



Trinity News

Trinity Preschool of Berwyn
NAEYC Accredited 2006~2011

January 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Over the holiday break, I had the honor of watching my oldest son, Zachary, graduate from college. During the ceremony, I had flashbacks to when he was an infant in the car seat beside me (car seats were put in the front seat back in those days!), and I would sing songs to him to soothe him as we rode along. Then the memories of the challenges of adolescence and the not-so-soothing times came to mind. Now, he was walking across the stage, an adult, with a mix of confidence and trepidation as he enters the "real world".

We see this same emotional mix throughout children's development. The Gesell theory of child development talks about the process of development being in a spiral ~ as children proceed up the spiral, there are twists and turns where they hesitate and may even regress a bit before moving on. There are periods of equilibrium when behavior is easier to manage and periods of disequilibrium when it is more challenging. As parents, we provide a foundation to support them throughout the spiral of change.

As I watch my own almost-grown sons proceed through their developmental spiral of achievements and challenges, I recognize the importance of the support, persistence, and patience that parenting requires. I applaud the active, interested, and involved parent population that I see at Trinity Preschool every day. Thank you for your support of your children and of our school! Have a wonderful January.

Suzi Alrutz
Director, Trinity Preschool of Berwyn

Important Dates In January

Mon., Jan. 18th

Thurs., Jan. 28th ~ Fri., Jan. 29th

Week Jan. 25th ~ 29th

No School, MLK, Jr. Holiday

Dinosaur Parties

No K-Power, Pre-K Plus,

Moms & Tots, Enrichment

Dinosaur Days At Trinity

Dinosaur Days are an annual tradition at Trinity Preschool. Children throughout the school learn about dinosaurs in all kinds of ways ~ play, books, expressive activities. Watch for notes from your child's teacher to let you know how your child's class will be participating. Snack on party days will be special too!

Frederick Douglass School Outreach Project

Each year, the children and families of Trinity Preschool provide a hot lunch and snack bags for children at the Frederick Douglass School, a private school that serves underprivileged children in Chester, PA. Each class will collect food items for snack bags for the Frederick Douglass children, decorate, and assemble the bags. It's a great way for our preschoolers to learn about helping others. Your child's teacher will let you know what you can contribute. We also need two or three parent volunteers to drive with a staff person to Chester on a date in late January or early February to deliver and help serve the lunch to the children. It is a rewarding experience for everyone involved. Please notify the office if you can help.

Please Continue To Collect ACME Receipts!

Throughout the school year, from collected ACME receipts, Trinity Preschool receives 1% of all eligible purchases through ACME's *Cash Back Program*. Please continue to collect ACME receipts and drop them off at the Trinity Preschool office or place in your child's book bag. **YTD receipt submissions: \$88,741.64, for a fundraising total of \$887.42!**

Special Programs

Please note that there are no special programs ~ K-Power, Pre-K Plus, Enrichment, Moms & Tots ~ the week of January 25-29. Second semester special programs will begin the week of Feb. 1st. Enrollment forms for K-Power and Enrichment classes will be going out this week ~ there are lots of new, exciting programs to choose from!

NAEYC Notes

Trinity Preschool staff will be entering the reaccreditation process full throttle beginning this month! Our NAEYC accreditation expires in April of 2011, and we anticipate working hard from now until Spring 2011, to create the documents that demonstrate that we are upholding the standards. Parents will be involved in the process too, so please watch for more information!

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- ~ Dana Zdancewicz and her crew of many volunteers who helped on Photo Days