



Center for Learning Newsletter

September and October, 2011

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a Christian atmosphere where children will experience Christ's love and will be encouraged to explore God's world.

Director's Corner

Fall leaves tumbling



down and children returning to school remind us to plan for rapid temperature shifts. Be sure your child has appropriate shoes for play on the tire turf. A small jacket even



with a hood is helpful when we take them outside and the wind has a chill. We will continue to take the children outside twice a day on most days.

We are making every effort to make our building secure. The staff will admit ONLY parents and staff. On Food Pantry mornings (Wednesday) the door to the basement will be the only door open for this ministry to the community. The door along the walk will be unlocked at 9 a.m. and closed at completion of the program. The door to the first floor will not be open.

Your help in signing your child in and out is very much appreciated. This gives us a very good check of all the children. All school age parents picking up their child at the Center on return from walk back to the Center, PLEASE be certain to check with the staff and make certain they are checked out! School Age parents need to keep the Center informed or your staff of any changes in schedule for your child. A call to the Center to report a pick up at school or bus trip to your home that is changed from our schedule is needed. If not this requires our staff to make phone checks to Center and a further call to school and or parent for the location of your child. I hope this helps to explain the importance of our responsibility to you and your child. Your help on any change is very important.

Grandparents Day



is Thursday, September 22 at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. If grandparents are not available, a special friend is always welcome to share this time with your child. It is good when each child has someone for them. We will have a short program and a small snack.

New brochures telling of the center is available. If you have a friend or a place in our community to put copies, please see one of the Directors.

A letter for you to order cards to use at



KFC is being readied to be given out by staff. It is a very special way to benefit the center and have some good buys on good food for you and the family. It could be nice to give as a gift. All this for \$10 per card.

A few matters to review as we begin Fall programming

include the rule to pull into the long walk in front of the Center to park for bringing or picking up your child. The driveway is not acceptable. This is a driveway for thru traffic only!

Again children bringing toys or games from home is not acceptable. The child is very unhappy when they are put up. We cannot be responsible for these items. Along with this matter comes a similar matter. Food isn't to be brought in for your child's breakfast. If you serve a food from home to your child, it must be eaten at home. Children who arrive after 7:30 a.m. and before 8 a.m. will be served breakfast. Lunch counts must be known by staff before 9 a.m. Please keep center or staff informed if your child needs lunch.

*Miss Doris Berdanier,
Director*

Greetings from the Classrooms

Hello from the Infant Room!

Fall weather is finally here! The air conditioner is off and the windows are open. It does feel a little chilly sometimes, so please feel free to bring in a



light jacket for your child for when we go on walks.

We would like to welcome Karina Cutlip and Callie Boles to our mix. We look forward to taking care of them and watching them grow.

Miss Courtney has joined the staff in our room since our numbers have been high. She is doing very well and all of our babies have warmed up to her pretty quickly.

Presently our room has five walkers:



Thomas, Tristen, Skylar, Zane, and Karina who begins week of Sept. 12. Jayden is beginning to hold up his head alone and William is sitting up. Tristen is saying "eat" when eating his food and all objects are "this." Tristen and Thomas often get into chattering, sound matches. Both are fascinated with their ability to use language. Each day is a full day in this room with the many new developments.

Please give us your questions, comments, or concerns. Happy Fall!

Infant Room Staff

Miss Theresa, Lead; Miss Missi, Assistant; Miss Courtney, Assistant; Miss Kristen Assistant; and Miss Kelsi, Assistant.

Hello from the PreToddler Room!

As the Director was visiting this room some of the children, boys and girls, were dressing up in their dress up clothes. Zoe was having a great time in her princess dress and shoes.



The new room across the hall is a room for more active gross motor activities. This is especially helpful for large muscle play when the children cannot go outside. Take a look at this room if you haven't done so and observe the patterned flooring for the children to play with cars, trucks, etc.

