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Teaching Children Virtues and Values

Children are the pillars of our tomorrow. Do we nurture them and teach them all they need to know to become healthy human beings? By healthy human beings we don't mean the physical well-being but the good-character, spiritual soul being of a person. And how does one define that? One with virtues and values such as love, joy, hope, peace, wisdom, temperance, compassion-and the list keeps going. How can children instill these virtues and values and why are virtues important in raising young children?

The Christian virtues of faith, hope, love, wisdom, joy, courage, faith, peace and whatever other virtue there is, are learned relationships with God (and the circumstances he brings into our lives) and others. By their very nature Christian virtues are relational; they cannot be learned in a vacuum. We learn to trust God deeper by joyfully going through the trials of life; wisdom by dealing with difficult people, courage by facing dangerous and uncertain circumstances throughout life, faithfulness by constancy in promise keeping, patience while restraining anger, and humility by serving others. God has called us into an interesting set of relationships which he uses and will always use to help us grow and learn. These virtues become interactive with one another and help to keep us grounded thus working towards the benefit of all humanity. By loving one another and demonstrating kindness and thoughtfulness through our love, our children will repeat what they see, feel and hear.

Teaching and modeling these virtues becomes the primary responsibility of parents, other immediate family members, followed by school teachers, staff, church and administration. It takes all of us working in a partnership to inculcate into our children the positive emotions like love and compassion and to teach and model for them actions of kindness and generosity. At the same time we have to help them do away the negatives of hatred, anger, jealousy, selfishness, etc.

The values and virtues of an individual is sown in their childhood and nurtured as they grow up. It is vital in these formative years that we give them quality time and attention to build a strong foundation for future success.

We are thankful that your child is part of our school. Thank you for allowing us to share this important year- a developmental milestone- in your child's life.

Happy Valentines' Day!
Beverly Sims, Director

"Take Time to Be Kind & Let Your Light Shine!"

Parenting Class starts February 27th from 9-10:00 am

Our parenting class will kick off on Thursday morning, February 27th from 9-10:00 am in the preschool conference room. Childcare will be provided. Our associate pastor, Trinity Whitley will open the class with a prayer and prayer requests.

This class will be an open discussion class where parents can come and share their challenges and joys of being a parent. *The topics of discussion will come from the book, Everyday Sacrament-The Messy Grace of Parenting,* & several of our classroom parents will help Beverly lead the discussions. We have 5 copies of the book in the office and we are asking for donations of 10\$ to cover the cost. There are also a few copies available to purchase at Midtown Reader. Please e mail Beverly at Bev1236833@aol.com if you are interested in joining the class.

"It takes a village to raise a child!"

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

Faith Preschool & Kindergarten is an approved school to offer the **STEP UP FOR STUDENTS** scholarships to qualified families and students. For more information, please checkout the SUFS website at www.StepUpForStudents.org. Faith Preschool currently has eight families participating with the SUFS scholarship programs and they have been very pleased and successful with the options provided for their child. One scholarship (Gardiner Scholarship) helps those children with special needs and the other scholarship (FTC) is income based.

Faith Preschool & Kindergarten also offers financial assistance to families from the scholarship fund. Please contact Beverly or the preschool office if you think you may qualify or would like more information.

Classroom News

Two Year Olds with Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Phillips

Happy February, love is in the air! This month we are combining two of my favorite units, "Valentine's Day" and "Bears". We have already made our bear cave and sent our bears into hibernation for the winter! The children really loved this activity and are looking forward to waking up their bears at the end of the month and celebrating with a Teddy Bear Picnic. We are learning about bears of different colors and sizes, where they live and what they like to eat.

I really try to incorporate Valentine's Day into our Bears unit, so we are making some fun bears using heart shapes and colors like red, purple and pink. Our classroom is also decorated with hearts to celebrate with our Valentine's Day snack. A huge thank you to those parents who are helping us with snacks on February 13th and 14th. Please have your child bring in **unaddressed** valentines for their classmates on those days! (**MWF class has 12 children, T/TH has 9**). The children are decorating bags and will get to deliver valentines to their friends, just like the mailman does! They have already been practicing this in our sensory bin! We have scrap paper, scissors and crayons for them to cut and "address" letters to their loved ones and then mail them in our BIG blue mailbox.

Thank you, parents, for doing such an excellent job of remembering conferences in January. I really enjoyed spending the one-on-one time with you and getting to learn more about your sweet children!

Two Year Olds with Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. VanIddekinge

Happy February! The fun has just started with hearts and glitter as Valentine's Day approaches. Our T/Th home room mom Michele Kiker has given cardboard boxes to both classes to be decorated for their Valentine boxes. Thank you, Michele!

Our Valentine celebration will be at 10:30 on both days February 13th and February 14th. Class letters have already been put in your child's cubby about Valentine's Day. Both classes will have a special treat in addition to the snack they bring from home.

