

October 2010 E-Newsletter

Hello parents! This is a long newsletter...but full of good information!

1. A Moment Captured will be here at the preschool to take **pictures** on October 7 and 8. (These are individual pictures; we will take group pictures in the spring) There is no obligation to purchase; Cindy Strickland will provide you with a proof sheet and order form approximately 2 weeks after the photos are taken. Sorry infants...this is for toddlers and up. Here is the schedule:
  - Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>: Duclos, Patton and Power
  - Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>: Payzant, Duncan, Forrestall and any 3 day child in Patton or Power's class
2. **VPK Attendance Policy** Changes: Parents of VPK kids, please note that we have a new excuse form for absences (located on blue paper in the mail box bin in the hallway). You are always welcome to write your own note for being out, this is just an example. The biggest change is that it no longer matters how many vacation days you have per year. The 20% policy is still in effect; you cannot be out of the program more than 20% or 36 days without incurring a fee. This fee is equal to what the state pays us per day for your child. I will notify you individually if you are coming anywhere near this point!
3. **Absences from school!** It is no longer necessary for parents other than VPK to submit an excuse form. If you are planning to be out, it is nice if you will let us know ahead of time and if your child is sick, please just make a call to the school that morning. Thank you!
4. We are planning some fun activities for Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for **Halloween**. Kids may come to school dressed up in costume (please no witches or devils). We will trick or treat around the church building and then have a pizza lunch. Please send in \$3.00 to help with the cost of the pizza. This is for children in the PK2, PK3 and PK4 classes. See your child's teacher for specific class details.
5. We are excited to once again participate in **Read for the Record!** Jumpstart's Read for the Record, presented in partnership with Pearson, is Jumpstart's world record breaking campaign that brings children and adults together to read the same book, on the same day, in homes and communities all over the world. We will be reading The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats on October 7<sup>th</sup>!
6. Mary, Candace and I will out from work on Friday, October 1, 2010. We will be attending the Florida Association for the Education of Young Children **Conference** in Orlando.
7. The church newsletter Trinity Tidings is published monthly; extra copies are in the mail box bin in the hall if you would like to take one!
8. The preschool will be **closed** on October 22, 2010; this is a scheduled teacher planning day.

9. On Sunday, October 24, 2010, Trinity Church will be coordinating a **Health Fair** for church members and preschool families. The theme is “Do you know all your numbers?”. Information booths, displays, speakers, screenings and a healthy lunch: I hope you will consider coming to church and staying for the health fair! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or one of the administrative assistants in the church office at 222-1120. I have placed a flyer in your child’s folder with more details.
10. Our web site is getting a long overdue update! We are going to place photos of actual members and children rather than stock photos. You may recall that on our application, you signed acknowledging that we may use photos for our newsletter or to hang around the church. The attached **photo release** form gives us permission to use your child’s photo in print and on the web site. No names will ever be used to caption a photo.
11. We are pleased to once again offer speech and hearing **screenings** to our 2, 3 and 4 year olds. I will have more information for you as we get closer to the date, however, I wanted you to know that November 15 and November 18, we will have Dr. Selena Snowden and her staff from FSU here to provide these free screenings.
12. **Thanks** to everyone who participated in our “Enjoy the City” coupon book fundraiser! We made approximately \$1000 and will use this money for our scholarship fund – which was completely empty at the start of the year!

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