

Corner Clips

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In Our Classrooms



Our year has started with lots of excitement, new faces, and new experiences! The 8 children in our Toddler Learning Center have already posted original artwork, are singing, dancing, playing together, and enjoying lots of time outdoors. Our 16 Preschoolers are learning by leaps and bounds! Numbers, letters,

shapes and colors are evident each day in school. Artwork is beautiful and different every day. Singing and dancing, moving to music in different and creative ways, learning together and playing together, smiles all around. This year, 2 Kindergarteners join them in music, art, creative movement, Faith-based lessons, and play. They work together mornings in sharpening their new skills before going off to Kindergarten in the afternoons. What a joy it is to see everyone in our school together!

Our first special program of the year was presented by the Broomall Fire Company. Firefighter Andy Tucker and his crew came to our classroom to teach us about Fire Safety and to show us their big red fire truck. It was a very exciting day and we thank them, again, for their incredible service and valuable education. We appreciate all they do each year!

At this time of year, we have been preparing for our big Thanksgiving Celebration and Feast! We hope you enjoyed it! Thanks for coming!

We remind parents to:

- Dress children appropriately for the playground, especially as the weather becomes cooler!
- Check school bags each and every day!
- Mark calendars with special events (see your handbook for the annual calendar.)
- Pick up children on time for dismissal each day. (After 11:40 a.m. each day, cost is \$2.50/10 mins. or \$7/half hr.)
- Get tuition payments in before the 10th of each month. (\$10 charge will be applied to late payments.)

In This Issue

Hard to believe we're almost to the end of 2011! Inside, please find answers to questions, reminders about important procedures, some food for thought, and more. You are all invited to share in this newsletter! Bring your stories, songs, poems, ideas, or reports to me whenever you are ready. Although I do my best to get this project completed monthly, it rarely happens! The more news, the more chance of getting it done, so e-mail me if you'd like to take part. On with the school year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Mon. Nov. 21—** Thanksgiving Celebration & Feast. Join us in the sanctuary at 10:30. Feast follows.
- **Weds., Nov. 30—**final book order for 2011 due in the office by 9:30 a.m., to assure pre-Christmas delivery!
- **Dec. 9 & 10, 6 to 9 p.m.—** Christ Church Annual Christmas Pageant! Don't miss it! A wonderful way to start your holiday season!
- **Fri., Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.—** Annual Family Christmas Sing-Along! Join us before dismissal to ring in the Christmas Vacation season!
- **Dec. 17 to Jan. 3—**Christmas Vacation for CC.
- **Jan. 4—**Creation Corner resumes regular schedule.
- **Mon., Jan. 16—**School Closed for MLK, Jr. Day.
- **Weds., Jan. 25—**Pajama Day & Teddy Bear Parade!

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Tell us YOUR stories!

Submit articles to Marybeth Neyhard by the second Monday of each month. Drop in church mailbox or e-mail: creationcorner@christumcbroomall.org

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity. He leads me in the ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind, and His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish this day, I will not fret for His presence is here. His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my head with oil of tranquility. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall walk in the pace of the Lord, and dwell in His house forever.

~ 23rd Psalm, as interpreted by Toki Miyashina

What I've Learned From Parenting

It's been a couple years since I took the time to introduce my family. Things change, year to year, at my stage of life, but it's amazing to me just how much I still learn from my children. For instance, who could possibly learn anything from Eric, a 31 year old son, living in Florida with his wife of just over a year, working for a start-up engineering company? Just when I think he can't possibly teach me anything more about being a good parent, he asks me a question that gives me pause, or says something that makes me realize he's following in the patterns he learned from us, his parents.

Bill & I were married young, as people did in the 70's, and had Amy about 3 years later. She's now a mother of 2 who is self-employed as a graphic designer and a Lia Sophia jewelry advisor. Watching Amy & Mike with their children makes me realize just how hard we worked as a young parents, and just how complicated life really was. Time has a way of lessening the importance of the bad memories and tough times, but bringing out the joy and wonder parents can experience if they can just "live in the moment" and choose "battles" wisely.

Sounds simple, but believe me, I know just how difficult it really is. Spending time with our grandchildren in Lititz is so very exciting these days! And we are reminded with each visit just how short time with our little ones truly is. It's a lesson I can't teach enough to every young parent I meet.

