



LEARNING EXPRESS

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Christ Lutheran Learning Center

October 2011

IN THE ARK WITH NOAHwe will be celebrating "NOAH" days on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28. The children are asked to dress as an animal for that day if they wish. If your child absolutely refuses to wear a costume, please do not be concerned. Many children are worried about costumes. Costumes may be as simple as a tail and ears or as elaborate as you wish. If you signed up to help with a party, you will be receiving more information soon. The Board is planning some great activities for this event. The children will have a wonderful time!

"Bring Your Family to School Night" is this upcoming Sunday evening, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Please come visit with your child's teacher and see some of the fun activities they have done this past month in their classroom. This will be a great time to meet other families in your child's school. At 6:15 we will all meet on the playground for an ice cream social. You may sign-up to bring refreshments for the evening by



clicking on the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/icecream246>

I hope you will be able to join us as children always enjoy sharing what they have made or done in the classroom with their parents, siblings, and grandparents. This is a great way to spend quality time with your child!

MUD DAY!!!

A special thanks to everyone that stayed and helped cleanup on Mud Day. It is always a fun day, but quite a job to clean up afterwards. We truly appreciate your help in making this such a popular activity!



Picture Days are Coming!

Teddy Bear Portraits will be here on Tuesday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 5th to take your child's portrait.

"WEAR YOUR COLORS" DAY

on

OCTOBER 11TH AND 12TH
to support
your favorite sports team!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.....on **October 7th & 10th.**

CLASS OPENINGS....We have several openings in our preschool classes. Please tell your friends and neighbors in case they are interested.

PLEASE HELP US.....by having your child go to the restroom before coming to school. We encourage you to have your child make a stop before going to their class each morning. It is often too late once the child gets into play here at school. Help us encourage your child to become independent.

We also encourage you to dress your child in loose fitting, easy to remove clothing. Garments that must be totally removed are not appropriate for school restroom time. If your child cannot handle a belt on his own, please do not let him/her wear it to school as they usually end up left on the floor

APPLE-BEE'S ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES!!

The Learning Center needs to replace the money used to purchase the new commercial slide and cedar porch swing that were unsafe for the children to use. Help support your hunger and CLLC's goal in one swoop! Purchase a \$6 ticket and go to Applebee's in Georgetown for bottomless pancakes, sausage, OJ, and coffee! The CLLC gets \$4 for each ticket sold. The fundraiser starts at 8:00am on Saturday, October 15. Just make sure you're in the door before 10:00am, and you'll be served up a hot breakfast.

PARENTS: This is our big fundraiser for the school year. If you are unable to attend or do not want to sell tickets, please consider doing a buyout purchase for \$20. Please return your ticket form, any monies (checks made out to CLLC), and any unused tickets by Thursday, October 6, 2011. Thank you for supporting CLLC!!

MRS. BETH'S TODDLERS

We had a wonderful first month of school. I am so proud of the kids; they are doing so well and are very sweet! We have been very busy this month making new friends and learning about ourselves. We are getting along really well! We have made some special projects to show our moms and dads at "Bring Your Family to School Night", which is Sunday, October 2 at 6pm. I hope that all parents and siblings are able to attend! We had so much fun at Mud Day and a special thank you to Nancy (Kendall's mom) for helping to stay afterwards to help clean up! We are looking forward to the firemen and fire truck coming on Monday, October 3rd; all parents are welcome to come! Thank you so much for sharing your children with me this year, we are going to have a great year!

Mrs. Anissa's

Little Ladybugs

We have had such a great start to the year. I have really enjoyed getting to know my little ones! Their adjustment has been wonderful and I really could not have asked for a better start to the year. So far we have finger painted, colored and painted at the easel. One of the most popular activities has been using stickers to make sticker collages! We have been learning about our surroundings and getting into a routine.

Mud day was such fun! The kids really loved seeing their parents come and even more so enjoyed getting dirty! I cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us and I am looking forward to seeing your little ones grow in many different ways!

