



St. John Preschool
Wheaton, IL

September 7, 2009

Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

Greetings Families,

What a wonderful first week of school! We are truly blessed this year with two wonderful groups of 3 year olds. I just know we are in for a year of great fun and learning. Keep your eyes open for all their beautiful artwork popping up on our school walls.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the family picnic this Sunday. It is so important for our children and families to create friendships that extend beyond the classroom. We will be getting out a class list with contact information soon so you can hopefully set up a few play dates of your own.



Our Prayer This Year

Dear Lord,
Grant that we may grow to know you better each day.
Help us to follow your example and to let your light shine through all that we say and do.
Amen

Circle Time

We will continue learning about our school routines and the people who make up our School Family. We will focus on getting to know each other better and on building strong friendships. We will also be jumping in to a mini author study by reading a few special books by Don and Audrey Wood. If you don't already know them, check out The Big Hungry Bear and Piggies. These are two very fun books our little ones will enjoy reading over and over again.



Jesus Time

The students had fun "re-enacting" the story of God's creation last week. This week we will be learning about Adam and Eve and The Fall. We will especially focus on:

- *God's creation of people
- *God's gift of free will and making good choices.
- *Sin and how we are in need of God's forgiveness.
- *Jesus' love and sacrifice for us.

Music and Movement

We are having a great time moving and grooving to Jim Gill tunes. We will be trying out some new songs that help us to use those wonderful listening ears of ours. We will also be pulling out our parachute and soft balls to have some fun with group movement and teamwork. We will continue to practice the words to "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands." We are excited to be starting our music times with Miss Kindschi this week as well.

Song Corner

Preschool "Rules" Poem

God gave us our hands
to be gentle and helpful.

God gave us our eyes
to watch and learn.

God gave us our ears
to listen carefully.

God gave us our mouths
to speak kindly and praise Him.

The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching 1 by 1 hurrah,
hurrah. The ants go marching 1 by 1
hurrah, hurrah.

The ants go marching 1 by 1 the little
one stopped to suck his thumb and they
all go marching down to the ground to
get out of the rain boom, boom, boom.

2 by 2 . . . to tie his shoe

3 by 3 . . . and bumped his knee

4 by 4 . . . and shut the door

(Feel free to make up your own rhymes.
Ours may change each day.)

September Birthday

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Reminders to Parents

1. First day of Sunday School is September 13th from 10:15-11:00. All are welcome!
2. Family Picnic Sunday September 13th 3-5 at the school playground and parking lot.
3. PICTURE DAYS-Tuesday September 15th and Wednesday September 16th Order Forms will be coming home soon!

Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher - the tools he used
Were books, music and art.
The other, a parent, worked a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch
That was careful, deft and sure.
While the parent labored by his side
And polished and smoothed it o're.

And when at last, their task was done.
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things
They had molded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

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