



Trinity Lutheran Christian Preschool Newsletter

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From the Director

Wow! It is hard to believe it is March already. The year is flying by. The best thing about March is we can look forward to spring! We so enjoyed our 70 degree day outside last week and we are looking forward to many more days of warm temps and sunshine!

March is always busy as we meet with all of you for **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**. Hopefully you have all signed up to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's progress at school. We would like to remind you that each child develops at their own rate and may or may not master a skill during the year due to their individual readiness. Our goal is to treat each child as an individual and not only prepare them for kindergarten, but to create lifelong learners. Our days and environments are structured to accomplish curriculum goals, meet state of Ohio standards and give your child a successful start in school. Sometimes this can be very different from how they are at home. Conferences can help determine if your child is ready for kindergarten. It can be a gift to give your child another year if you feel that they are just not ready for that big step to kindergarten. We do offer a 5 year old PreK class here at Trinity. Kindergarten can be very challenging and some children just need a year to grow and mature; especially those with late spring and summer birthdays. (All Pickaway Co. schools have a Kindergarten cutoff date of 5 years old by August 1). Feel free to discuss your child's readiness with their teacher or myself. If you have not signed up or the dates offered did not work for you, let us know and we will be happy to meet with you at another time or have a phone conference. I hope you had a chance to read the article on the back of the conference information letter that was sent home. It has some wonderful information.

Our Trinity Olympics were so much fun! The kids had a great time carrying their "torches", competing in our own version of the games, eating red, white & blue popsicles and receiving their gold medals. What fun!

With February (and hopefully winter) behind us, let's "March" into a glorious spring!

OUTDOOR PLAY

As spring approaches, we will go outdoors to play as much as possible. Please make sure your child is properly dressed and has a coat or jacket, gloves and hat as necessary. Please put your child's name on their articles of clothing. I can't stress enough the importance of **play clothes and tennis shoes** for the playground, Muscle Room and classroom play. We want the kids to get the most out of their day without worrying about getting dirty, tripping, stubbing toes or running out of their shoes. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1.....Weather Drills
- March 5.....Parent Teacher Conferences begin-Mrs. Lamb
- March 8.....Bookmobile visits -Mrs. Bond's Class
- March 12.....Weather Drill AM only
- March 12....Parent Teacher Conferences begin-Mrs. White
- March 13.....Evening P/T Conferences
- March 14 & 15.....Parent Teacher Conferences -Mrs. Bond
- March 15.....Evening P/T Conferences
- March 19 & 20.....Fire Drills
- March 20 & 21.....Chapel
- March 27.Easter Celebration Mrs White and Bond's classes
- March 28.Mrs. . White & Mrs. Bond's classes sing at Brown
- March 29.....NO SCHOOL Easter Break
- April 2.....NO SCHOOL Easter Break

THANK YOU FOR . . .

- Replenishing our supply closet
 - Your help and donations for our Valentine Parties
 - Your participation in our Discount Card Fundraiser (We made \$3380!)
- Your generosity is appreciated!***

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**THE PRESCHOOL'S FEDERAL TAX ID  
FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES IS:  
31-4420128**

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SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11

EASTER BREAK: There will be **NO SCHOOL** Thursday, March 29 and Monday, April 2.



Teacher Talk

News from the classroom!

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

Mrs. Lamb Class: Hoppers

We are ready for spring! We will talk about the change of the seasons. Will March come in like a lion and out like a lamb? Hopefully we will have mostly lamb days! We will learn about the strength of the wind and see how as spring arrives, the earth warms up.

We will talk about how lucky or blessed we are around St. Patrick's Day. The Bible doesn't talk specifically about being lucky, but it does talk about being blessed. All we need comes from God. We can feel lucky, but we are truly blessed by God. Philippians 4:19 states, "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Easter is early this year. We look forward to an Easter egg hunt, making bunnies and learning the Easter story. "He is not here; He has risen, just as he said." (Matthew 28:6)

We will work on letters O, P, Q, R and S this month. We have been playing alphabet Bingo in class. We will continue working on counting and one to one correspondence.

