

The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

October 2009

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm

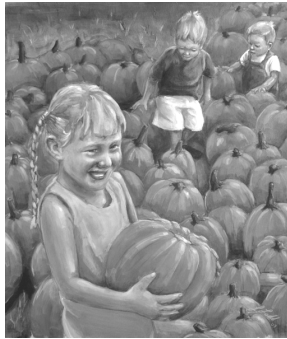
OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

9:00am-4:30PM

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October 2: We are getting a visit from the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department! One of our Dads, Kevin Maehling, who is Kiera's father (preschool & PreK4), will be presenting a fire safety program to our kids three and up. It includes a close up look at all the gear and the big red fire truck!

Happy Birthday to Gavin Fehl (T class) 10/3; Grace Query (Young Toddler) 10/6 & Danny Florent (Preschool & PreK3) 10/14. Teachers: Kim S 10/18; Erin P 10/26.

Bad Weather: In case of power outages, snow or ice, we will notify you through WPXI-Channel 11. If you go to their website, you can sign up for email notification. That way, you will always know if we are delayed or open. Our center will be listed under **Mt. Lebanon Weekday Ministries**.



Don't forget Lunch Days! There will be two luncheons in October that our thoughtful caterer Marilyn will prepare for our children at no cost to you. There will be dates and menus posted on the classroom doors.

Please remember to update your emergency forms, agreement forms and electronic payment forms whenever there is a change. Also, take a health report form to your child's pediatrician each time there is a scheduled well-child visit. Forms are available in the office, from a teacher or from the display in the stairwell.

Fall is here.
Another year
is coming to an end.
Summer's finished,
Summer's gone,
Winter's round the bend.
Fall is piles of crunchy leaves,
orange, gold, and red.
Fall is sweaters with long sleeves
and blankets on the bed.
Fall is football,
Fall is pumpkins,
Fall's where summer ends.
And
Fall is coming back to school,
and seeing all my friends.
A.Moore



INFANTS

Eileen is back with us! Her broken wrist gave her a tougher than usual summer, but she's back with the babies she loves and on the floor with them once again! Jackie Perry

SUPERTOTS

This month's theme will be pumpkins, Halloween and *Jesus Loves Me*. Our colors will be black and orange. Our shape will be a star. Please remember to swap your children's extra clothing for warmer ones. Alissa Matson

YOUNG TODDLERS

Watch out for our pumpkins and scarecrows this month. We will wear orange and green on Tuesday, the 13th and on Friday the 30th. The 30th is the day we will have a costume parade. Treats are welcome! We will watch *The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!* We are also looking at rhyming words like hat, cat, bat. There will be new songs about pumpkins, Jesus and Farmer Brown. Erin Piatt

OLDER TODDLERS

Our room is looking forward to an exciting, colorful October. We are discussing fall harvest along with our Halloween theme. The Older toddler teachers are planning numerous activities and art projects to celebrate one of our favorite times of the year. The children are looking forward to our classroom Halloween party at the end of the month. No costumes needed. We are continuing to work on using good manners, reviewing numbers 1-10 and recognizing classmates' names and ABC's. As usual, the Older Toddlers are developing independence. Have a Happy Halloween! Janice Zaborowski

PRESCHOOL PALS

This month, we welcome fall with all its colors. We will be learning about the seasons and the changes they bring. We will talk about Columbus Day and doing related crafts. We will be learning that Jesus loves us and how He shows us that love. We are not planning to wear Halloween costumes. Instead, we will do a show & tell with them right after the holiday. Cathy Helbig

PRE-K PROGRAM

Our PreK classes are supplemental classes, intended to serve day care and other community children with a solid preschool experience. Beginning with the PreK3 class (3 years old by October 1) and ending with a Transition Class for children just missing kindergarten, we offer structured, yet pressure free activities in reading-readiness, pre-math, social-studies, science, art and even Spanish! The PreK4 and Transition classes are going to Reilley's Farm on the 23rd. The older kids will also be practicing handwriting. Our themes are friends, fall, harvest and Halloween. Stop by and see us! Monica Bochkoris

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Sometimes we hear or see the phrase “Jesus loves me” and we dismiss the whole thing as a sappy saying. Nothing could be further from the truth.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, “Jesus loves me” is probably the most profound statement a person can make. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. He was with our Creator at the beginning of all time. He gave up his heavenly kingdom for about thirty-three years to live in a humble, impoverished, violent and uncertain world of illness, dirt and death just so He could die miserably on a cross of shame and horrific pain. He did not die for a general ideal or philosophy. He died and rose again to give spiritual life to each individual man, woman and child in the past, present and future.

When we teach the children this month that “Jesus loves me” we are saying that the unique needs of each child truly matter to God. The Bible describes a popular rabbi, a teacher in demand as a speaker and healer. Overbooked as Jesus was, friends tried to keep Him from overextending Himself by wasting time with little children. But Jesus “rebuked” them. That is, He scolded them for thinking children were not important enough to command His time and attention.

Little children grow up to be big adults. The lessons we learn as children form who we become. Speaking for myself, I still rely on the powerful Gospel message that “Jesus loves me.” Not only does that knowledge bring me hope and comfort, but it motivates me to live a life full of happiness as I pursue meaningful activities with all God’s children, young and old.

I wonder how many people worldwide know and rely upon the words to this song?

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little Ones to Him belong
They are weak but he is strong!

Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so!

Child Health Alert, September 2009, has this to say about **Swine flu**. It is spread by droplets of mucus. Sneeze into your elbow and wash hands often. Thankfully, the H1N1 strain of flu causes fewer deaths than other strains. There is a flu shot available for the Swine, but to be covered for the majority of flu strains, you must get both a regular flu shot and a Swine flu shot, as one will not cover the other.

Keep your child home with flu symptoms. You cannot return to day care unless you are symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medications. This is a policy for staff, also. If you see different staff than you are used to, you can bet we are experiencing absences due to illness.

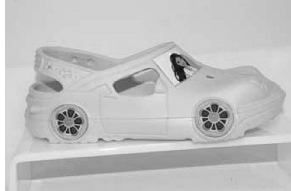
Avoid bottles and cans with BPA. BPA belongs to a class of chemicals that mimic female hormones and animal data suggests it can cause developmental problems in unborn and young children. Look for a recycling code “7” on the bottom along with “PC.” Using glass or stainless baby bottles is recommended.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning about the use of **Zicam** cold remedy products. Apparently, it can cause the loss of the sense of smell. The loss can become permanent. Zicam's active ingredient is zinc. Check with your healthcare provider.

Recalls:

Buster Brown clogs (decorative wheels a choking hazard)
Clark's children's shoes (small parts pose choking hazard)



Thank you for participating in the **Kid's Stuff Coupon book fundraiser**. Each day care classroom will be able to purchase something new for the room with the profits.

We would appreciate your considering donating any of the following items if you run into a great bargain while shopping. These are things we run through like crazy! You may give them directly to your child's classroom for their use.

- Tissues (God bless you!)
- Paper plates (must be paper. No Styrofoam)
- Whole grain snacks like Teddy grahams, goldfish, cheerios, animal crackers, Wheat Thins
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper napkins

Lifetouch Portraits will be taken on Friday, November 6. All children will be photographed, but there is no obligation to buy.

Weekday Ministries will be closed on November 3 for Election Day

Our church building is a polling place. Our normally locked doors will be open for the community.