

C.D.L.C. GAZETTE

May 2009

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Here are 101 different ways to offer praise to children...

WOW • WAY TO GO • SUPER • YOU'RE SPECIAL • OUTSTANDING • EXCELLENT • GREAT • GOOD • NEAT • WELL DONE • REMARKABLE • I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT • I'M PROUD OF YOU • FANTASTIC • SUPER STAR • NICE WORK • LOOKING GOOD • YOU'RE ON TOP OF IT • BEAUTIFUL • NOW YOU'RE FLYING • YOU'RE CATCHING ON • NOW YOU'VE GOT IT • YOU'RE INCREDIBLE • BRAVO • YOU'RE FANTASTIC • HURRAY FOR YOU • YOU'RE ON TARGET • YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY • HOW NICE • HOW SMART • GOOD JOB • THAT'S INCREDIBLE • HOT DOG • DYNAMITE • YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL • YOU'RE UNIQUE • NOTHING CAN STOP YOU NOW • GOOD FOR YOU • I LIKE YOU YOU'RE A WINNER • REMARKABLE JOB • BEAUTIFUL WORK • SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE DARLING • YOU'RE PRECIOUS • GREAT DISCOVERY • YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET • YOU FIGURED IT OUT • FANTASTIC JOB • HIP, HIP, HURRAY • BINGO • MAGNIFICENT • MARVELOUS • TERRIFIC • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • PHENOMENAL • YOU'RE SENSATIONAL • SUPER WORK • CREATIVE JOB • SUPER JOB • FANTASTIC JOB • EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A REAL TROOPER • YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE • YOU ARE EXCITING • YOU LEARNED IT RIGHT • WHAT AN IMAGINATION • WHAT A GOOD LISTENER • YOU ARE FUN • YOU'RE GROWING UP • YOU TRIED HARD • YOU CARE • BEAUTIFUL SHARING • OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND • I TRUST YOU • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME • YOU MAKE ME HAPPY • YOU BELONG • YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND • YOU MAKE ME LAUGH • YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAY • I RESPECT YOU • YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME • THAT'S CORRECT • YOU'RE A JOY • YOU'RE A TREASURE • YOU'RE WONDERFUL • YOU'RE PERFECT • AWESOME • A+ JOB • YOU'RE A-OK MY BUDDY • YOU MADE MY DAY • THAT'S THE BEST • A BIG HUG • A BIG KISS • SAY I LOVE YOU!

But often, all it takes to praise a child is a big smile from you. That says it all!



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The last month of school! How can that be? It seems only a short time ago that we were welcoming everyone back for a new school year and now it almost over. The children have all grown so much and learned so many new skills. Soon we will be saying goodbye to those children who are moving on to the next step in their lives ... Kindergarten! It is always a bittersweet time for us teachers. We always encourage our “graduates” to come back and see us sometime!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May

May 15 – REMEMBER –
You pay your tuition one month ahead, so you do not owe a payment in May unless you have made special arrangements with Linda

May 14 & 15 –

Teddy Bear Day – Bring your favorite bear to school.

May 19 – 5-Alive Graduation

May 21 & 22 –

Last days of school

SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

We still have spaces available in both of our summer school sessions. Session 1 is an International Tour. We will learn about a different country each day, read stories and sing songs from that country, eat ethnic food, make a craft and of course play in the sun outside.

Session 2 will be our Creepy Crawly Session. We will look at bugs and insects, make a craft, eat bug snacks, and learn lots of interesting things about creepy crawlies.

Session 1 July 6-10 International Tour

Session 2 July 13-17 Creepy Crawlies

Each session is 5 mornings (Monday – Friday) from 9:00 to 11:30 AM and the cost is \$80 per session.

REGISTRATION FOR 2009/10

We are still accepting applications for next year although some sessions are already filled. Please pass the word if you know of someone looking for a preschool.

Registration forms are available on our website at www.cdlcpreschool.org or from the CDLC office.

COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!

The cookbooks have arrived! Please send your payment to the CDLC office and we will send you your cookbooks. We did order a few extra cookbooks for anyone who did not reserve one but would still like to buy one.

TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL TEA

Saturday May 9

9:30- 11 am

Christian Life Center Atrium

Come celebrate spring with a Tea Party just for toddlers, preschoolers, and their Moms and Grandmas!

We will be making May Day baskets to bring to the residents of Ebenezer Ridges.

Bring \$5 and sign up in the Childcare Center in the worship center. Please register by May 1.

Contact Camilla Crosby 651-463-2034 with questions or to volunteer your creative gifts.

THANK YOU!

CDLC would like to acknowledge Marjean McGuire for coming in on Mondays several times during the year to read and tell stories to the children. Marjean is a retired former member of the CDLC staff and the children love to visit with her.

We would also like to thank Craig "Swen"

Swenson from Prince of Peace for coming over each month to hold chapel time with the children.

It is always exciting when Swen is here!

Celebrating Children CARNIVAL NEWS

A great big thank you to everyone who worked on the carnival. This year the carnival made \$13,000 and we are very grateful for all the donations, sponsors, and contributions that made this a successful day. Funds from the carnival will be used enhance our program next year.