We have a special new addition to our school family! Albany Lambert became a big sister January 31, 2020! Her parents are Sharon and Caleb Lambert, welcome little Dublin Lambert to our family. May God's light shine on them.

Community helpers and transportation will be our unit for February and will continue into March. As always we will be sharing God's love, love of family and our love for our school family. It warms my heart when your precious little ones asks us to pray for someone or something special to them.

Thank you parents for coming to your child's conference. It was a joy to share all the wonderful ways your precious one is growing and interacting at school. But listening to you talk about your families was the high light of my conferences! You all are terrific and loving parents and are raising fantastic children. Blessings and Happy Valentine's Day!

Three Year Olds with Mrs. Williams and Ms. Fannin

Our class has had an Arctic Blast learning about Polar Bears, Penguins and Arctic Foxes! We have learned about how fur, feathers and blubber help these animals survive in the bitter cold. We have also talked about the Winter Season and that some animals hibernate during the long, cold months, including a cute little rodent called a ground hog. According to him – we are supposed to have an early Spring this year! We have also been counting constantly and the children are getting very good at counting objects and recognizing numbers and value.

Our Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 14th. We have 17 students, so please send in 17 signed, unaddressed Valentine's cards for their classmates. We will be celebrating Ms. Fannin's birthday on Thursday the 13th. Thank you so much for making my birthday so special – I loved all of the cards, flowers and treats!

On Monday, February 17th, the school will be closed in honor of President's Day. We will begin our unit on woodland animals this month. It is so important for children to learn and care about our neighboring animals and to be sensitive of their habitats. We will talk about these wild animals that live right in our own back yard – raccoons, rabbits, frogs, black bears, foxes, and squirrels.

Three Year Olds with Mrs. Durham and Mrs. Larkin

February finds us feeling the love! Our color is pink (rosado), our number is 7 (siete), and our shape is the heart of course! We will start the month learning about Valentine's Day, and doing nice things for the special people in our lives. Our kitchen will become a post office for making and "mailing" special notes. We will also be sending a little love in the real mail, so be on the lookout for something special! □ We will celebrate Valentines Day on Friday, February 14th with a pizza party, heart hunt, and card exchange starting at 11:30. Please send in 18 cards, with only the "from" area filled out. This simplifies our delivery.

As the month progresses we will travel the world as we learn a little about the customs of each of the seven continents. We will be tasting some traditional foods, and our kitchen will become a pizza shop, as well as display international clothing and foods such as tacos, and our sushi bento box. We will be saving the art from this unit to display in our art show which will take place March 2nd. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for our art reception from 8:45-9:15 that day. Your artist will take you on a world tour sharing their art. This is a very special event you won't want to miss!

Thank you to last month's cooking moms, Emily Kitchens (Clark's mom), and Julie Detweiler (Audrey's mom) who made adorable and delicious snowflakes and teddy bear toast! February is going to be full and fun!

Four Year Olds with Mrs. Fannin and Mrs. Roberts

February! Wow!! Can you believe it? How the year is flying by!! We are so excited about all of the exciting things happening in our classroom this month and can't wait to get our month started.

Valentine's Day brings lots of red, pink, lace, hearts and some wonderful art projects made with LOTS of LOVE! Our Valentine party is set for Friday, Feb 14th at 10:20am. Please remember to send in 16 unaddressed Valentines for your child to hand out to their sweet friends. By only signing your child's name (or having them sign their own) – makes it much easier for them to play postman!

Our other exciting unit this month is "Out in Space!" As part of our unit on Outer Space – we will have a special "Donuts for Dad" celebration on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 8:45am – we hope that all of our Dads can bring their children to school and enjoy a special celestial breakfast with them!

We will continue with Letters Q, R, S and T. We have a very special Q week planned – the children will be invited to a special wedding – more info to come in your child's cubby. Don't forget that sharing is on each Friday – the children are doing such a wonderful job of finding treasures that begin with the letter of the week! Keep sending in those wonderful Pictionary pages!

A special thank you goes out to each of our parents for making our conference time so enjoyable. It was such a pleasure to meet with each of you and share how truly wonderful your children are and how well they are doing in PreK!

As you go through this month, remember to hug your child and tell them how much you truly love them!! They are all such special Valentines!!

Four Year Olds with Mrs. Mott-Smith and Mrs. Inserra

The birds visiting our garden are a sign of hope. A sign that spring is around the corner, no matter what Phil, the groundhog decides. Even though our lemon tree isn't yielding yet, we enjoyed squeezing fresh lemons for some tasty lemonade for L week. Our tastebuds are a fun way to experience the alphabet and we try to have cooking experiences regularly.

Thank you all for taking time for our parent conferences. It is always a pleasure to sit with you and share the progress your child is making. Our February units are Communication, Valentines, America/Our County, and Dinosaurs. Our letters are N,O,P and Q.

