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Diane, Here is the Kindergarten Newsletter... sue

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Newsletter



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From the Director:

The 2009-2010 school year has begun with a fantastic month of new beginnings. Kindergarten

News

Odds & Ends

Please take note...

- Afternoon pick-up has changed: 2's & 3's are on John Street and 4's & 5's are on Charlotte Street.
- 2nd half of tuition is due November 1st.
- Fall break is Friday, October 16 and Monday, October 19.
- If you have questions about Supper at Second, contact [Jessica Nason](#).

The Observant Fives

The Fives started the year with learning about themselves and the world around them, their families, their pets, their five senses, and helpers in their community. Come take a look at Happytown, USA on the back bulletin board!

The class is showing how smart they are by sounding out letters to make words and

Class is the largest ever with 20 students. We have three extremely capable teachers (Rett Fitts, Jodie Almeida and Kat Albright) working with these children, and I can see the amazing progress and feel the enthusiasm every time I enter the room. It is inspiring the way these teachers have employed what they have learned from our Conscious Discipline training!

Our growth in numbers is apparent in the Lunch Bunch Program where we have a wonderful group of teachers working; Jessi Chapman, Jenna Brown, Chris Condon, Allie Wilkins and Mary Brown are dividing the time in this program. They are encouraging the children to play cooperatively and they, too, are building the values and skills that contribute to a harmonious community.

We welcome the following new teachers to our school staff: Toni Rhett and Jessi Chapman who are working with our Three Year Old Class. Toni is a veteran teacher who brings many years of experience and valuable understanding of child development to the program. Jessi brings a wonderful gift of enthusiasm and music to our school. She leads the music in chapel, and she also helps with Lunch Bunch.

We celebrate the growth of our families: Morgan's sister, Anna Rowan Turner Chandler Grace's brother, Wright Ghegan Ada's sister, Georgia Comer Margaret and Robert's brother, William Myers Before this goes to print, I know that there will be additional baby blessings to our families!

It is a joy to come here each day and I thank you for giving me the pleasure of your child's company!

Blessings,

Sue Henderson

From the Parents' Guild President:

It's hard to believe that by the time you receive this newsletter, it will already be October. The school year has gotten off to a wonderful start! I am pleased with the turnout we had for the first parents guild meeting. There were lots of new ideas and excitement about the projects we have planned for this school year. First and foremost, the guild would like to purchase and install a water fountain for the playground. It is much needed and

sentences. We began our first spelling lesson last week. The children are working hard on their numbers and computing simple math problems. With twenty children in the class, we are better able to use our charts and graphs to work on many different math concepts. The children are gaining independence by learning to keep track of their own work contracts. They seem excited about learning computer key board and Smart Board skills.

We are so proud of how well the children listen and follow directions. We remind them often that this is the most important skill for rising first graders.

- Miss Rett, Miss Kat and Miss Jodie

The Fours, Using Their Senses and Saving the Earth

A letter from both classes

The Fours are having a fabulous time in Miss Curry and Miss Allie's class. We have really enjoyed getting to know each other and learning about each other's families. We've been busy at circle time making graphs about our families and sharing our homework houses with the group.

The fours have also been exploring with their Five Senses lately. We've learned that the best way to become aware of something in our environment is to use all of our five senses. The class enjoyed making yummy homemade chocolate chip cookies. We used all of our senses during this experiment. Everyone got to dip a clean finger in the bowl one time. Thank you parents for contributing to the Taste Test. The teachers especially enjoyed watching our friends taste sour candy and lemons.

We are really excited about some more of the upcoming units. We will be studying "Our Earth and ways to protect it", "Charleston history", and "Helpers in Our

seems to be a top priority for the teachers. To help accomplish this, I would like to remind everyone that Supper From Second is in full swing now! Please place your orders and reap the benefits of tasty casseroles, soups and baked goods for the holidays. We need lots of volunteers to make this a success. Please contact Jessica Nason (425-6579) or me (607-3198) if you are willing to cook. Recipes are provided. The old saying, "Many hands make light work" truly applies in this situation. Remember, the money we raise from this fundraiser goes directly for the benefit of our children.

I encourage everyone to attend the guild meetings which are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the room across from the fellowship hall. It is the perfect forum to discuss ideas and any concerns regarding our school. I can promise you there is always at least one topic that provides for a lively discussion among all of us. In addition, feel free to contact me directly at any time.

Have a wonderful fall season!

Sincerely,
Suzanne Brown

incorporating numbers into our school days whether it is through the calendar, 100-Day board or through games. We've been sequencing and recognizing numbers to 20 on a daily basis. We are also counting and practicing one-to-one correspondence often. The teachers are quite impressed with the handwriting we've seen these past few weeks also. Name writing is improving and the students are even copying words now! Please remember that Tuesday is "letter of the week" picture day, and Thursday is "letter of the week" show-n-tell day. Also, thank you for the healthy snack contributions. The children really appreciate these snacks especially the birthday treats. Happy Birthday to the following:

Chandler Grace - August 9
Drew- September 16
Mac- September 17
Carson- September 21
Legare- October 26

Congratulations to Chandler Grace and her family on the birth of her new baby brother "Wright". We can't wait to meet him!