2009 Carnival Sponsors

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Dairy Queen – Apple Valley
Dairy Queen – Lakeville
Dakota Electric
Dakota Floral
Dentistry for Children
The Depot
Disney
Enjoy
Family Swim School

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CARNIVAL CHAIRPERSONS

A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Carnival Co-Chairs	Shawnessy Schwartz Kim Bergland
Jungle Parlor	Amy Proshek Camilla Crosby
Decorations	Stephanie Pierson Laura Pettis
Sponsorships	Lynn Reichel
Games	Valerie McClure Julie Fernandes
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Special Events	Haley Seidel
Volunteers	Jill Haddorff Linda Freeding

Famous Dave's
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Houlihan's Restaurant
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Jensen's Café
Jensen's Supper Club
Kemps Ice Cream Café
Kids Hair Eagan
Kindermusik of the Valley
Lakeville Muller Theater
Legends Golf
Let's Dish
Minnesota Timberwolves
Minnesota Twins
Minnesota Valley Gymnastics
Minnesota Wild
Minnesota Zoo

Minnesota Renaissance Festival
Outback Steakhouse
Panera Bread
Papa Johns
Party Bound
Pilgrim Dry Cleaners
Playworks
Protech Rapid Lube
Q Cumbers
Red Lobster
Rendezous Salon Lakeville
Roasted Pear
Skateville
Stages Theater
Studio Bodair
Subway – Burnsville
TAGS Gymnastics
TGI Fridays
Timberlodge Steakhouse
Walker Art Center
Walmart
Wise Swim School

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April Curriculum

Science: We will conclude our unit about plants and then study frogs and butterflies.

Music: Review songs from year and basic musical concepts. Make a rhythm band. Sing summer songs.

Motor: Jumping and skipping games and activities, circle and group games, parachute games, streamers and hoops

Christian: God made mothers, God gave us water, Jesus gives us new life.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is a recipe that we made last month that was a big hit:

Oyster Cracker snack:

Place ¼ cup oyster crackers in a small plastic baggie, add ½ tsp. dill weed, 1/8 tsp. Hidden Valley Ranch powder and ½ tsp. oil. Close bag tightly and shake to mix all ingredients.

CDLC SINGS IN CHURCH

What a wonderful turn out for our first time singing in church. Over 100 of our children participated and sounded angelic.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Look who's turning 5

Sydney Timm
Ryan Hanneken
Mary Kate Herber
Stella Harper
Mikayla McGee

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FOOD DRIVE

Thank you *all* so much for the generous food donations. We are overwhelmed by your bighearted response.

Recommended Books

“In the small, small pond” by Denise Fleming
“Mama Loves Me” by Mara Van Fleet
“Love you forever” by Robert Munsch

SUMMER HOME FOR LARRY



Our rabbit, Larry, is looking for a summer home. If you would be interested in being a host family for the summer or part of the summer please contact the CDLC Office.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

C.D.L.C. Office 952-435-8105
C.D.L.C. Fax 952-898-9379
Church Office 952-435-8102
C.D.L.C. Website www.cdldapreschool.org

Prince of Peace

Lutheran Church
WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Truett Fitch
Morgen Allen

Look who's turning 4

Noah Fuller
Julia Loth

Ryan Maisuk
Zachary Wallraff
Victor Ruhland
William Komocsar
Chloe Evereart

PARENT CORNER**Academic Preschools: Too Much Too Soon?**by [Hannah Boyd](#)

Once upon a time, many children didn't attend preschool at all, and those who did spent their mornings cutting, pasting, and playing house. These days, preschool is a rite of passage, and "academic" preschools that promise to prepare kids for the cutthroat world of kindergarten are becoming more and more popular. But are they a good idea?

Not really, say many experts. "Research...shows that academic preschools offer children no long-term advantages academically, but make them more anxious," says Roberta Golinkoff, author of *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards: How Our Children Really Learn and Why They Need to Play More and Memorize Less*.

While every preschool is different, there are some traits the best ones share, according to Martha E. Mock, assistant professor at the University of Rochester Warner School of Education. "Young children learn best through meaningful interaction with real materials and caring adults and their peers, not through the drilling of isolated skills," she says.

Child development experts say that children in academic preschools often learn math and reading at the expense of their social skills. Kids from play-based programs usually catch up academically, while kids from academic backgrounds may never catch up socially. This can be devastating to their self-esteem.

Not surprisingly, supporters of academic preschools heartily disagree. "Children at that early age are like little sponges, and the more information you can expose them to, the better," says Shirley Mace, administrator at the Stratford School in Los Gatos, California, who points out that the schedule includes time for play. Nonetheless, she adds, the program is "not for an overly active child...[it's best for one who can] sit and focus for 20-30 minutes."

Plenty of parents say their kids are up for that challenge. "He's very curious, asks a lot of questions, understands things at a deep level - overall [he's] cognitively advanced for his age," says one mother whose son attended an academic preschool. Contrary to the stereotype of pushy parents, many families send one child to an academic preschool and their siblings to a traditional play-based school, depending on their personalities. Others choose three days per week at an academic program and two days per week at a play-based school, hoping to achieve the best of both worlds.

Whether you feel your child will thrive best in an environment with dress-up corners and sand tables, or one with a regular academic curriculum, the good news is, there's plenty of choice out there. Just make sure that in addition to any worksheets, there's plenty of time for free time. Because play should be a major component of every child's day!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sharing God's love - Mustard seed Cook's Choice	2
3 Frogs and Butterflies	4 Mashed Potatoes	5 God gave us water Banana Roll Ups	6	7 Mother's Day Pretzel & veg. butterfly	8	9
10	11 Quesadillas	12 Sven's coming New Life in Jesus Popcorn	13	14 Teddy Bear Days God made Summer Teddy Bear Crackers	15	16
17	18 Pasta Salad	19 5A Live Graduation 2:00 PM Tasting Watermelon	20	21 Last Day of School Picnic	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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