

*Unit Letter*  
*"Family and Friends"*  
*September 2011*

*Dear Families,*

*Our school year is off to an amazing start, Praise be to God! I look forward to the smiling and anxious faces I greet on the preschoolers each morning. During class time we are enjoying opportunities to explore and learn while following "My Safe School" guidelines. My safe school reminds children to use listening ears, kind words, walking feet and loving hands.*

*During Jesus Time our class joins in a prayer lead by the prayer person of the day. Mrs. Elsner, Mrs. Wagner or I will assist the prayer person in writing their special prayer, so that as a class we can pray the prayer together. When your child is the prayer person he/she will bring home their written prayer in the class prayer bag. The bag will also contain a copy of the children's Bible we read from during Jesus Time. Please enjoy several Bible stories with your preschooler and return the bag and Bible next class session. Our Bible lesson for this unit will be Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9). Preschoolers will learn of God's love for them, he is always with us and he helps us. Our second Bible lesson will be Jacob's Dream (Genesis 27-28). Children will be reminded of God's love for them and the gift of forgiveness through Jesus. In this Bible lesson children will come to know God sends angels to protect us.*

*I ask that you please have your child use the hallway restroom prior to entering the classroom each morning. If each child enters our classroom with clean hands the spreading of germs can be greatly reduced.*

*During our unit "Family and Friends" these are the choice time activities available:*

*Dramatic Play: A bakery*

*Art Table: House shape with craypas and Craft stick families*

*Easel: Holding hands with friends and water color cakes*

*Science: Are You My Mother puzzle and Smelly jars*

*Sensory Table: Cutting Goopy Goo*

*Sensory Tub: Sand with connecting people and Sensory gloves*

*Letters of the Week: Bb and Cc*

*Shape of the Week: Square*

*Color of the Week: Red*

*Number of the Week: 2*

*During this unit these songs and rhymes will be introduced:*

***Our Washing Hands Song***

*Now it's time to wash my hands,  
Wash my hands, wash my hands,  
Now it's time to wash my hands  
And then I'll have my snack*

***Elephant Song***

*1 elephant went out to play  
On a spider's web one day.  
He had such enormous fun  
That he called for another elephant to come  
"Hey elephant"*

*(Continue with 2, 3, 4 and the final verse is...)*

*5 elephants went out to play  
On a spider's web one day  
They had such enormous fun  
But they fell through the web  
And the fun was done.*

***Snack Prayer***

*(Johnny Appleseed Prayer)  
Oh, the Lord is good to me.  
And so I thank the Lord.  
For giving me the things I need,  
The sun the rain and the apple seed.  
The Lord is good to me.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen*

***Important Dates to Remember:***

*Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6 are the first Chapel day celebrations. Our class time will begin in the Chapel. Parents please join us if you are able.*

*God's Blessings,*

*Janine Raab, LuAnn Elsner and Colleen Wagner*