Our Valentine party will be on Friday, the 14th. Please send in a signed, unaddressed Valentine for each classmate. We are making the Valentine bags at school. Be watching your mailbox for a very special delivery! Love is in the air!

Four Year Olds with Mrs. Christiansen and Mrs. Williams

Let me start by saying thank you for making time and attending your child's conference. It is such a joy to be able to share with you about your child's growth, both social/emotional and educational.

February is here, and we are excited to learn all about love and kindness. **Our class will be presenting the chapel story on Wed, Feb. 12th at 9:15.** Please make plans to join us! Our class Valentines's party will be on Friday, Feb. 14th during snack time. We ask that you send in Valentines with the "to" left blank, but sign your child's name in the "from" portion. This month our units of study are Dental Heath & Nutrition and Dinosaurs. The letters will be Q, R, S, & T.

We will have a special visitor to our class on Tues, Feb. 11th at 9:00. Britton's mom, Dr. Ransey Boyd, will be talking about the importance of dental health. Thank you Dr. Boyd!

As a reminder, there is **no school** on Mon, Feb. 17th in observance of President's Day.

Thank you for all you do and sharing your children with us!

Kindergarten with Mrs. Hamrick and Mrs. McConnaughay

Kindergarten had so much fun celebrating 100 days of school! Each child made a project using 100 objects and they are displayed outside of the classroom. The projects are very creative! We also made counted to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's, made a special snack with 100 items, and learned all about the number 100, as we celebrated our 100th day of school. We also had so much fun with our Penguin Play, singing for our parents and telling them everything we learned about Penguins.

On February 14th, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a special snack and we will make mailboxes in class for our Valentine's cards. We are continuing to learn our sight words, work on word families, read our books, and write in our journals. In Math this month, we will start learning about money and time, as well as, how to use tally marks. We will also begin our unit on Space and perform our Space Program at the end of the month!

Music with Mrs. Cooke

It's no surprise that this month is all about LOVE and how we can celebrate that in different ways! Music is no exception as we're getting to do some very special things these next few weeks. We'll be listening to and talking about music we love in movies and shows, music from years (and decades!) past, as well as talking about how music can help us celebrate milestones and make us feel! I love watching their minds work as we think through how music is with us in every day life. Plus if you hear about a magical time machine that transforms us back in time to hear music from the 1930's you now have some context!

The music we are making is getting stronger and even more creative day by day as they are mastering rhythmic patterns and varying sounds on all kinds of instruments. The two year olds are growing and developing a great sense of rhythm timed to the music we hear and play together. The three year olds have learned our basic music scale that will allow them to recognize high and low pitches, and the VPK and Kindergarten classes have built upon that to be able to play simple songs on their xylophones and my keyboard in the classroom. They work hard and we have lots of fun doing so! I would love to see you at chapel next week all about LOVE presented by Mrs. Christiansen and Mrs. William's class!

Have a happy, very loved filled month and thank you for sharing your children with us!

Preschool Announcements

2020-2021 Faith Preschool Registration

Registration is going well. There are still a few 2 and 3 year old spots left so please let your family and friends know if they are still considering preschool for next year. You will be receiving your contract in the mail at the end of February. Thank you for returning it by April 1.

Dates to Remember:

February

Wednesday, February 5 Coffee sales begin
Wednesday, February 12 Chapel Church Sanctuary 9:15
Monday, February 17 Holiday President's Day No School
Thursday, February 19 Coffee sales end
Wednesday, February 26 Chapel 9:15
Thursday, February 27 Parenting Class

March

Monday, March 2 Staff Meeting NO lunch bunch
Wednesday, March 4 Chapel 9:15
Wednesday March 11 Trike a thon and Coffee pickup
Monday, March 16 - Monday, March 20 Spring Break and TPD Monday 23

April

Wednesday, April 1 Chapel 9:15
Thursday, April 2 FAMILY FUN NIGHT
After School ends at 4:00
Monday, April 6 Staff Meeting No Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, April 8 Chapel Church Sanctuary 9:15
Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 No School Good Friday and Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 14-Friday, April 17 Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26 Mrs. Sims Retirement Celebrations
Wednesday, April 29 Chapel 9:15

May

Monday, May 4 Staff Meeting No Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, May 6 Spring Programs 2s at 9:30 and 3s,4s and Kindergarten 11:00
Wednesday, May 13 VPK Graduation 11:30
Friday, May 15 Last day for LB or SNP
Tuesday, May 19 Last Day of School

June

Monday, June 1- Friday, June 12
Faith Preschool Summer Camp 9-12
Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19
Faith Presbyterian Church VBS

Happy Birthday!

Sandy Hartsfield February 12

Kati Fannin February 14

Please help make them feel special on their birthday
with a homemade card or flower from your garden.

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