Family of Christ Christian Preschool

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October Newsletter

Chapel

Chapel begins for us this month. Usually chapel happens the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month for the two and three day classes, and happens twice a year for our one day a week class. After signing your child in, you may take them down to the sanctuary. We hope that you will be able to join us for our 15 minute worship; however we know that this is not always possible. If you need leave, let the assistant teacher know (she will be waiting by the classroom) and your child may sit with her.

This year our chapel offering money will be going to Heifer International. Heifer International is an organization that donates animals to families in poverty and also gives them training, Any family that agrees receives an animal through this organization also agrees to pass on the animal's first offspring to another needy family. This allows whole communities to rise above poverty. Our goal for the school year is to give enough money through our offerings for families to receive one heifer cow, a goat, 5 flocks of chickens, a pig and a water buffalo. Please pray for all recipients of these animals not only receive a full stomach but that they also come to know Jesus' love for them.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be October12th, 13th, and 14th. We will have non messy art on picture days and let the younger classes get their pictures taken first. Children will be getting their picture taken in front of a gray background and also with a prop. There is no need to send money on the day of pictures. You will be receiving proofs in which to order later – either online or through an envelope placed in the tuition box. If you are interested in having picture for your younger children, Jim and Linda will be able to do that before or after class – there will be a sign up sheet. We have been very pleased with Portrait**efx** pictures in the past and we are happy to have them return. When you order pictures, also know that the preschool earns a percentage from every order that helps in our fundraising goal.

Parent Association

Our first Parent Association Meeting will be Tuesday October 11th at 7:00p.m. We will be planning our Christmas party, other activities and some other fund raising ideas. We will need a many hands to pull it off. We need your help!!! Please join us!

Eveland Farms
Field Trips for Classes 4, 5, 6 & 7

Please pray for good weather and a safe bus trip as our older students attend a fieldtrip to Eveland Family Farms on October 17th and 18th. We will be having a hayride, petting animals, and picking out pumpkins. Eveland Family Farms is a wonderful outing for families as well. It is located behind Andover High School.

Book Orders

Book orders for this month are due Friday, October 14th. Online Orders are due on October 13th.

Harvest Party

Teachers have requested that all students wear orange on Oct. 27th, 28th & 31th. We will do some fun activities celebrating fall in our classrooms including cooking applesauce.

October Snack Prayer
"A Day's Grace"

I thank you now, dear Lord,
For my home and friends and food.
Help me to serve you all this day
And show my gratitude. Amen.

October Birthdays

Julia Arndt
Amelia Hall
Elizabeth Raab
Derek Schlomann
Brandon Seburg
Lillian Wright

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 3: Preschool in Session; no Anoka Hennepin Elementary School
Oct.5, 6 & 7: Preschool Chapel
Oct. 11: Parent Association
Oct. 12, 13 & 14: School Pictures
Oct. 13: Online Book Orders Due
Oct. 14: Book Orders Due
Oct 17 & 18: Field Trip to Eveland Family Farms…CLASSES 4, 5, 6 & 7 ONLY
Oct. 19, 20 & 21: No School
Oct. 27, 28, 31: Classroom Harvest Parties
Oct. 29: Family of Christ Fall Fest with Trunker Treating

Fund Raiser

Family of Christ Preschool will be partnering with Papa Murphy Pizza as a fundraiser this fall. We will be selling discount coupon cards for $5.00 and the school will be receiving a $4.00

profit from each card. Papa Murphy's is a take and bake pizza chain store. The coupons may be used at any store throughout the country…not just those listed on the card. We are open to having people take several cards to sell at work as well as for individual family use. Watch your mailbox for the order form and fill out the desired amount that you would like and return it to your teacher or the tuition box in the preschool office.
Thank you!

A Closer Look at Our Program: Science

Can preschool children really do science? They certainly can. We provide the children with many different items from the environment as we can: rocks, pine cones, acorns, seeds, fur etc. along with magnifying glasses for observation and scales for balancing. We also provide magnets and a variety of materials for the children to experiment with in order to find out what will attract to the magnet. Tubs of water offer children the opportunity to experiment with sink and float as they learn about making predictions. Science for preschoolers should be a hands-on experience. Having classroom pets, visits from other animals, and incubating eggs in the classroom is science as well. Through science, children learn to respect plants, animals and the life that God created. They also learn what is necessary for life to continue.

The Price of Children

It has been estimated that the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 years old is $160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition. But $160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into:

* $8,896.66 a year
* $741.38 a month
* $171.08 a week
* That's a mere $24.24 a day
* Just over a dollar an hour

Still, you might think the best financial advice is don't have children if you want to be "rich." Actually, it is just the opposite.

What do you get for your $160,140?
* Naming rights. First, middle, and last!
* Glimpses of God every day.
* Giggles under the covers every night.
* More love than your heart can hold.
* Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
* Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.
* A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate.
* A partner for blowing bubbles and flying kites.
* Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

For $160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to:
* Finger-paint,
* Carve pumpkins,
* Play hide-and-seek,
* Catch lightning bugs, and
* Never stop believing in Santa Claus.

You have an excuse to:

* Keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh,
* Watch Saturday morning cartoons,
* Go to Disney movies,
* Wish on stars,
* You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets,
* Collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backwards letters for Father's Day.

For $160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero just for:

* Retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof,
* Taking the training wheels off a bike,
* Removing a splinter,
* Filling a wading pool,
* Coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs,
* Coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.

You get a front row seat to history to witness the:

* First step,
* First word,
* First date, and
* First time behind the wheel.
* You get to be immortal.
* You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great grandchildren.
* You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost. That is quite a deal for the price!!!!!!!