Miss Susan shared how she uses the picture singing cards that she shows to the children and they name the song they will sing based on the picture. This is from a class she took. They especially like "Five Little Monkeys." They had colored their pictures which were hanging. They had a letter "B" on

this which was introduced to them. They are learning to use a color as they scribble across their page. This is a beginning stage to writing.

In answer to the question "What is their favorite snack?" The answer is fresh



fruit.

Our daily average in this room is 8 children.

Staff in this room includes Miss Christina Liles, Lead; Miss Susan Jose, Assistant; Miss Betty and Miss Nicole.

Hello from the Toddler Room

In response to our concern over losing clothing to use for changes, a new system is now in place. Each child's clothing is put into a plastic bag, identified and put behind the changing table. Our new lead teacher in this room is Miss Tanya. Miss Tanya shares this room with a closer, usually Miss Mary Ann. They both write information in a daily journal to keep one another informed. Any questions a parent may have for Miss Tanya will be written down and Miss Tanya will address with a parent when she sees them, usually the next day.

In a conversation Miss Mary Ann was having with Miss Tanya asking if she had any

needs for her to help with at closing this day. Our little friend, Addie said to Miss Mary Ann, "I need you to take me outside."

The program for the children is a concentration to identify their name, know parents name, and home address. Miss Tanya finds the children like to help clean up when she addresses them as her "big helper." They love being so big. They are doing



bugs



butterflies,



leaves and



pumpkins for the next few weeks.

Hello from the Preschool/Pre K.

Miss Kathy, Miss Doris, Miss Stephanie B., Miss Dorothy, and Miss Stephanie S. met and worked through the "Ohio Competencies" to place in a position for level to put into their daily program. The group looked at Math and Reading (Literacy). The Preschool ages 3-4 will begin writing of letters, getting some beginning with straight, diagonal, and curved lines on unlined paper. The Pre-K will use lined and use both large and small letters.

Each group will do print.

We welcome Stephanie Smith, who is serving as an assistant to Miss Dorothy in Pre-K. Miss Stephanie is a licensed teacher K-6. Miss Stephanie shared that she really is enjoying working at the ABC Center. Her great love for this group is motivated by how eager the children are to explore and learn new things. Each day brings something new. She also really enjoys being able to tell the children about Christ through Bible stories and songs. The children have taught her some new songs as well. Her songs the children are teaching her are "Rub-a-Dub-Dub" and the "Ice Cream Song." If you don't know them, ask Miss Stephanie. Her final thought was she feels very blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of the center. Thank you God for her witness to the staff, children, and parents.

Pre-K

One child shared with Miss Dorothy that he



was a moon and another child said he



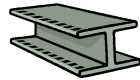
was a sun. The first child said you need to go down when I am up to which the second child responded that he could stay up too. This lesson went on to explore how sometimes they are

both in the sky together.

Another child was working hard to get Miss Kathy's attention as he was using the first two letters of his name saying the sound. The children have been saying the sound of the letters they find on their reading center carpet.

A child told Miss Doris what letter was "B" on his shirt with the words "Shelby Whippets." They had been learning the small and large letter "Bb".

The center shared a 9/11 Remembrance Memorial Service on Monday, Sept 12. The setting suggested a learning of reverence to which the children very appropriately participated in a very quiet way. They touched one piece of the metal beam



from one of the twin towers. This service was a beginning way to share how our nation comes together and remembers our fellow country men who are called to give their life. The firemen and policeman present remarked of how close they had come to fellow police and fireman who served in this time of tragedy. Jackie Davies sang "God Bless America" for the closing.

School Age Program

We welcome Arlene Eidt as a new staff serving our kindergarten thru

second grade children. We walk



about 20 children to Central and walk back in the afternoon about 15 children. When the children return they have a snack and work on homework or quiet activities before we have a time to do crafts, art, or games. The staff tries to get the children outside when weather permits. The staff members include Nikki Welch, Arlene Eidt, and Marlene Carver. Parents are reminded to keep the center or staff informed if schedule changes. The staff keeps a close check on the names of the children they deliver and pick up at the bus.

A Child is not a vessel to be filled but a lamp to be lit.