I look forward to meeting with you at our Parent/Teacher conferences. The sign-up sheets are posted in our hallway or you can call the office to set up a time. I am very proud of how each child has grown. Thank you for sharing your little blessings with us.
In Christ's love, Mrs. Lamb

Mrs. White Class: Skippers

It is hard to believe that February has come to an end and we are "March"-ing into spring. We will be watching for changes in nature all around us. We will chart the weather to see if the month of March really does come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.

I have been spending time with each child over the last month, working on updating the assessment that was sent home in the fall. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress at Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you have not signed up for your conference time, please do so as soon as possible.

This month we will be working on letters R, S and T. We will be having "Silly Sock Day" on Thursday, March 15th.

You will soon be receiving a detailed letter about our upcoming **Easter Celebration** that will be held on Tues. March 27th. It will include an RSVP that we would like to have returned by Tues, March 20th. There will also be sign-up sheets asking for food donations for the celebration. We appreciate your help in making events like this possible. We would like for every child to have AT LEAST one parent or special adult attend this special event. Siblings are welcome also.

The afternoon class will be joining Mrs. Bond's class on Wed., March 28th to sing to the residents at Brown Memorial Nursing Home. We will share our Easter songs and our smiles with them! Also on the 28th we will have an Easter Egg Hunt. If you are able and would like to donate for this, we will need **FILLED** (and taped shut please) plastic eggs. We ask that the morning class send in 18 eggs and 16 eggs for the afternoon class. Thank you!

As I write this we close out the month of love and prepare to "March" through the remainder of our school year, enjoying our time playing and learning together. –Mrs. White

Mrs. Bond Class: Jumpers

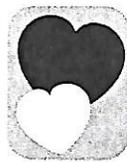
Thank you to everyone who helped with our Valentine's Day party. Also a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Harrow for the Trinity Olympics. The children had a great time participating in all of the fun events!

During the month of March we will focus on letters T, U and V. We will celebrate the birthdays of the state of Ohio and Dr. Seuss. A shamrock plant will help us learn the 3 parts of the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We will learn about rainbows and the promise that God made to the world. We will talk about Holy Week and the Resurrection as we prepare for Easter on Sunday, April 1st.

I look forward to Parent/Teacher conferences. It is exciting to see how the children have grown and developed since last September. It is amazing and wonderful to share with families the skills they have acquired and where we go from here.

One of Mrs. Harrow's favorite quotes is, "Readers are born on the laps of parents." I encourage you to cuddle up and read to your little one every day. It will help them learn to read. Let's read, read, read!
With love, Mrs. Bond

Research shows authoritative parenting is most effective



Researchers describe a kind of discipline that has positive effects on kids. They call it *authoritative parenting*. Authoritative

parents are caring, yet firm. They:

- **Set limits that are appropriate.** For example, children are not allowed to hit. Instead, they're encouraged to say things like, "I'm angry because ..."
- **Are consistent.** They choose a few essential rules and stick to them.
- **Communicate effectively with children.** It's easier for young kids to follow calm, simple and brief instructions.
- **Have reasonable expectations.** When parents expect too much, kids are doomed to fail. Expecting too little, on the other hand, hurts kids' skills and confidence.
- **Give children opportunities to be responsible and make choices.** A young child might help set the table, or choose between two outfits.

- **Support children's independence.** It's challenging, but critical, to allow the right amount of freedom—enough for children to grow without risking their well-being.
- **Accept children for who they are.** Children need to feel good about themselves and their strengths.

Disciplining in a loving, caring way isn't always easy—especially if it feels more natural to yell! But the results of authoritative parenting are clear: Kids are more accomplished and feel better about themselves. That's worth the effort!

Source: A. Fletcher, "Positive Discipline and Child Guidance," University of Missouri Extension, niswc.com/ec_authoritative.

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

—Charles R. Swindoll

Spring is the perfect time to teach your child about animals



Learning about animals is a great early science lesson for your young child. And spring is a natural time to focus on

this. Many kinds of animals are having new babies in the spring.

Here are some ways to help your preschooler learn more about baby animals:

- **Read a book about animals.** Check out a library book about your child's favorite animal and how it cares for its young. Choose one with lots of pictures. Ask the librarian or your child's teacher for suggestions.

