

KID'S TALK

September CURRICULUM



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Welcome back! We are so excited to begin a new year with both new and old friends. We hope your summer trips were enjoyable and filled with grand memories that will last a lifetime.

The first week of school has gone well though perhaps it seemed a little chaotic. We thank you for your patience as we helped our little ones make the transition into a new school environment.

We are still making some adjustments to classroom assignments. Please bear with us as we work to determine the best placement to give your child the opportunity to grow and develop.

I want to personally welcome Ms. Lynn Graham back for the year in a new capacity. She is now the Director of the After School Program and Asst. Director of the school. She is working closely with me to transition into her new role.

~Pastor Connie



Back To School Night DAY SCHOOL & BEFORE/AFTER CARE

YOU GOTTA EAT and you could win a FREE week of care....

Thursday., September 11 at 6:00 PM for a FREE DINNER and drawing for a FREE week of care*

There will be a brief presentation after dinner on plans for the year.

***A parent must be present to win**

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please send Pastor Connie an e-mail at connie_miller@hotmail.com with the memo "Day School e-mail" so that we can put together a mass e-mail list for emergencies and closings.



Emergency Forms

Please make sure that we have your current contact information. It is imperative that we have at least two (2) phone numbers for each student in case of emergencies. These numbers must be of people who are available to come and get your child if we are unable to reach you.

Our theme this month is All About Me. Each week we will have a mini-theme that will encompass the entire theme of "All About Me". The last week of August is Me and My Family. During September the themes are Me and My Friends, Me and My Neighbors, Me and My Church, and Me and My House.

We will also be including several related concepts into the themes this year. Our first concept is community helpers. For the week of September 14th our community helper is Pastors. Our second concept is Travel. For the week of September 21st our travel location is home.

As a new lesson this year we will begin working on character traits. For the month of September we will focus on Respect, including respect for each other, for out toys and for our elders. We will also focus on Same/Different, as in how are we all the same yet we are also different.

Our Bible Theme for this month is Baptism—"I am a child of God."

Our academic letters, numbers, colors, and shapes for this month are:

Letters: A, B, C, D, E.

Numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Color: Black.

Shape: Circle and Square.

Monthly Birthday's



The school would like to participate in celebrating the growth of each of it's students. Each month we will be having a celebration for all the students with a birthday in that month. This month, we would like to extend a happy birthday wish to Caleb Bentsil (9/3) and Patrick Kerrigan (9/10).

SPECIAL PRAYERS

We would like to include a special prayers section in this year's newsletter. This is open to everyone. If you or a family member needs special prayers, please let us know so we can add your name. This month we want to pray for Ms. Loris, whose sister passed in late August, and for Logan Booze and Marisol Ramirez, both undergoing surgeries in September.



Building Entrance

Drop-off and pick-up are our two busy times of the day. The Day School asks that you not block the main entrance into the building. Please park your car in one of the designated parking spots that are available for you. For the safety of you and the children, please do not leave your car running and unattended and please do not leave siblings unattended in the car.



Payment Reminders

Thrivent Simply Giving

We're making tuition payments easier! Thrivent Simply Giving has a payment plan policy that does automatic withdrawl of tuition. If you find yourself always forgetting when tuition is due, this is a plan that might be beneficial for you! More information will be available at back to school night.

Payment Methods

Please! No cash payments. We gladly accept Money Orders and checks. Teachers are no longer accepting tuition payments handed to them. We now have a black lock box, which is located on the end of the cubbies near the main entrance.

General Payment Reminders

Payments are due on the Friday which precedes the week of attendance or on the Monday of the week services are rendered.

Parents are responsible to pay for all days your child is scheduled even if the child does not attend. No refunds will be issued. See parent handbook. *This month's payments are September 5th and 19th.*

OTHER REMINDERS

- **Please remember to pack "ready to eat" lunches for your child(ren).** The school is not equipped to prepare a lunch for each of the children. A food thermos can be purchased to keep foods warm. They are available at Target, Walmart, etc., with the lunch boxes. Thanks for your help in this matter.
- **Breakfast is from 7:45 to 8:15 AM. Only students arriving by 8:00 will be served breakfast.**
- **All children should be here by 9:00 AM to begin the academic day. We are both a child care center and a school.** Lateness and tardiness means your child is missing valuable academic information.
- **Please remember to check your child's cubbies every day.** Home learning and other important information will be sent home. You should make sure to clean out all items on Friday.
- **Please remember to bring a labeled crib sheet and blanket for your children each Monday.** Licensing requires each child have a

sheet on his/her cot. We do not have enough spare sheets for every child. Thank you for your understanding.

- **Please make sure that you label all of your child's items, including** clothing, sheets, pillows, hats & mittens, jackets and lunches, for this will avoid any mix ups.
- **Parents must sign their child in & out everyday!** This is for safety purposes. Parents are asked to PRINT your name so that if we can read who has received your child.
- **Daily Drop Off/Pick Up:** Please do not leave the center without letting a staff member know your child has arrived or is departing. Thanks for your help in this matter.
- **We have fully implemented the keyless entry to the building.** If you have not received a key card, please speak with your child's teacher for directions on how to get your own card. There is a \$20 refundable deposit required.

Clothing

Please dress your child appropriately. Dresses with ruffles and bows and pants with difficult belts and fasteners should be avoided. Remember we play and sometimes get dirty.

An extra set of clothing NEEDS to be here at the School, including underwear and socks.

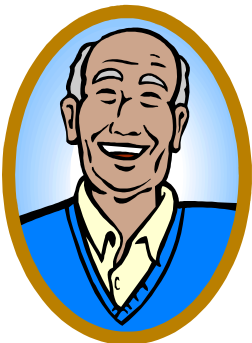
Make sure that you **LABEL** all of your child's items.

Lateness Policy

Remember it is expected that all children be picked up by 6pm. Our closing staff has already worked a 9 hour day and are ready to go home to their family.



It is a good policy to try to be at the school no later than 5:45 pm in order to sign your child out and check your child's cubby before the 6pm closing hour. See parent handbook on our late policy.



Grandparent's Day

We know that grandparents are as important in a child's life as their parents. And this special day fits right in with our theme for September of All About Me—Me and My Family! We would like to welcome all grandparents (or other special person if a grandparent is not available) to join us for Tea on Monday September 22nd at 10 am. We hope to see many proud grandparents as possible.



Every Monday &
Thursday is
Chapel time at 11 AM
with Pastor Tom

Every Wednesday is
Library time at 11 AM
with Miss Lanny

Every Friday is
Spanish Time at 11 AM
with Miss Roxana

Mark your Calendar

9/1 Labor Day (school closed)

9/5 & 9/19 Tuition Due

9/11 Back to School Night

9/22 Grandparents & Special
Person's Day



Staff

Pastor Connie
HTCDS Director

Ms. Lynn
School-Age
Director



Ms. Jan
4 Year Old
Class Teacher

Ms. Roxana
3 Year Old Class
Teacher

Ms. Carol
Assistant

Ms. Erika
2 Year-Old Class
Teacher

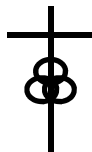
Ms. Loris
2 Year Old Class
Teacher

Ms. Marjorie
School-Age Teacher

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We invite you to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church and participate in activities hosted by HTLC.
For more information, check out our website!
www.htlclaurel.org

We are glad you're here!



Lets put our creativity to
work!