-Miss Curry and Miss Allie

We have had a great start to the school year! The children have been so excited to be here everyday learning so many new things. They have showed such enthusiasm in getting to know each other and their new routine in the fours!

We kicked off the year with our "All About Me" unit. The children loved sharing their houses with us! We can tell you all worked very hard on these! They are decorating our walls now so the children are able to look at them everyday.

Next we talked about our five senses, reviewed colors and shapes, and learned all about pets. We especially loved the taste test and creating our own pet poster. We even graphed the children's pets. Can you believe we had more cats than dogs?

Our unit on "Save the Earth" had us learning all about the three R's-reduce, reuse, and recycle. The children seemed to love learning that they could take part

Staff

Director:
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Chapel:
The Rev. Cress Darwin
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Rett Fits
Jodie Almeida (Spanish, too)
Katherine Albright

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Allie Wilkins
Garden Blincow
Chris Bailey

Three year old's:
Jenna Brown
Jessi Chapman
Toni Rhett
Suzanne Hagins
Joella Gadsden

Two year old's:
Sue McManus
Mary Brown

Music:
Suzanne Fleming-Atwood

Special Thanks To:

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNab for their generous gift to the library fund in honor of their grandson, Teddy Brisson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Quattlebaum for hosting the New Parents Cocktail Party in their home.

many fun art projects with this unit! We loved getting gooey and messy with our paper mache earth!

Along with reviewing the letters A-E, the numbers 1-3, and our units, we have been working on keeping the classroom and each other safe. We're learning to use our words and implement the principles we've learned through Conscious Discipline.

We feel so blessed to have your children in our lives everyday!

- Miss Garden and Miss Chris

Check us out!



Miss Sue and Miss Mary's two year old class



The Threes Welcome Miss Toni and Trace Their Names

A letter from both classes

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children! The unit for the first week of school, "All About Me", focused on their interests, family, and pets. Thank you for helping them with their picture "houses." We hung them on the wall and the students love showing them off!

Since then we have learned about birds, colors, shapes, and have made discoveries about dinosaurs. Have you seen the dinosaur fossils they made or heard them sing the Dino-Dance-O (our spin on the Hokey Pokey)? We will also be learning about community helpers. Through October, our class will be studying about farm animals, autumn, insects and bugs. All students received stars on letters A, B, C and D and numbers 1 and 2. We are thrilled to see how well the students have been tracing their names. Also, your children are learning to use scissors accurately and safely. Thank you all for encouraging these lessons and skills at home.

Many different things are going on around Second Presbyterian Kindergarten. We



Miss Jenna and Miss Jessi's
three year old class



Miss Toni and Miss Suzanne's
three year old class

learn how to act in emergencies. Also, please check your calendars to make sure you have marked fall break during the week of October 16th through 19th. Parents, thank you all for sending in such healthy snacks for our students as well. We enjoy hearing your feedback and please know that our door is always open to you!

- Miss Jenna and Miss Jessi

I would first and foremost like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received thus far. I am once again lucky to be back at Second Pres., as I have always given Sue credit for my start in Early Childhood. I am also lucky to be in the company of the fabulous Miss Suzanne. Her guidance has been administered with kindness and infinite patience. She is my shining star!

Our year is off to a great start. The children have settled into the routine and have adjusted beautifully. The old adage that good things come in small packages is so true. We have taken great delight in opening these packages and discovering who your children are. It's the best part of a new year!

We have started our course of learning a letter and a number for each week, along with several thematic units under our belt. We look forward to our new month and will learn about The Farm and fall. A monthly calendar will be sent home so that you can be "in the know"!

Many thanks to you for all that you do for us. What an exciting year we'll have!

-Miss Toni and Miss Suzanne

The Energetic Twos

What an enthusiastic and energetic group of children; they do keep us on the move! We are off to a great start and are all working on the following class rules: walking feet, hands to home, inside voices, eyes on the teacher and using our



Miss Allie and Miss Curry's
four year old class



Miss Garden and Miss Chris's
four year old class



has taught us about our families. We have had to learn each other's names and have begun the journey of wonderful new friendships. The Teddy Bear unit was next, and we enjoyed a "Teddy Bear Picnic." Thanks to Reid's mother and Phoebe's mother for all the yummy picnic goodies.

October will begin with a focus on shapes and colors. As fall approaches, we hope to see some cooler weather and begin our unit on the season of autumn. Thanksgiving will be our focus in November. Look for some special Thanksgiving art!

The children are enjoying music on Mondays and chapel on Wednesdays. We would like to thank our parents for sending healthy snacks; they are so hungry at snack time! We are all having fun and enjoying our time together! Parents with weather turning cooler, please send in a "warm" change of clothes. Remember to LABEL everything.

- Miss Sue and Miss Mary



Miss Rett, Miss Kat and Miss Jodi's kindergarten

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