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Tabernacle Preschool Newsletter



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This Month

Easter Break	Apr. 1-9
Picture orders due	Apr. 13
Lunch Bunch	Apr. 15 & 21
Library	Apr. 20 & 21

April Units

Discovering Spring
Teacher's choice
Insects, Bugs & Small
Creatures

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Proofs and **Picture orders** will be due back on Tuesday, April 13!

If you are on **Face Book**, join our Tabernacle Preschool fan page. It's a great way for us to advertise to your friends, your friends' friends...

Looking ahead...**Preschool Graduation** will be Tuesday, May 25! This is an end-of-year program for ALL classes.

Thank you to everyone who

brought in items for the **Food Pantry!** What a tremendous response we had. The following is a thank you note we received:

*To Tabernacle Preschool,
Thank you so much for the food drive that you did for our food pantry. So many people will eat better because you cared. Thanks again - God bless you all.*

*Ruby Cullipher,
TBC Food Pantry
Chairperson*

Upcoming Project:

In keeping with some of our spring units, our preschool classes will be sprucing up the flowerbed by the portico. If you have plants/flowers in your yard that need thinning out or if you would like to purchase and donate any flowers/plants for the bed, please let us know. We are trying to keep the cost as low as possible but still let each child have the opportunity to plant! Thanks!

Questions! Questions!

How do you answer a child's questions about God? Your child's questions are one of the best indicators of his or her level of thinking, and the kinds of questions your child asks help you know how much information about God is appropriate for him or her to hear at the time. Meaningful answers should fit the child's present level of understanding - and they need to be backed up by the way you live your life!

- Ask your child, "What do you think? His or her answer will help you both think more clearly about the issue being raised by your child."
- Truth matters! So don't give cute answers: Freckles are *not* angel kisses. Keep

the facts clear.

- Give a one-sentence answer to a one-sentence question. Then ask, "Do you think that's a good answer? What do you still wonder?" Your child will let you know if he or she wants to know more.

If you don't know an answer, don't feel threatened. Say, "I don't know. Let's ask someone else!"

(from Gospel Light Family Fun Time)

Help!

Parents we are asking for your help. Please do not let your child bring toys or "special" things to preschool. It is becoming overwhelming for the teachers to keep up with your child's special toy. I promise your child is fine without it for a few hours!

We have so many toys in all the classrooms; there are plenty of things to keep your child occupied!

When your child brings in an item the teachers try to hand it right back to you to take home. We do not want objects to get lost or broken. (If you hand it back to the child at that point you are undermining the teachers' authority in the classroom.) If a toy gets past us first thing, the teachers will have the child put it in their cubby...and more often than not, the child becomes obsessed with showing off the toy throughout the morning. Please help us by not letting your child bring items into the school. If you feel like they need it in the car, please leave it in the car. Teachers cannot be responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Thank you for helping us with this.

Get to know Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Judy

In January we began sending home copies of our church's monthly newsletter for all of our preschool families who are not members of this church. In the preschool's article in the newsletter, we have been featuring one of our preschool staff members each month so that our church family can get to know them. Since many of you missed these in the fall, we thought we would catch you up. Last month you read the bios of Mrs. Sonya and Mrs. Jane. This month you will get to know more about Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Judy, the teachers in the MWF 4 year old class:

Mrs. Ann wrote:

"My name is Ann Strickland and I am the teacher for the Four Year Old, three days a week preschool class. I have been teaching at Tabernacle Preschool for 11 years and absolutely love my job! I came to the preschool as a substitute teacher and God knew this was where I belonged and opened a door for me.

I was born right here in New Bern but grew up everywhere but here. I am the oldest of four children. My parents, Margaret and Phillip Thatch are members of Tab-

ernacle Baptist. Daddy joined the Air Force and off we went. We lived in several different states and countries, and after graduating from High School in Holland, I returned to New Bern where I met my future husband.

My husband Danny and I just celebrated our 31st anniversary. We have two daughters, Kate who is 24 and married to Nathan Toler, and Maggie who will be 22 in just a few weeks, and is engaged to Kenny Brownell.

I love going to the beach,

spending time with my family, scrapbooking, playing cards, going out to eat and to the movies.

A few of the things I love most about working with preschool children is their total acceptance of those around them, their excitement over the smallest of things which most of us take for granted, and their non-judgmental attitudes. When a child looks at you and says "this was the most fun I ever had" or "you are my best friend, Mrs. Ann" then my day is complete. I can't imagine a better job or a better place to work."



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Mrs. Judy wrote:

"Hi, my name is Judy Robinson. I am an assistant in the four year old MWF class and this is my first year at Tabernacle Preschool.

My parents are Edna and Billy Johnston. They were born and raised in Pamlico County. My dad joined the Navy to sail the oceans blue. I was born the third of four children in Charleston, SC in a Christian home. We moved back to Pamlico County in 1968 and my dad retired from his Navy career.

I married Tom Robinson in

June of 1979. Tom and I were neighbors while growing up, so I did marry the boy next door! Tom was commissioned in the Air Force on May 30, 1979. Michelle was born in 1982 and Chris was born in 1986. We spent his military career moving with many exciting adventures and blessings along the way. We moved to Virginia after Tom retired from the Air Force. We stayed there for 10 years while our children finished up high school and college. We moved back to NC in 2007 to help care for aging parents.

I have always worked in the school settings due to my passion for teaching children and the joy that it brings me. Plus it was great to be able to have the same hours my children had. The bonus to that was having the summer to play and hang out with my own children. I have worked as an assistant with special needs children, a substitute teacher, kindergarten assistant, and lead teacher for three and four year olds.

My children are all grown up. Michelle chose to stay in Virginia and my son Chris

is a marine stationed in SC with his lovely wife Ashley.

My hobbies are reading, going to the beach, and hanging out with my children when they are home.

I would say the part I love the best about my job is watching a child's face light up when they discover something new, write their name for the first time, build the tallest tower without it falling...all those "WOW!" moments. Plus the neat part is working in a Christian environment and planting the seed of God's love.

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Units	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
				1	2	3 / 4
				No School -		
	5	6	7	8	9	10 / 11
	No School - Easter Break					
Discovering Spring	12 Chapel	13 Picture Orders due Chapel	14	15 Lunch Bunch	16	17 / 18
Teacher's choice	19	20 Library	21 Lunch Bunch Library	22	23	24 / 25
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