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Creative Play School

January
2010

Parent/Teacher Meetings

The month of February will be set aside for Parent/Teacher meetings. This will be an informal time to get together and discuss your child's experiences at school.

There will not be grades or strict evaluations. We will have a record card to look over together. Parents and teachers will take time to talk about how the child is getting along. Teachers will share about activities and skills the children have experienced. Parents will share some of their insights into the children.

Teachers will be sending information home this month about scheduling times in February. The meetings will last about 15 minutes. We hope you will participate in this important sharing time.

Kate's Kart

In January, we will be collecting like new books for Kate's Kart. Krista Layman will come to share her story on February 1st and 2nd, and the children will present her with the books we have collected.

The Layman's established Kate's Kart after the loss of their daughter. They visit and provide books to ill children at several Fort Wayne area hospitals. Teachers will send home further information in their newsletters. As always, this project is optional.

Speech, Speech

Preschool years are critical times for speech development. Appropriate speech skills contribute to success in learning and communicating.

At CPS we offer a variety of daily experiences that encourage your child's speech development. These include activities such as story telling, reciting poems and nursery rhymes, word and letter games, singing, show and tell, as well as opportunities for conversation with adults and other children.

Did you know local schools offer screening and speech services for preschoolers? If you have any concerns about your child's speech development, be sure to discuss this with their teacher.

Here is a suggestion for a fun rhyming game you can play to develop language skills. Let your child listen and fill in the missing word. See if you can make up your own verses



Snowflakes, snowflakes
falling down
On the trees all over _____

Snowflakes, snowflakes
fluffy white,
Cover streets all through the ____

Snowflakes, snowflakes
on my nose
Chill my fingers and my _____

Dates

*Chapel Days
For All Classes*

"Abraham Obeyed God"

*Monday, Jan. 11th
Tuesday, Jan. 12th*

"Daniel and the Lions"

*Monday, Jan. 25th
Tuesday, Jan. 26th*

Tacky Visits Everyone

*Wednesday, Jan. 20th
Thursday, Jan. 21st*

During January

*Collect Books for
Kate's Kart*

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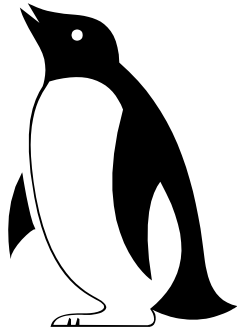
Sunday Morning Services:
8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am

Nursery-Kndg. care first hour
Children's classes available
2nd and 3rd services

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Tacky Time

On January 20th and 21st, "Tacky the Penguin," a.k.a. Terry Rayle, will come in costume to read the book, *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester.



It is a funny story about an unusual penguin who saves the day. His friends learn that even though he was an odd bird, he was a nice bird to have around.

There is a series of several picture books about Tacky's adventures. They teach a great lesson that we will meet people who are different, but who can make valuable contributions to the group. We can learn to get along with them and even enjoy their company.

Child Development

Early Childhood Alliance has provided us with a Developmental Checklist for children ages infant through 6 years old. This is a great general resource for parents in knowing where your child should be developmentally. The checklist also provides resources to contact within the public school systems in the area. Copies of the checklist will be sent home in January for you to review. If you have any further questions or concerns, you may contact Marcia Weller in the Creative Play School office.

Mat Mania

Later this month, we will drag out our fun collection of tumbling mats. They will be set up in the Fellowship Center. It includes ramps, rolls, steps, etc. Classes will use these during their large motor play time. This will be a great opportunity to try out some new skills and have a fun time with friends.

Welcome, Chelsea

Creative Play School would like to say "welcome" to our new intern, Chelsea Miller, a senior at Huntington University. She is serving an internship in Family and Children's Ministries at County Line Church of God till June. Chelsea will be substituting and observing in our classrooms this semester. Welcome, Chelsea!



Reminder: Creative Play School generally follows the DeKalb Central School calendar and weather-related school delays and closings. A two-hour delay will cause us to change our starting time to 10:00 a.m. Three-hour delays will mean Creative Play School is closed for the day.