We nurtured our children through their infant, toddler and preschool years, as best we could. We struggled through subsequent school years, trying to find our way. My being a teacher did help, since I had a sense of what needed to be done, and it gave me reason to align that, with what we actually wanted for our children. College was a whole new experience for all of us. Our first experiences? Bill found his technical school in Popular Science Magazine, and I was simply led by the hand to the Registrar's Office at WCU to fill out an application. That's how our first college decisions were made! We had determined when Amy was about 4 that our children would be going to college and would be given one chance to "do it right". Somewhere along the line, we expressed the thought, "Get jobs in cool places so we can come visit." That's where Kevin comes in.

It's been great to take weekends in Lancaster County, and wonderfully warm to take a weekend a year in Texas or Florida. Kevin has brought us to Tortola, Hawaii, and most recently, Alaska — he's a SCUBA instructor, and science teacher, whose work has given him reason to travel, and it's amazing that he's found a way to live this nomadic life with a sense of purpose. As he continues to search for his place in the world, it's a reminder that we are all searching for exactly the same thing. Where we are doesn't matter, but what we do and how we do it can make all the difference in our lives and in our world.

When you're not quite sure what decision to make in any given situation, don't hesitate to look to your children. Sometimes they have the answers! Those answers may not be in words, or backed with experience, but sometimes — if you're very observant, and listen to what they are *not* saying — you can "hear" solutions, ideas, and yes, even answers. An unknown author has said that "A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer." Maybe those questions will help us in finding the *right* answers!



Thank you for your Scholastic Book Orders. Our final order for 2011 will be process on November 30th. We truly appreciate all your orders, which have added to our collections, our bonus points for purchases, and free books for CC. Book sales will continue in January, 2012. Enjoy reading during Christmas vacation and into the New Year!



Opportunities for Giving at Creation Corner!

- *Food donations are being accepted this Thanksgiving. Bring non-perishable items to the church before Nov. 23rd.*
- *Mittens, hats, scarves are being accepted in December for our Mitten Tree!*
- *Aid for Friends: ask in the office for details! Non-perishable food items and other meals are welcome throughout the year!*



Creation Corner Honors go to:

Alyce Scafidi, for organizing our Kid Stuff Coupon Books sale. **Best ever sale in school history!**

Sue Shaw, former parent of CC children, and church member, for volunteering her time in **Faith-based instruction** for our children! We look forward to a year of learning more about our Creator!

Mike and Marie Gillam, for their generosity in **the gift of "Zoo on Wheels" for the children at Creation Corner!** What a wonderful opportunity for all of us. Thanks, so much for the exciting day!

Ryan Day, for his **donation of playground mulch, complete with delivery!** We thank you and your company for your kindness and generosity. The playground is safer and we are having so much fun using it on these beautiful days!

Tim Logan, Dave Caviness, and Debbie Fay, our church family members who are **always willing to lend a hand** to assist when needed. We appreciate your time and efforts.

All our parents who have made such generous donations of food, supplies, and time, whenever asked!
We truly appreciate each of you!



Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord! For food and drink and family, thank you, Lord!



Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me;
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Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.

WANTED:

Involved parents who enjoy communicating with teachers and other parents to make their children's school even better! Committees



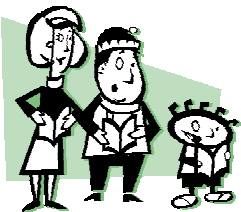
needed: advertising, future events for publicity and development. Please contact Marybeth if you are interested in helping Creation Corner grow and improve!

Congratulations to the family of Gauge Cooper (TLC) on the birth of their little girl, Savannah Rain!



Congratulations to the family of Juliana Colucci (PS) on the birth of their little boy, Angelo Valentino!

We wish you all extra-happy moments, years of joy, and sleep-filled nights!



Preschool Parents: Have you seen the Clifford Pages coming home?

Kids love Clifford and Clifford activities!

Promote discussion: Review them at home with your children.

Encourage them to tell you what happened in school



Financial Business:

Payments are due on the first Monday of each month. **Please note that after the 10th of each month, a \$10 late fee will be added to your account.**

Preschool / KE Parents: please note that December is the 5th monthly payment due. If you have not made 4 previous payments, please resolve this situation before the end of 2011, when fees will be assessed on late accounts. There is often confusion at the beginning of the year, with a tuition payment due in August **and** during the first week of school. Please check your records, especially if you receive an e-mail regarding this matter. Thank you all for your attention and assistance.

Final Preschool payments are due in April; final Kindergarten payments are due in May.

(TLC Parents: to avoid confusion, your first payment was due in September, and your last payment will be due in May.)

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

