

## ABC Newsletter –July and August, 2010

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

### Director News

Summer fun for the children has been our goal. I see children outside splashing in the water, throwing a beach ball and having fun doing a scavenger hunt. Summer is such a good time to help children enjoy God's wonderful world.

I have just returned from a nice trip to Europe where I saw the Passion Play presented. It was indeed a wonderful opportunity to be a part of such a great part of history. This



community in Oberammergau, Austria vowed to God if their community would be protected from the bubonic plague the community would thank God each 10 years by writing and presenting a play telling the story of Jesus. This promise has been kept with a new play being written every ten years for over 400 years. This

community of wood crafters and nice shops use only local people for this major production that attracts many people from around the world. The production is 5 hours in length divided into two sessions on the four days given each week from May-August. The script for 2010 emphasized Jesus as true God, true man of Jewish heritage coming to fulfill God's promise. The play involved flashbacks to the Old Testament. I have a copy of the script in English that I would be happy to share.

People in the four countries I visited were very friendly. Guten Morgen (Good Morning) or Guten Tag (Good Day) was often heard in Germany. I plan to share some of my stories and pictures with the children and staff in the near future. My first afternoon as I was walking down the hill from the hotel, a little girl greeted me with "Guten Tag (Good Day) like our hello. I know the word but was so surprised I couldn't respond. My overseas travel is an

opportunity to share with staff and children the diversity of their world.

Pre-School is scheduled for A.M. at 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and P.M. from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Ohio Learning Content Standards will be incorporated in our curriculum. The curriculum choice is being considered as we strive to serve our children in their early learning. All the teaching efforts emphasize love for learning and thinking of learning as play. Learning (play) is a child's work and of course one knows how good it is to love your work. Learning is a lifetime joy.

Please **SAVE** Saturday August 14 to celebrate quality child care. There are two opportunities to contribute. A golf



Scramble at Valley View Golf Course in Galion at 10 a.m. that benefits ABC. Build a team at \$50 per person. Prizes, food, fun for everyone. Try to get signed up by July 26. Talk to Theresa or Missi on our staff.

The second event in Galion also is a 5K run, walk for Child Care Choices. Entry fee is \$15 for 5K or \$5 for children. This is planned as a family event—staff, parents, children, and families. Prizes will be awarded and with a registration turned in by July 30 you will receive a free T-shirt. Families Enjoying Exercise Together 5K FEET

**We ask all families to keep payment schedule up-to-date. Good childcare is very important to all our parents. We monitor and care for your children with a real keen sense of the responsibility you have given us. We are honored to do this. Childcare should be a very important priority for you. Please regard this matter as a very serious one. It is so easy to get behind. It only takes a week or two. When families have to leave and leave with a debt it is so hard to make payroll. The church supporting this ministry contributes much to services needed. Our effort is to maintain a good**

pay record so we do not have to increase our amount for services.

June of each year is our new registration for the new year. The registration fee is \$3 per month or \$36 per year per child. Job and Family Services pay the registration fee for their recipients.

LOOK for new contract and registration fee schedules. There are also new Income Eligibility forms for 2010-2011. If you can claim free or reduced meal price this form must be completed for our claim.

*Miss Doris Berdanier,  
Director*

### Greetings from Kathy's Korner!

We have a lot of activities going on at the Center. The older children have been going to the library



and swimming on a weekly basis. The younger children have been enjoying water play and different activities. It's a joy to watch them having so much fun. I am really excited about our first annual Golf Scramble. This will be Saturday, August 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Valley View Golf Course in Galion. It is four man best ball team, shot gun start, \$50 per person, and \$5 skins, longest drive

on hole 13, closest pin on hole 9, 1st and 2nd place pay-out, door prizes, and food following the scramble. If you would like to put a team together or would like to be a sponsor, just call Theresa or Missi at the Center. It will be lots of fun!

I would like to thank the staff for being so helpful in Doris' absence. Miss Doris spent some well deserved time off traveling with her granddaughter. We are happy to have her back with us.

I pray you are enjoying your summer!

*Miss Kathy*

### Greetings from the Classrooms

#### Hello from the Infant Room!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Things are moving along smoothly in our room. We are still blessed with good numbers and a great staff. I would like to welcome Brianna Seffens and Landon Bayes to our mix.

I'm happy to say that quite a few of our older babies have really caught on to some sign language. We will continue to teach new words every other week.

The dog days of summer are upon us but the babies can't tell. They love sitting in the grass under the

shade tree and playing and splashing in the water table in our room. If you have not signed a permission slip for outdoor water play, please see me. The infant room is in need of some new or gently used books. If anyone has any that can be donated we would really appreciate it!

