



LCNS News

Dear Families,

Welcome back. I hope that the New Year brings good things to you and your families. I continue to lift your children in prayer and would appreciate your continued support in all ways, including prayer, for the Nursery School.

"God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

Yours for reaching and teaching children for Christ,

Mrs. Cartwright



Linglestown Christian Nursery School

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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

Blue Day

Be sure to wear Blue on Blue day.

Reminder: Inclement Weather and Illness

Please review the Inclement Weather policy and the Health policy in your Family Handbook. Thanks to all of you who have been calling the school before 9:00 to let us know of your child's absence. The teachers really appreciate knowing.

We are grateful that you have not been sending your children to school when they are feeling under the weather.

Emergency Form Reviews

Each January you are asked to review and update your Emergency Form. Please take these extra few minutes to look over your form. It is very important that we have current information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Orders

No book orders will go home in January and February due to our Book Fair which will be held from Jan 30-Feb 3 in the café.

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Beach Day

Getting tired of winter? Let's pretend we are going to the beach! Bring your beach towel, sunglasses and hat. **Wear your shorts, t-shirts and shoes (no flip flops). DO NOT HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR A BATHING SUIT.** (Feel free to send a pair of long pants in your child's book bag in case he/she gets cold.) This is a favorite day. Any additional instructions will be posted outside the classroom doors.

Body Rights Program for Children

Good Touch/Bad Touch

An Educational Trainer from the YWCA will present the program, "The Owner of Your Body is You." This 30-minute program addresses the concepts of body ownership, inappropriate touches and secrets and the right to say NO to unwanted touches. It stresses the importance of telling and who to tell. Students learn to keep their bodies safe by saying NO, getting to a safe place, and telling someone. This program is meant to be both an educational and enjoyable experience. A 15 -minute video is included. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

Body Right: Good Touch, Bad Touch Schedule

Room 206 Upper Level

Wednesday

9:45 Shepherds (3's)

10:10 Cherubs (2's), Little Lambs (2's)

10:30 TK (5's), Wisemen (4's)

1:15 Kingdom Kids, Miracle Kids

Thursday

10:20 Fishermen (3's), Rainbows (3's)

10:50 Angels (2's), Two by Two (2's)

11:20 Prophets (4's), Disciples (4's)

Ident-A-Kid

Ident-A-Kid is the nation's largest child safety provider of child identification cards. For 25 years the company has provided pioneering programs and expert services designed to protect the safety of our children. Flyers with a detachable application envelope will be send home in early January. You are invited to participate if you wish. This program is entirely optional on your part.

Ident-A-Kid will be at LNCS on Wednesday, January 12 and Thursday, Jan 13 in the Upper Level Resource Room.

11:00-noon Wed am classes (Shepherds, Cherubs, Little Lambs, TK, Wisemen)

9:45-10:45 Thurs Am classes (Fishermen, Rainbows, Angels, Two by Two, Prophets, Disciples,)

12:45-1:15 Pm classes (Kingdom Kids, Miracle Kids)

Open House for prospective families

Two Open Houses will be held in January and one in February at 9:45. Families will be taken on a tour of the school and participate in a questions and answer session with Mrs. Cartwright.

A number of you volunteered to assist as greeters (and tour guides) by sharing your enthusiasm for LCNS and others volunteered to provide refreshments for our guests. Someone will be contacting you soon to confirm your interest.

Help us spread the word about Linglestown Christian Nursery School.

If you know of a family who may be interested in a quality Christian education at LCNS, please have them call Mrs. Cartwright at 545-3617 to set up a tour. Encourage them to check out the website: www.linglestownlife.org Click on the Nursery School page.

We have flyers that can be hung in stores, churches and other public places. We appreciate your help in posting them.

Meet & Greet for 2 year old families

Our two year old families are invited to an Open House to meet and greet our three year old teachers.

11:30 Meet in cafe, then Mrs. Cartwright will take you upstairs to meet the 3 year old teachers:

Mrs. Fatula & Mrs. Santopietro

Meet the teaching staff, introduce yourself, see the rooms, view their artwork.

RSVP to Mrs. Cartwright

Transitional Kindergarten Information Session

Families from our Four year old program who might not be sending their children to Kindergarten are invited to meet the teachers and learn more about the program and curriculum.

+To enroll in Transitional Kindergarten, children must be 5 before September 1st.

+Attendance at the Open House is required if you are interested in enrolling your child in this program.

+Receive your TK Registration form at TK Open House. Complete and return your TK Registration Form on Registration Day.

If you know of someone who may be eligible for this program, please invite them and pass their name and phone number to Mrs. Cartwright.

