

Ship to Shore from the Learning Ship

September 2011

News from the Starfish & Minnows

Welcome to the Starfish & Minnows class! We are looking forward to a great year at The Learning Ship Christian Preschool. You will be amazed at your child's increasing social, academic and physical growth this year. It will be one of the most important experiences in your child's life.

Each week we will present a new theme that will be developed through the use of our senses, stories, songs, finger plays and creative movement. This month's themes will be: **How can we be good friends to others** and **Apples**. A daily Bible lesson during circle time will be enhanced through songs and stories. Our Bible stories will be about how God loves each of us and how special we are to God. We will be reading about our beautiful world that God made and about Adam & Eve.

Your child may or may not know all of his /her colors. We will have a new color for each month that will be explored through eating, wearing, sharing, touching and feeling. At various times we will ask for your child to bring an item from home representing the color for the month. The monthly calendar will indicate this and the day to wear the color.

SHARE BAG INFO!! What is the share bag? Each class time one child will take home a small white tote bag with a note in its pocket. Help your child "read" the note; follow its directions for the next time your child is in class. Your child will have an opportunity to "share" what is in the bag, i.e. a favorite toy, book, picture, etc. with the class. Whoever brings the share bag to school that day will be the "special helper". He or she will be the line leader, **provide the snack for the day** and help out at calendar time. We will also have other show-n-tell days listed on the calendar so **please look at your calendar daily**.

Birthdays will be celebrated as close to your child's real birthday as possible. If you wish, you may bring a prepackaged treat to share with the rest of the class. Fair Haven is a peanut free building...please do not bring in food containing peanuts or nuts. Thanks! Summer birthdays will be celebrated all together in the last week of school.

Each month we will be sending home Scholastic book club forms. You may or may not choose to order. It offers age appropriate books and learning materials at low prices, however some books don't have the appropriate Christian values & standards so please look carefully and choose wisely. We will put the order in and they will come back in two to three weeks. You may write a check out to Scholastic, order online and pay with a credit card or you may also pay in cash.

We will also be introducing letters starting in October. We are doing the zoo phonics and will be introducing the letter with the zoo animal. This will all be done at our theme circle time.

We will be going on various field trips throughout the year. We will have them listed in each monthly calendar. One week before we go, we will put up a sign up sheet for a certain number of drivers that we will need. We are looking forward to a great year. If you ever have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact us.

September Birthdays

Starfish
Will Cazrnecki ~ Sept. 18

Minnows
Mae Albrecht ~ Sept. 2

Happy Birthday to You!

God Bless you!

Mrs. V. (jan@fhmin.org) & Mrs. Elliott
Mrs. Ann(annw@fhmin.org) & Mrs. Jodi