Here are some websites that I think can be helpful for saving some money: hip2save.com, wildforwags.com, coupons.com, redplum.com, smart source.com, diapers.com, amazon.com, and deelseekingmom.com. Check them out!!

*Infant Room Staff*

Miss Theresa, Miss Ashley, Miss Missi, and Miss Maryann

#### Hello from the PreToddler Room!

Hope you are having a fun summer. We are here in the PreToddler room. We would like to welcome Emma and Addison as they join us from the Infant Room. We look forward to teaching them some of the fun activities we do in our room. We also like to say good luck to Skye, Wolfie, and Daisy as they move on to the Toddler Room. We will miss them.

We are going to learn about zoo animals in the next few

weeks.



I think they will enjoy this. I'm bringing in books from the library so they can see real pictures of the animals. If you have any books or magazines you would like to share with us they would love to see them.

We have been playing in the water. We set the little pool



up in the front yard and also had water play in the classroom.

Jamison really enjoyed the pool. He liked to dump the water on Nicole and run back to the pool laughing. Emma and Addison liked the water table in the classroom. They enjoyed pouring water from one container to the next. They missed some and got water on the floor but it was fun watching them learn how to fill up the containers.

Hope you have a safe and happy summer!

*PreToddler Staff*

*Christina, Virginia,  
Nicole*

#### Greetings from the Toddler Room!

We would like to welcome Miss Audra to our class as she has joined the Toddler Staff after nine years of working with the infants. We would like

to wish Miss Marlena lots of luck as she will be leaving us soon to have her baby.

We have been doing lots of fun things in our room lately, such as water play outside and a pajama/pizza party (the kids especially enjoyed this "treat" because we watched Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory). The children have been doing a great job with letter recognition and reading their own names as we go over them during our circle time.

They have enjoyed going outside and playing in this nice warm weather. Please make sure to



bring sunscreen in for your child if you haven't already.

*Miss Kim, Miss Audra, and Miss Marlena*

### [Hello from the Preschool/Pre K.](#)

Where has the summer gone? We hope all of you have enjoyed it so far and will continue to for the rest of it. Our summer program has been relaxed and laid back. In just a few weeks we will be back in the swing of the regular Pre-School/Pre-K program. We are looking forward to watching the children grow in what they learn. It is so exciting to watch the children's eyes light up when they write a letter or number for the first time.

The Pre-K program will be working on their skills to ready them for Kindergarten. This skill building practice will help them have an easier transition. We would like to help your child be more ready to conquer learning in the school systems which move along so quickly.

Our Pre-School will be working on our colors, shapes, cutting skills, writing and recognition of letters and numbers. This will be to help prepare them for the Pre-K program for the next year.

Pre-School/Pre-K has a wish list to help us with our program. It includes glue sticks, crayons, washable markers, construction paper, copying paper (for art work), paper plates, lunch bags, and gently used books and puzzles.

*Pre School Staff*

*Dorothy Bentley, Susan Jose, and*

*Sue Mess*

### [School Age Program](#)

#### School Age #1 Room

Hello Everyone! I can't believe that summer is half over already! The kids are having a lot of fun in the school age program. The kids have been doing a lot of fun and exciting activities. Last week we did activities around the 4th of July and some activities that they did were



making flags and making 4th of July sundaes with fruit, yogurt, and whipped cream.

The kids also enjoy going swimming at Seltzer Pool each week. Some things we have planned in the near future are going to the movies, going to Malabar Farm, Lowe Volk Park, and talking about Jesus' ministry.

Thanks for allowing your children to be a part of this and if you have any questions or concerns, please see me or any of the School Age Staff.

*School Age Staff  
Kelsie, Lauren, Amber,  
and Heather*

#### School Age #2 Room

This summer our theme is discovery and the children have really enjoyed discovering themselves, Shelby's history, keeping our Earth "green" and Jesus' ministry through gospels.

We had fieldtrips to Millirons, Shelby Log Cabin, picked strawberries



and made jam. Our most recent trip was to Seltzer Park to look for any creatures we could find in the creek.

The kids have been sewing and creating their own pillows, purses, and clothing.

We have two



toads in our room and the children really enjoy watching and caring for them.

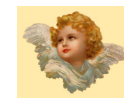
We would like to remind you to please send tennis shoes with your children if they are going to wear flip-flops.

We would like to wish Kalysta and Danielle a Happy



Birthday!

*School Age Staff*



Our condolences to the family and friends of Trinity Polacek. Trinity and her brother Cain attended the Center a few years ago. Trinity was 10 years old and died suddenly while staying with her Grandparent.

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