MRS. LAURYN'S TWOS

WOW! Can you believe September is over!?!?!? We had such a good time in our first month and that was just the beginning. We had a great Mud Day and I want to say a big THANK YOU to Beth, Molly, & Dot who were our awesome party parents. We have lots of fun things planned for the month of October. First, the fire trucks will be coming and then at the end of the month we will have our "In the Ark w/Noah" Party and lots in between. I want to remind all parents to talk to me about potty training. All of the kiddos are doing such a great job trying to go on the big potty!! When you are ready to really commit to it I am here to help. I am ready when you are!! This year has started off great and I am very excited about the rest of the year.

MRS. BERNHARD'S THREES

We have enjoyed a busy month getting acquainted and settling into a classroom routine. It is such a pleasure to observe new friendships beginning to form. It would be nice if you could occasionally arrange to meet another family at the park so

that your child could play one on one with another classmate. We have also been working on our listening skills, on name recognition, and on using our good manners.

At the end of September we began learning about dinosaurs---and learning some new words such as extinct, herbivore and carnivore. If your child is especially fascinated by dinosaurs, I would suggest a visit to Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus for a new exhibit opening on October 8 (and it's free!). Also, check out the Austin Children's Museum for the current exhibit "Dinosaurs, Land of Fire and Ice", now through January 16.

MRS. JODI'S THREES

Thank you! Thank you! Parents you have an amazing group of kids. I love all the different personalities and how well they all mesh together.

Mud Day parents, (Jessica & Kim) thank you for all help cleaning up after Mud Day. To all my parents, thank you for coming, the kids really do enjoy having you here.

We are currently studying dinosaurs. I'm sure the kids have been telling you about our volcano erupting. Over the next few weeks we will be talking about community helpers and the different jobs that they do, such as firemen. On October 3, the Fire Dept. will be here. Parents are more than welcome to stick around and take pictures, or climb in the fire truck too.

MRS. MINSHEW'S FOURS

We hit the ground running in September and just kept going. We have already celebrated a birthday, Emylee Copeland turned 5 on September 8; and our first school-wide function, Mud Day, was a huge success! Thank you to Curtis Jackson for stepping in as party dad and thank you to Dana Anderson for being party mom, your help in cleaning up was immensely appreciated.

Phileas Frog has begun his journeys. He went home with Alex Jackson and Blake Bacchus for a week with each.

For science we have been working on predictions and recording results. In math we have been learning about sizes such as shortest and tallest. We have worked on the letters A-D in both upper and lower cases. We have also been working on hand washing before snack and lunch and pouring our own milk or water at lunch.

So much to learn...so little time! But we are packing in as much as we can, and having fun while we do it!

MRS. OWEN'S FOURS

Welcome back to school! Everyone was glad to see old friends and meet our new friend, Lucy Niederauer.

In our first theme Back to School, we focused on name writing and room rules. The Gingerbread Man helped us reinforce these activities. During our theme "Me-Ology" we learned how special we each are in our special ways. The month ended in discovering our bodies and the function of the different parts.

We started emphasizing the alphabet and phonics. Our alphabet book and cards, journal writing and a variety of other alphabet activities reinforced the learning process. We will continue working on these skills during October, as well as introducing sight words.

Mud day was a blast! We thank all the parents that helped.

Fire prevention, Fall and Halloween will be our themes for October. At that time we will be looking forward to having the fireman visit and our "In the Ark With Noah Day"

October is Family History Month. It could be fun getting out all those old picture albums and sharing them with your child.

*The Fellowship Committee
at
Christ Lutheran Church
invites you to the*

7th ANNUAL TRUNK R TREAT

WHEN YOU SAY!

Saturday, October 22, 2010
from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE YOU SAY!

at Christ Lutheran Church

WHO YOU SAY!

for kids of all ages!

WHAT YOU SAY!

We will have hot dogs, chili dogs, frito pie with all the fix'ns, soft drinks, and water. There will be lots of fun for all!

HOW MUCH YOU SAY!

3 and under -- FREE!
4 to 10 -- \$2.00
11 to 99 -- \$4.00
100 and over -- FREE!

There is a household cap of \$15.00 for people living at the same address.

Bring a dessert to share!!

Don't forget to bring lawn chairs and candy to share with the Trick or Treaters.

We encourage everyone to decorate your car trunk!

For questions, call Mary Greenway at 869-5528 or the church office at 863-2844