



ABC Newsletter – March and April, 2010

Director News

Lead teachers will be planning a few minutes to conference with each parent(s) on development and learning of each child. Our licensing requirement requires this. It is an opportunity for parents to learn of their child's involvement during the hours they spend in our care and to encourage good communications at all times.

Spring! Oh! the beauty and joy we find in the warmer days with more sunlight for outdoor walks and play. A good recommendation is a lighter weight jacket with hat for windy



days. Children who are walking need good walking shoes. The very young who are potty training need extra changes in their cubbies. School Age walkers to and from school need to dress for walking—watch for shoes that can cause a child to trip on too long pants as they walk on pants taking steps. These are serious concerns for the safety of your child. Safety is my first concern.

Spring also means time for the Chicken Dinner/Silent Auction on Sunday, April 18 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Carry-out meals are ready at 11 a.m. and serving begins at

11:30. Parents please consider coming to worship at 11 a.m. with the family at First Lutheran. We will welcome you to our worship. The children will sing a few of their chapel songs with Pastor Steve as part of worship experience. ABC Center is a ministry of the First Lutheran Church. The link between church families and ABC families is made stronger as these moments for the children to witness in song and words the "Love of God" learned in the ABC Center to our church family. Please plan to come.

The Center has its own website. Log on to theabccenter.org to view the start of the new website Paul Martin has constructed. Help with maintaining the site will be needed. Tell me if you could help.

We are preparing to have our license renewed soon. Are your children's medical records all up-to-date? Remember to be sure a lead teacher and Miss Kathy (Administrative Assistant) or I receive address and phone number changes.

Do you need a parent handbook? It is so important that all our parents are informed on our policies. The Director has hours posted each week but see me or call if you need a special time to

meet. You can also reach me at email: dberdanier@gmail.com.

What's on your mind? Are we serving you by meeting your expectations? You may sound off and your input is valued. Parents can be added to the Advisory Board. Your input could be helpful. Please speak to me if you could help.

Can you believe that The ABC Center opened for business ten years ago in June 2000! Time for trivia. How did the Center receive its name? Look for the answer on our new website. If you have email, you may email me for the answer.

Professional Staff Members

Speaking of being professionals, some new developments are being implemented. The staff and administrators are trying to do a professional job each day. Now each regular staff member is doing a personal professional profile on line giving their experience and training. The classes they register for in chosen level (usually level they are working) are automatically added to their profile. We have Infant/Toddler, Pre-School and School Age specialists.

Summer School

Summer Day Camp and Spring Break in Shelby are just a short time away. The Center will be open for Spring Break—March 29 - April 2. The rate per day for Spring Break (5 hrs.) is \$20. Please inform School Age Staff if you will have a child attending. This is Passion Week on the church calendar. To help school agers learn of this week some Bible stories and activities appropriate for this age will be added to the program. If the weather permits, the children will walk with the cross and attend one or more worship services. Permission forms will be printed for this field trip.

Summer Day Camp should begin Tuesday, June 1 unless we have another missed school day. The summer program promises to provide good activities for our school age. The theme is "Discovery" with several weeks on learning about their home town of Shelby.



History, important people, and work in Shelby to name a few topics. If you have any ideas, people, or places—tell me about them soon as I plan to work on summer themes and plans.

REMEMBER ABC BENEFIT

APRIL 18 11 - 1:30

Miss Doris, Director

Greetings from the classrooms

Greetings from the Infant Room!

I would like to start by welcoming Haylee Cromer, Max Eyster, and Dean Medley to our room. We are very glad to have them. We also welcome Emma Keller back.

Last week we had some nice days so the babies were able to go



outside! This is an important part of the babies' day and we try to get them out twice a day or more. We ask that parents please bring in appropriate clothing for their child. The themed basket for the Silent auction at the Chicken Dinner Benefit for our room is "Scrapbooking."



It is coming along very nicely. For those who have contributed, thank you in advance! For those who have not yet donated, there is still time! 100% participation would be great.

We wish everyone a blessed Easter and a Happy Spring!

The Infant Room Staff

*Theresa, Ashley, Mary
Ann*

Greetings from the Pre- Toddler Room!

We have been working very hard on introducing simple songs that include



colors, ABC's, numbers, days of the week, and months of the year. You would be surprised how fast these little ones pick up the songs. It's never too early to teach them these beginning milestones. Please remember to mark your calendars for April 18 for our morning worship service at 11 a.m. and our Chicken Dinner that follows. We encourage you to attend and help volunteer. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come to me. Thanks.

*Christina- Lead, Missi
and Ginny*

Toddler Room

The Toddler Room has been very busy with lots of activities. We are looking forward to spring and getting outdoors more.

The children have done very well with ABC's and counting activities. They especially enjoy the Three Little Bears.



We have had fun acting out the story in a play. We also do lots of finger plays and songs.

We would like to welcome two new friends, Kaleb and Nic to our room.

*Miss Kim, Miss
Stephane, and Miss
Marlenia*

Hello from the Preschool/Pre K.

The children have been having fun learning the letters, the sounds, and words that start the letters we are studying. The letters we have been

studying have been A, B, C, G,S, T, W, and M. You may be surprised if you ask your child what they have learned.

We have also been talking about



weather, manners, and we will be talking about flowers, creepy crawlies, and Easter.

We are getting excited about the weather getting warmer so we can go outside.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and enjoy your family during the holiday season.

*The Pre-School/Pre-K
Staff*

Hello from the School Age Classrooms

Salutations from the School Age 1 Room!

So many new things have been happening. We welcomed Miss Amber back to our room. We also welcomed a new afternoon school ager, Luke Thornsberry,

Miss Doris has been doing a reading



program with the afternoon school age group. She takes one student at a time down to her office so they can read together. It's going very well. The other day Kadie Dale was told she might have to go see Miss Doris. She then asked if they were going to read. She was asked, "Do you want to read?" At first she acted as if she didn't, but it came out that she did. I thought it was so good she wanted to read! It's very encouraging.

Stephanie, Amber and I are trying to get ready for the summer

program that will soon be here. We are very excited and ready for summer to begin. Adios!

School Age Staff

*Katie Otterbacher and
Amber Cromer*

Greetings from School Age 2 Classroom!

We have been doing lots of exciting things and are looking forward to much more. We spent a week going over the life cycle of a plant and



photosynthesis. The children got to plant their own seeds and are keeping a "seed journal" to write down the progress of their seeds day by day. We have also enjoyed playing games like limbo, jump rope, obstacle course, and tag with the School Age 1 Class down in the Social Hall on our snow days and delayed start days. The kids got new play dough and have been having fun making things in the morning.

We are looking forward to spring and spending lots of time outside exploring nature.

*Miss Stephanie & Miss
Heather*



Upcoming Events



April 18 -
Benefit for
ABC with,
Silent
Auction,
and Chicken
Dinner from
11 - 1:30

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

