



Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center

October 2017

Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S DESK...

AMY BARTLETT

It looks like Fall is finally here! The colors are really starting to show—it's beautiful! This month we have "school pictures" to choose from, cookie dough fundraiser in full swing and believe it or not, I have set the date for this year's Christmas Program—Friday, December 1st at 6:30 pm. So if you have any out of town family or friends who would like to attend...

It seems odd to be talking about the Christmas Program so soon, but I have already had a staff person ask when it will be. Calendars fill up fast and people sometimes need to plan way ahead in order to attend. The holidays seem more and more rushed every year. It saddens me to see the Christmas advertising and merchandise out already!! Don't get me wrong, it's my favorite time of year, but let's not rush life. Savor the Autumn season, there is so much to enjoy. Then, when November rolls along, really focus on Thanksgiving—how has God blessed your life?



I believe that we need to be purposeful in slowing life down for our children. Develop family traditions around each season or holiday, things you always do together that they look forward to every year. These activities help ground us in the season, in the here and now. Kids excel at "being in the moment" and experiencing it thoroughly. Adults stink at it—we're always getting ready for the next moment. So go do some traditional activities; see how many different colors of leaves you can find, look at and feel the different designs in them, jump in a pile of them, go dig the seeds and guts out of a pumpkin together. Make it something you can all enjoy. It

doesn't have to be big, involve travel or even cost anything, be creative!

These days with your little ones are precious. Hold on to them and cherish all the little moments that make up your life together. You know, the good moments where they are sweet and funny, not the tantrum throwing/up in the middle of the night/won't go poop in the potty moments. Those you let go of and pretend they didn't happen to you!

YOUNG INFANT

MISS JENNY

Greetings from the Young Infants. October is here, one of my favorite months. I love all the vibrant colors of fall. Our friends have enjoyed taking walks on our warm days. We have been working on small and large motor skills with our friends. They especially like music time, our oldest friend Dylan loves to clap along. Our other friends always have the biggest smiles on their faces when we are singing songs. Until next month, God Bless.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Cookie dough orders are due Friday, October 20th. Checks can be made out to Great Beginnings.
- Picture selections are due by Friday, October 27th.
- Harvest Parties will be held in several of the classrooms, see the classroom sign-up sheets for details.
NO COSTUMES PLEASE!

OLDER INFANT

MISS ANN

Happy October to all. I can't believe the weather still allows us to get outside almost every day.

Britney and Reese have mastered the climber outside and stand at the top screaming happily. Lovdon is getting braver and braver taking steps unassisted. He loves pushing the trikes around. Jack is our adventurer outside. He is all over the playground. Zaylee is our talker. She likes visiting with the toddler friends through the fence. The leaf piles we rake up don't last long with Haven and Jillian as they love running through them and also toss handfuls in the air. Caleb loves watching the leaves way up high in the trees. He is teeter tottering and is learning about all the different textures there are to feel outside.

In October we will be exploring lots of sensory items: pumpkins & gourds. I've discovered fun ideas to share with the boys and girls like apple pie spice moon sand, pumpkin finger painting and cinnamon scented water to play in. When your one years old we're all about everything and anything we can touch, taste, see, hear and smell. Have a great month.

YOUNG TODDLER

MISS CLANCY

Fall has come and all of our friends are starting to settle in. It's been really great watching each of them start opening up and showing off everything they know. They have become very eager to learn and we practiced our colors and body parts a lot in the past month. They are all so smart and love to help each other out throughout the day.

For the month of October we will be learning letters, numbers and shapes, as well as doing some Fall art projects to help bring in the season. A new project I'm really excited about is acorn painting! It's not what you're thinking and I can't wait to see how the kids like it.

As the weather starts to turn cold we ask that parents please bring jackets and closed-toe shoes for the kids while we are outside in the morning. We usually head outside at 10 am, when the temperature is still chilly and breezy. I'm pretty sad myself about putting away my sandals, but it's only going to get colder!

OLDER TODDLER

MISS DELIA

It finally feels like Autumn! The first week of the season we were breaking summer time records, in Fall! Either way, we've been enjoying the season and getting outside to play.

The friends are enjoying their time with Mrs. Deanna. They love music and look forward to her coming. She brings bells, rhythm sticks and once she brought a glockenspiel. The xylophone and glockenspiel are in the percussion family but the glockenspiel has metal keys and the xylophone has wooden. We dance to different genres of music. The friends also get to listen to different sounds. Mrs. Deanna is wonderful and we are so grateful to her for all she brings to our friends.

In October we will have our Harvest Party on Oct27 –Friday. Our theme for October will be Fall and Pumpkins. I hope you get to Johnson Pumpkin Farm.

Please bring in a family picture to post in our rooms.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Toddler Department please bring them to myself, Miss De-thanks. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the season.

THREES

MISS DI

Happy Fall Everyone ! Fall is such a beautiful time of year isn't it! ☺ The leaves are changing colors and falling off the trees, the apples and pumpkins are out and ready to be picked. God blesses us with great things!

We are off to a good start with our new class. They are getting familiar with our daily routines and have been exploring the various play areas in our room. During the month of October we will be talking a lot about the season of Fall. We will also be spending sometime talking and doing activities having to do with Apples and Pumpkins. We will end our month with a "Harvest Party" so watch for more details to follow.

Our Kinder Music Class has begun and our class is doing an AWESOME JOB at participating and singing along with Mrs. Deanna. Our class has music at 10:30 on Thursdays.



FOURS

MISS HEIDI

As much as I hate to see summer come to an end, I just love Fall! There's so many exciting changes occurring around us... changing leaves, migration, hibernation, frost... so great for science. We've already noticed geese flying overhead! Also in science we'll be exploring the how and why of leaves changing color in the Fall and learning words: chlorophyll, veins and photosynthesis. We'll also be doing experiments with static "electricity", for letter Ee. For letter Ff we'll be conducting a seasonal "Sink or Float" experiment with predictions & estimations! The boys and girls have enjoyed learning new poems and fingerplays. We'll be working on "Gray Squirrel" and "Little Leaves", for the month of October.

In phonics the letters we'll be focusing on are Ee, Ff, Gg and Hh. Ee being our 2nd vowel... a special letter that makes two sounds and Gg is pretty cool too... our first "basement" letter!

In math there will be 2-3 part patterning, measuring, weighing, estimation, and predictions. Our favorite math activity will be making comparisons and measuring two different sized pumpkins!

"Harvesting of Pumpkins" and "Fall Leaves" will be other themes woven throughout October. Some activities I'm looking forward to these weeks: our pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving, pumpkin seeds, leaf prints and creating our party pumpkin piñata! Our Harvest Party will be October 27th. A party sign up will be posted on the door. Happy Harvest!