

# Trinity Lutheran Preschool

## Back in School



### Flash Cards. Still Great Learning Tools.

Never underestimate the power and versatility of a flash card. Yes, those cheap (can be found at the dollar store for a buck) paper cards with information on just about anything. They can be used in so many ways. Stick them up around your house for a seek-n-find color game. Use Bible character cards to enhance family devotions or prayer time. Play a letter sound game by sticking them on items that begin or end with the letter on the card. Get two decks and stick them up in various places around the house for a letter identification matching game. Use number cards to make a fun exercise game (# 5 for 5 jumping jacks). Check with your child's teacher for more great ideas, and go out and get your family some flash cards!

### Save the Date!

#### Conferences

**October 24-27**

Preschool conferences are elective during this week, and please know that you can meet with your child's teacher anytime during the school year.

#### Halloween

**October 27 & 31**

Check with your child's teacher if you have signed up to help with your child's class party.

#### Thanksgiving

**November 21 & 22**

The 3 and 4 year old classes will read the story Stone Soup. Each child is asked to bring an item for the soup pot. Family members are welcome to join us at snack time.

### Scholastic Book

October Scholastic Book order forms are going home so, check your child's backpack.

You may order online or use the form from the printed flyer (place these orders in the black mailbox in the preschool snack room).

\*\*We earn a FREE book for our preschool library every time a parent places an order online.

#### Online Ordering Information

Web Address:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs>

Class Activation Code: **GMMTJ**

**ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 28**



## Ms. Kristin's 2's

**We have done an excellent job learning our classroom routine.**

### Way to go 2's!

Wow! Our first month of school is over! All of my wonderful two year olds have done an excellent job learning our classroom routine. We are all helping to clean up toys, we all know to wash our hands before snack, and we all know to sit on our green circles during circle time. We have learned to throw away our trash and to put our dirty plates in the sink after snack, and to wait for Ms. Kristin to open the door when it is time to go outside. Even though it may seem to be a number of little things to us adults, all of these activities help our school day run smoothly and help instill confidence and a sense of belonging to our littlest ones.



### A Color Hunting We Will Go

The two year old classes have started their journey through the alphabet, and we will be working on learning our colors, numbers, and shapes as well. I would love the students to try and wear the color of the day when we learn about a particular color. Our next color dates are Oct. 20-21 (yellow), and Oct. 26-27 (orange). This will give us each one more thing to spot when we go on our color hunts!





## Ms. Tabby's 3's

The three year olds have settled in nicely to our school routine and are such a joy to be spending time with.

In September, we accomplished so much. We learned the letters A-D, and numbers 1-3 as well as school rules, playground safety and using our manners. We are a very polite group. We also enjoyed the story of Creation and Noah's Ark. We are beginning to get comfortable with each other and are playing together more often now. Our friendships are forming.

In October, we will continue with letters E-H and numbers 4-8. We learned last week about our country, The United States of America. We will be studying the five senses, fire safety and of course the season of Fall with colored leaves and pumpkins.

I will be completing progress reports this month and look forward to speaking with you if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Thank you for sharing your children with us here at Trinity.

## My God and Me

We are traveling through the Old Testament in the Bible and hearing the important promises and messages God has given to us. We know that God gave Adam and Eve certain responsibilities and there were consequences when they disobeyed, but even then, God still loved and cared for them. We heard the story of Noah and how he and his family obeyed and trusted God when he asked them to prepare an Ark for the flood. In both of these Bible messages we learned of the promises God gave to Adam, Eve, Noah, and to us. Through the message of baby Moses we heard that God does mighty things and protected and cared for a helpless child, just as he does for us. Daniel taught us the importance and power of prayer and staying connected with God. When our faith and trust are in Him and we are open to listening and obeying God, then we will know in our hearts that we are on the right path as his disciples.

If you would like to follow along on our journey through the Old Testament then, see our tab [This Week I Learned...](#) on the preschool website.



**Teaching your child about the sounds of the smoke detector and knowing what to do if they smell smoke or hear the alarm go off are great things to know at a young**

## Fire Safety

**We will be learning about fire safety - here are some safety smart grown-up reminders**

- *Install smoke detectors on every level of your home*
- *Test smoke alarms once a month*
- *Replace smoke alarms every ten years*
- *Make a home fire escape plan with your family*
- *Find two ways out of every room and outside meeting place*
- *Know the emergency number of the fire department*
- *Practice your escape plan twice a year*
- *When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out!*

<http://www.newchildsafety.com>

## Ms. Jodie and Ms. Shannon's 4's

### Reading Groups by Christmas!

It is hard to believe we are in October already. We have been very busy working on reviewing our letters. Most know their uppercase letters, so we are now working on lowercase and phonics. We will be ready to start reading groups by Christmas time. As a writing exercise, we are working on first and last names with upper and lowercase letters. When practicing at home, please encourage your child to write in this way.



### Learning About God's People

We have completed three units in Social Studies. We have discussed Canada, Australia, and the United States. We also completed a unit discussing tolerance and diversity. We are excited to learn about Germany this month. We will be talking about the Reformation and making pretzels. We are finishing off "E" week with Green Eggs and Ham. We will be reading the book and having green eggs and ham for Friday snack.



### God Made ME!

In our first few weeks of school we talked about how God has made each one of us special and unique. We learned about our bodies and many of it's amazing parts and some of their functions. Our lungs can blow up like a balloon; our muscles act like rubber bands and our brain is our body's computer.



### Number Sentences

We have been discovering math and some of the neat ways we can use numbers. We graphed our favorite flavors of ice cream and did surveys to help us understand why we use graphs. We have begun learning and using math symbols to help us understand addition. As we learn addition we are practicing our number writing, patterns, and number identification.

# Parent Resources

Parents, these are some suggested sites and activities you may want to check into for your family. Please, let us know if you have any family favorites you would like to share in our next preschool newsletter.

Our next issue will feature family pictures, so send them to [sveeder@trinity-athens.org](mailto:sveeder@trinity-athens.org) if you would like to see your family's picture in our next issue.



- We have a collection of Christian resource books on relationships, parenting, and devotions. They are located on the bookshelf under the parent information bulletin board. Please, feel free to borrow.
- Athens Corn Maze - <http://athenscornmaze.com> - (\$2.00 off coupon on the website) This corn maze is shorter than most, so therefore, very family friendly with young ones. Admission also includes hayride, farm animals, and corn box.
- Bedtime Stories (Mondays @ 7 pm) - <http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us> – Athens Clarke County Library- A family story time program for children of all ages. Kids come in pajamas, bring a pillow or a blanket and a caregiver.
- Zoo Open Classroom – Memorial Park / every Sunday – 1pm - 4pm (free)  
706-613-3616
- One Spooky Night – ACC Library – Oct. 31 - 6pm – 8 pm (free)  
Trick-or-Treat for non-food prizes throughout the library. Costumes encouraged.