registration Form (and fee) to the Nursery School Office. In order to be assured of a space for your child, you must register before registration is open to the public

If there is a school delay or closure, registration will be held the next school day.

Registration for alumni families will be on February 8 at 10:00.

Registration for the general public will be on Feb 15 at 10:00.

Book Fair—Jan 30 to Feb 3 in the cafe

For more information, contact Sarah Winters (671-0366)

Health Forms

Bring your completed Health Forms to the Nursery School office after your child's next check up so we can update our records. This will eliminate having the physical done during the summer. Thanks. Additional forms are available.

Substitutes needed for 2012-2013

The Nursery School is seeking qualified paid and volunteer substitutes for the upcoming school year for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Nancy Cartwright for an application. References, State Police Clearance and Child Abuse History Clearances and **experience with children are required.**