RSVP to Mrs. Cartwright

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 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

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

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.



Class News

Character Value: Sharing Special Day: Beach Day Focus Skills: knowing body parts, completing tasks, demonstrating pre-writing skills, demonstrating body coordination, recognizing blue and snowflakes, understanding concepts of time, investigating and exploring, Good Touch, Bad Touch

Two Year Old Class News



Angels, Cherubs, Two by Two, Little Lambs
Bible Verse "Jesus loves the children."
Matthew 19

Bible Story: David & Jonathan, A big catch of fish.
We will make snow pictures and start working with squeeze scissors. We will learn about our senses. We will thank God for our nose, mouth, eyes, ears, hands, and fingers. As always, we will have many fun and exciting activities to help us reinforce each of the five senses we talk about.

Book: "The Hat" by Jan Brett and a delicious snack to accompany our story.

Three Year Old News



Shepherds, Fishermen, Rainbows, & Kingdom Kids
Bible Verse "God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

Bible Stories: Abraham and Lot, and Elijah

Puppets: I'm too hungry to share

Science: winter science projects this month.

Readiness: The three's are doing more cutting and are doing very well.

Second Step: Accidents, What is Fair?, I Feel...When, Listening, I Care

Four Year Old News



Wisemen, Disciples, Prophets and Miracle Kids,
Bible Verse: "God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

Bible stories: Jesus Obeyed His Parents, Baby John, the Disciples followed Jesus, the boy who shared his lunch

Readiness: These classes are working on name

recognition and writing their names. This month they will focus on learning their addresses.

Second Step: "Am I angry?" "Calm Down", Dealing with being hurt"

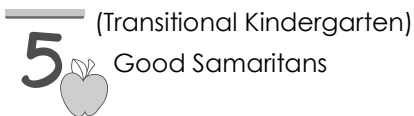
Puppets: She didn't want to share

Handwriting without Tears: Forming letters,

#'s 5 & 6

"Clifford" Weekly Reader

Five Year Old News



(Transitional Kindergarten)

Good Samaritans

Bible verses:

Praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God. Psalm 147:1

Quench not the Spirit. I Thessalonians 5:19

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Exodus 20:18

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Isaiah 55:6

Bible stories: Daniel in the Lions Den, Jonah and John the Baptist

Getting Ready for School: They will be working on writing letters and numbers. The children will use colors and shapes to form patterns. This is "last" name month when they practice writing last names only.

Weekly Reader: We will continue with listening exercises and the interesting facts which are in the Weekly Reader.

Science: The children will learn facts about winter weather and we will be making a snowman craft.

History lesson: We will study Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and different cultures in the world.. This will lead into a discussion about diversity.

Volunteer Coordinators

PowerPoint Slide Shows for Spring Programs:

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: 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

School Needs

(drop off at the office)

Buttons

Stickers

Religious Christmas card fronts

New or used CD's for craft projects

Food grade plastic "deli" gloves

Parent Satisfaction Surveys

Surveys this year will be done via an on-line e-mail through Survey Monkey in January. If you don't have e-mail, you will receive a paper copy.

Thank you in advance for participating in the survey. Your support and ideas help us improve our school.

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



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Reaching and teaching children for Christ



Epiphany

The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany also called "The Adoration of the Magi". Celebrated on January 6, it is known as the day of the Three Kings (or wise men/magi):

Epiphany comes with its own traditions, rituals and symbols. Carolers are going from house to house; in many homes the Christmas tree is taken down and in some areas is burnt in a big bonfire.

On the evening before Three Kings, traditionally there were prayers, blessed dried herbs would be burnt and their aromatic smell would fill the house. Doorways would be sprinkled with holy water and the master of the house would write with chalk C + M + B and the year above the house and barn door. ("CMB, protect us again this year from the dangers of fire and water.") "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" (Christ bless this home).

Spiritual Disciplines

Regular practice of spiritual disciplines enhances the formation of Christian disciples. These are some of the practices engaged in by Christians.

- +Prayer (private and public)
- +*Lectio divina* (Reading scripture slowly and meditating on it while asking the question, "What are you saying to me, Lord?")
- +Worship
- +Fasting (usually from food but may be from other distractions or encroachments on time with God)
- +Holy Communion
- +Christian Conferencing (Gathering with others for study, accountability, prayer, worship)
- +Works of Mercy (includes serving the poor, tithing and almsgiving, visiting the sick and imprisoned, acts of compassion and justice)

Our Christian Life

(What we do)

Worship Weekly

Pray Daily

Learn Constantly

Serve Joyfully

Live Generously

Our Christian Life

(What we believe)

Check our page four of the Family Handbook for a Christian Confession of Faith