- **Visit animals.** If you live near a farm or zoo, take your preschooler to see baby animals up close. If not, look for examples closer to home, such as baby birds that have hatched from eggs in a nest.
- **Teach new vocabulary.** Does your preschooler know that the name of a baby animal often differs from the name of its parent? Use pictures of adult and baby animals to teach your child *cow* and *calf*, *horse* and *foal*, and others. See if your child already knows some adult and baby animal names, such as *dog* and *puppy* and *cat* and *kitten*.

Are you building your preschooler's love of reading?



Helping preschoolers enjoy books prepares them to enjoy reading. Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below to see

if you're making reading fun for your preschooler:

- ___ **1. Do you let your child help pick which books to read, even if he requests certain favorites over and over?**
- ___ **2. Do you take frequent trips to the library and give your child plenty of time to browse and attend kids' activities there?**
- ___ **3. Do you help your child find books about his interests—whether it's dinosaurs, trucks or princesses?**
- ___ **4. Do you create pleasant reading routines, including relaxing with books before nap time or bedtime?**
- ___ **5. Do you read with enthusiasm to make books come alive for your child?**

How well are you doing?

More *yes* answers mean you're helping your child develop a love of reading. For each *no* answer, try that idea from the quiz.

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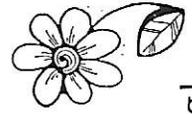
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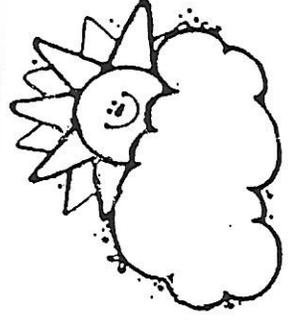
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| March 2018 | | | | | | |
| 4 Talk about animals your child might see in a zoo. What do they eat? Where do they sleep? Are they dangerous? | 5 Talk with your child about things that are associated with spring, such as flowers, picnics and sunshine. | 6 Discuss the meaning of <i>today</i> , <i>yesterday</i> and <i>tomorrow</i> with your child. | 7 When you read a book to your child, point out the <i>beginning</i> , <i>middle</i> and <i>end</i> of the story. | 1 Practice naming the months of the year with your child. | 2 Watch an educational show with your child. Afterward, talk about what is <i>real</i> and what is <i>pretend</i> . | 3 Make puppets by drawing faces on the bottom flaps of small paper bags. Glue on yarn for hair. |
| 11 Go to a nearby park or running trail. Everyone run like the March wind! | 12 Help your child make a get-well card for a friend or relative who is feeling under the weather. | 13 Measure and weigh your child today. Teach her about inches and pounds. | 14 Give your child a gift certificate good for one special activity with you. | 15 Have your child try fun ways to practice writing, like with a finger in salt or using glitter glue. | 16 Trace your child's hand on paper. Ask him to think of ways to be a helping hand. Write his ideas on the drawing. | 17 Help your child learn to identify coins. The penny is easiest because of its different color. |
| 18 Plan a week of alphabet dinners—serve foods that start with the same letter. Choose a different letter each day. | 19 Use a favorite book to play peek-a-boo. Take turns hiding behind it and then read the book to your child. | 20 Place a sheet of paper in a box. Have your child dip a marble in paint, drop it in the box and roll it around. | 21 Watch or read the weather forecast together today. Locate the hottest and the coolest locations on a map. | 22 Play a board game as a family this evening. | 23 Make a pretend mailbox out of a box. Write a note to your child and let her find it. Read it together. | 24 Sing your child's favorite song together. |
| 25 Have your child decorate a paper plate. Cut holes for your child's eyes and mouth to create a mask. | 26 Have your child close his eyes. Make a sound, such as jingling keys. Ask him to guess what you are doing. | 27 Look in the mirror together. Ask, "What color are your eyes? Your hair? How many hands do you have?" | 28 Give your child an empty plastic bucket and a wooden spoon. Let her tap the beat to music on her "drum." | 29 Have your child practice counting to five. If this is easy, count to 10 or 20. | 30 Keep the TV turned off today and let your child choose alternate activities. | 31 Hug your child, for no reason other than loving him! |

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March 20

The first day of spring!



"The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more that you
learn, the more places
you'll go."

—Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is March 2

Irish Blessing

May your troubles be less

Your blessings be more

And may nothing but happiness

Come through your door