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Preschool News

April 2010

APRIL CALENDAR

April 5 & 6	Newsletter and tuition envelopes sent home
April 6	B.E.S.T. Club 7:00 Room 272
April 8 & 9	Spirit Day (wear your spirit shirt)
April 16	Current Families Return Standing Reservation Requests 2010-2011
April 20, 21, 22	Family Gatherings
April 23	<i>Ninth tuition payment due</i>
April 30	Teacher In-Service
	Preschool & Childcare CLOSED
May 3	Standing reservations accepted for 2010-2011 Child Care

Themes

3's and 4's

5's

◆ *Farm*

Planet Earth

◆ *Things That Grow*

Spirit Day

The key word of the month that will be introduced during spirit day is "**Honesty**". Be truthful with others. One of the Bible Verses used will be Matthew 27:11-14. "It's thoughtful to be truthful".

PARENT SURVEYS

Enclosed with the newsletter, please find a parent survey. Each year we use this tool to determine how well parents are informed, whether the facility meets expectations, and how our program is perceived by the families served. Your input is important and helps as we assess the program and continue to make improvements. Please take a few minutes to respond to this survey and return the form to the preschool office by April 29.

Help Please!

We are looking for someone to help establish our Butterfly Garden outside on the playground! If you have an interest in cultivating this fun project for our program, please contact the preschool office.

REGISTRATIONS 2010-2011

Information for children registered for the 2010-2011 school year has been mailed. Included is session assignment for the coming year and the procedure for requesting a standing reservation for childcare for the fall. Please read the material carefully. We continue to accept registrations for 3's, 4's and 5's. If you know of someone who may be looking for a preschool or childcare program, please ask them to phone the office 293-1617 to arrange a tour or visit our website at www.christumc.org for further information.

CHILD CARE RESERVATIONS

Families now using child care on a standing basis are being contacted concerning their needs for the 2010-2011 school year. The standing reservation card given to current users needs to be returned by **April 16**. Beginning **May 3** we will accept requests for **new** standing reservations for preschool age children who are enrolled in preschool for the 2010-2011 school year. When scheduling around preschool, please list the time needed on the days you wish with (PS) on the days you have requested for school so we can coordinate the two.

EXAMPLE:

Mon. 9 - 4 (PS am) Tues. _____ Wed. 9 - 4 (PS am)
Thurs. _____ Fri. 9 - 4 (PS am)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The teachers will include the April book of the month "Planting a Rainbow" into their curriculum. Lois Ehlert has written and illustrated this colorful picture book inspired by the world around her. Her signature stylized shapes and flat, bright colors bring forth a bountiful garden in Planting a Rainbow. In bold and exuberant pictures, a mother and child plant flowers in the family garden. Bulbs, seeds, and plants sprout and grow into a rainbow of colorful blooms. The children will love counting the flowers and talking about all the colors and different sizes of the flowers in this picture book.

Thank You! Our thanks to Barb Needles, Shannon Trick, Michelle Huxtable, Shannon Lupton and Polly Wellbaum who assisted with this years Easter Parties.

09-10 Family Gathering Teacher Assignment

Tuesday, April 20

Mrs. Cockerill MWF AM & TTh AM

Mrs. Shubert M-F AM & MWF PM

Mrs. Wisniewski TTh AM

Wednesday, April 21

Mrs. Long MWF PM & TTh. AM

Mrs. Kruse MWF AM/PM & TTh. AM

Thursday, April 22

Mrs. Combs MWF AM/PM & TTh. AM

Mrs. Wisniewski MWF AM

Mrs. Long MWF AM

FAMILY GATHERINGS

Our thanks to all who are involved with the Family Gatherings. We especially appreciate the help of B.E.S.T. Club Co-Presidents, ShannonTrick and Ann Lundgren chairing the Gatherings, the many parents who solicited donations from area business to be auctioned, and the services from Mr. and Mrs. Rick Feltner and their cooking crew preparing dinners. Remember to bring your tickets for dinner and the raffle baskets the evening of your child's dinner. If tickets have not been purchased for the dinner a grace period extends ticket sales until April 9. Silent auction and raffle baskets will be available each evening of the dinner. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets before/after your child's preschool session the week before the gatherings. Items are being donated from organizations in the community and connections with families in the program. For the silent auction, there will be a bid sheet for each item. The highest bidder then purchases that item the night of the dinner. Many thanks for the many ways support is provided through the year and especially during the dinners.

Help is still needed for our Spaghetti Dinners! Please return the volunteer sheet or stop by the office if one is needed. Assistance is needed with:

- Providing three dozen cookies/brownies
- Setting up tables and getting ready for dinner
- Clean-up after the dinner

BEST CLUB

Thanks to all of the families who donated items for the Family Gathering auction and raffle baskets. We have

collected many wonderful items, but we could always use more! The baskets will be outside the preschool office to accept donations for the raffle baskets until April 9th. The B.E.S.T. Club is also looking for parents who are interested in helping us plan next year's activities. If you will have a child in the preschool program next year, please stop by the office to see how you can help the BEST Club help our children.

BOX OF PASTA FOR A RAFFLE TICKET

During the week of April 12th children can bring in a one pound box of pasta to their class and receive a free raffle ticket to use at the Family Gatherings!!! The pasta boxes will be used as center pieces during the dinner and then donated to a local food pantry after the celebration. There will be several great kid-themed baskets to put the raffle ticket towards each night of the Family Gatherings. (We request please, no spaghetti noodles, but any other shape would be great!) Thank you!

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

As a reminder Meijer community rewards made some revisions to the rewards program. Families may register on line at www.meijer.com/mcrlmember. Rewards will be earned for purchases made with cash or using a Meijer credit card. **Member rewards will no longer include purchases made with checks, debit cards, or non-Meijer credit cards.** We appreciate those enrolled in the rewards program and the monies received through community rewards.

Father, We Thank Thee

*For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee,
For the tender grass so fresh and sweet,
Father, we thank Thee,
For the song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank thee,
For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For the beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.
For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee,
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson