

Creative Preschool Newsletter - October 2017



From the Director

When I taught in the 4s program I often found myself astounded on the first school day when I saw the new 3 year old children—surely they were just babies still, not preschoolers! I am no

longer fooled, because I now know that they will grow and develop in leaps and bounds over the course of the upcoming school year. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe made the observation that when we watch the astounding pace of the development of the infant and the young child, we should deduce that “if children grew up according to early indications, we should have nothing but geniuses” as adults. Yes, indeed, the young child does grow and learn at an amazing pace!

We at Creative Preschool are excited and happy to be partners in this process. We strive to provide an environment rich in possibilities to explore, think, deduce and discover, not only for future success in school, but for success in life. We also strive to provide an environment which encourages respect and courtesy for ourselves and for others in ways which have the greatest potential to lay the foundation of growing productive, kind, and polite adults.

You, however, are the primary source of your child’s education and growth. Home is the place where children first learn to limit their wishes, abide by rules, take responsibility for their actions and inactions, and consider the rights and needs of others.

As parents ourselves, we understand that there are always parenting questions on a your mind. “Am I handling this the best way?” “Will my child learn all he needs to know?” “Am I raising a child of respect and responsibility?” From time to time, then, attached to your newsletter will be an article which will address issues parents face. This month’s article, found on the last page of this newsletter, is advice for parents from Shawn Brady, author of *You Are What You Decide: Eight Keys to Better Decision-making*. Shawn Brady assists businesses and government entities across the nation to better express mission, vision, and core beliefs and to use them as essentials in strategic planning for a successful business model. He believes that those same strategies can be used by parents. Perhaps you will find his 10 tips interesting!

There is no doubt that parenting is by far one of the most exhausting and frustrating, yet the most important and rewarding job we shall ever undertake! We, as a society, and we, the staff here at Creative Preschool, owe a debt of gratitude to you parents for taking on and for DOING SO WELL the job of raising your little ones into future magnificent adults.

So, in October we hope you will notice in our halls and in your child’s cubby our meager effort to thank you, our Creative Preschool parents, for all you are and all you do. “Hugs and Kisses” to you from the staff and children of Creative Preschool!



Halloween News and Guidelines

Halloween is almost as important as Christmas in the world of a child, so we celebrate here at Creative with a parade and lots of fun! Parents, siblings and guests are invited to join us as spectators of our Halloween Parade. Bring your camera for a photo-op! You can expect to be here for no more than one-half hour after the parade begins.

PARTY DAYS AND PARADE TIMES:

Class	Halloween Celebration	Parade Time
TTh AM	Thursday October 26	9:20
TTh/TThF PM	Thursday October 26	12:55
Friday Friends	Friday October 27	9:20
MW & MWF AM	Monday October 30	9:20
MW & MWF PM	Monday October 30	12:45

After dropping your child off in the classroom (at regular start time), please go upstairs to the Fellowship Hall to await the parade of our costumed little ones and a child-friendly song or two!



Although Halloween is most definitely anticipated with delight, young children often experience some fear, as well. In our effort to make this day as fun, stress-free, and as safe as possible for our preschoolers, then, we are asking that you please keep some simple pointers in mind:

- Children should wear child-friendly costumes
- Please either have your child wear shorts and t-shirt under the costume or send a change of clothing
- No weapons are ever allowed at school! :)
- Costume props, though fun, can create safety issues during the parade and in the classroom. If your child brings props to school, please take them home with you after the parade
- Princess heels and fancy shoes are unsafe. Gym shoes are still appropriate!
- The children will trick-or-treat in their classroom, so you may send treats to pass out to their friends. Please send a treat for each classmate *and one for your child, as well*, as we will be developing the concept of one-to-one correspondence while passing treats, one into each of their classmate’s bag

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- Children will be making their own trick or treat bag at school, so there is no need to send one with them

REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 DUE TO TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY.

News from Threes

October is a very busy month for us! We will be discussing the fall season and observing all the changes this time of year brings. Our field trip will enhance our appreciation of this colorful season. The Field Trip to Farbach Werner will be Wednesday October 11 for MW classes and Thursday October 12 for TTH classes. AM classes meet at 10:00 and PM classes meet at 12:30. Halloween Party information and reminders are posted above. Please read the schedule and the guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children! Remember that there is **no school** for the children on Tuesday, October 31st for teacher in-service day. We are off to a great start and we are having fun learning, too! Never hesitate to contact your teacher if you have a problem or a concern.



News from Friday Friends

Friday Friends are off to a great start! We are making new friends, learning new things, learning our classroom rules, and practicing putting our toys away. The children will continue to develop social skills, most importantly taking turns and sharing. We will be creating some special Fall/Halloween art projects to decorate your house, as well as learn more about colors and shapes. We will begin an introduction to numerals and their value, play with positional words, and discuss feelings. Halloween information and reminders are posted above. Please read the schedule and the guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children! Please always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

News from Fours

REMINDER: The Wendel Farm Field Trip will be Monday, October 2nd for the M/W/F A.M. classes and Tuesday, October 3rd for the TTH and TTh/TTHF classes.

As we begin our second month of school, we are happy to say that the children are adjusting quite well to our routines and to their new friends. The children are learning to take care of their own needs, to clean up after themselves, and to be responsible for the proper use of materials in our classrooms. As each day passes we expect to see more and more independence!

We will continue to learn about our senses this month. With the approach of Halloween, we will also be talking about our feelings and we will create creepy (but fun!) art and crafts in keeping with the season! Child-friendly Halloween

celebrations will be held here at Creative. Halloween information and reminders are posted above. Please read the schedule and guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children.

Vocabulary: nature, rough, smooth, soft, hard, heavy, light, diameter, bitter, sour, sweet and salty, weight, experiment, insect, arachnid

Senses: taste, smell, touch

Letters: S, P, H

Shape: oval

Numbers: 5, 6, 7

News from Pre-K

The first month of school has gone well! The children are becoming good friends and they have adjusted to the routines and activities in our classroom. Everyone is always excited to participate in whatever is planned for the day and we are all working very hard at being good listeners. They are a terrific group of children!

We begin this month with our trip to Gorman Heritage Farm and Special Art with Mrs. DePaoli for the first time. Themes for this month: we will finish our study of shapes and our five senses; and continue with our study of numbers and letters. Autumn items and rocks/geology will be found on our Science table. We will also celebrate Halloween with a party on October 30. Halloween information and reminders are posted in this newsletter. Please read the schedule and guidelines so that the day can be as happy as possible for the children.

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Letters: S, P, H

Shape: oval

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News from Art

At our first meeting, October 5 and 6 the 4s and PreK children will be making shape collages, using the work of the artists Joan Miro and Henri Matisse as inspiration. Be on the lookout for the children's masterpieces in the hallways at the middle of the month!



News from Motor Skills and Music

We started having "special" Motor Skills and Music time in late September. Mr. Goldie is thrilled to have time with all of his Creative Preschool friends! We enjoy going upstairs and using the big space in Fellowship Hall for Motor Skills—a big space with lots of room to jump, hop, shuffle, dance and make big loud movements!

Openings

We have one opening in the 4's TTh morning class. Spread the word and just a few in the threes afternoon classes.

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Welcome Future Creative Preschooler!

Congratulations to Emily and Eric Stallo on the birth of their newest baby boy, Cedric, born on September 12. Brothers Tyler and Otto sure are happy to have another baby brother to love!



Do You Like Us?!

Our Facebook page is up and running, so be sure to check us out and "LIKE US!"

www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolcincinnati2

Keeping You Informed

The week of October 30 expect to find an envelope in your child's cubby with a form in regard to your child's Social-Emotional progress. The report will be emailed to each family in the Fall (addressing Social and ProSocial development only), and again in Winter and Spring, along with skills development. These reports will convey how your child appears to be progressing toward achievement of developmental milestones for children ages 3-5. You are asked to return the form stating that you have received the report no later than November 10.

Also enclosed in this envelope you will find a goal sheet for your child. Using the results of the ASQs you filled out and what we have learned about him/her through observation and testing, combined with your comments on the Child and Family Information Sheet, your teacher has isolated a goal for the upcoming year. This goal might be related to a struggle your child seems to be having, it may be directed toward improving a skill or reaching a developmental milestone, or it may be directed toward helping your child further hone a strength. As you partner with us in your child's education and development, you may be asked to support this goal with certain activities at home. Please sign and return this sheet, as well.

Although we do not automatically schedule conferences for each family, we are so happy to meet or talk with parents at any time, including after you have received progress reports. Please either indicate your desire to meet or talk by phone on the form or just request a meeting at any time!

Fall Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser of Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Yankee Candles order turn-in deadline is Friday, September 29th!

Mark your calendar...LITTLE CAESARS ORDER PICK-UP DATE is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. There will be no alternate pick up date. Please remember to either deliver these orders that evening or have space ready in your freezer. Little Caesars

needs to be refrigerated or frozen shortly after receiving. We do not have room at school to store orders that were not picked up.

YANKEE CANDLES will be sent home through school before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions please contact Brigid Lipps (brigidlipps@gmail.com) or Kelly Fitz (keaganfitz5@gmail.com). Thank you!

Fall Family Fun Night

Our Fall Family Fun Night is on Friday, **October 13 at 6:00 pm**. Invitation and ticket order forms should have come home through your child's cubby by now. You may have noticed that we asked you to choose a time slot on the ticket order form. We are hoping this will help with overcrowding during the event, as well as any parking issues. Please don't forget to make your reservation by Friday October 6th if you'd like to join the fun! We can't wait to see you there!

Remember, we are painting pumpkins with acrylic paints, which may not wash out, so wear old clothes! If you are able or would like to help at the event check your email for a Sign Up Genius invite or email VP Events Chair, Amanda Prickett at aerprickett@gmail.com or Amy Schneider at schneideramyn@gmail.com



Absences

Please remember to **CALL WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT AND STATE THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE.**

Creative Preschool Spring Carnival

As Christmas approaches, we know you're probably looking to clean out those closets and playrooms. Please think of donating your new or gently used stuffed animals and "happy meal" type toys to Creative for the Spring Carnival. You can leave your items in Mrs. DePaoli's office. If you have any questions about what to donate or about the Carnival in general, please feel free to contact Lauren DeFranco at laurendepaoli@yahoo.com or Lori Tranter at lptrungaro@hotmail.com. Also, please be sure to "Like" the Spring Carnival's Facebook page at...

www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival where you can keep up with all the latest Carnival news..

Can You Help?

Goodness, all of the natural disasters our fellow-humans have been experiencing this month! Maybe we can help. Peace Lutheran has invited Creative Families to participate in a Disaster Relief project. Please see the attached flyer!





Top ten rules for raising kids... advice for parenting by Shawn Brady, author of *You Are What You Decide: Eight Keys to Better Decision-making*

Parenting requires constant and sometimes excruciatingly difficult decision-making. A parent can ease this burden by adopting a set of simple, resolute beliefs.

This decision-making strategy is common in business. A set of “core beliefs” acts as a super-set of criteria used to test any corporate decision, from the simplest to the most complex.

Shawn offers one such set of beliefs for parental decision-making. It is not offered as *the* model but as *a* model for such beliefs. Using this, or any set of beliefs which both parents decide upon, as their CORE belief system to make all decisions will make all decisions much easier to make.

Top ten rules for raising kids:

- Love them to death but never, ever indulge them.
- From the youngest age, help them to master something productive because, if you don't, they are sure to master something unproductive (i.e., all children distinguish themselves in some way!)
- Read to them constantly and have a home full of good books, journals and magazines.
- Invest regularly in your marriage because a healthy marriage will make you a better parent.
- Teach them to love, respect and revere their grandparents.
- Model deferred gratification, flexibility and creativity.
- Never capitulate to aspects of the culture you do not believe are healthy, regardless of the effort required.
- Expect good behavior from your children, and behave well yourself.
- Admit when you've made mistakes and accept feedback from your kids.
- Realize that child rearing is a life-long learning opportunity...for you, the parent!

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September 28, 2017

Dear Creative Preschool Friends;

The members of Peace Lutheran Church have set a goal of filling 100 flood buckets.

WHAT'S FLOOD BUCKET? A Disaster Response "Flood Relief" project engages congregations and groups in an outreach ministry to provide pre-assembled flood relief buckets to flood and hurricane survivors as part of a disaster preparedness plan.

Each flood relief bucket contains:

- Devotionals
- Paper towels
- Disposable rags (Handi Wipes)
- Glass cleaner
- Cleansing powder
- Liquid cleaner
- Bleach (1-gallon size)
- Scrub brush
- 2 pair of rubber gloves
- Sponge(s)



Peace Lutheran Church is asking for your assistance.

- Your family can help by providing any of the above mentioned items.
- A great way for the whole family to participate is by filling an entire bucket! Let the kids do the shopping and fill the bucket.
- If you would like to give a monetary gift rather than items,
 - We will accept a donation made to Peace Lutheran Church.
 - 100% of your items or gifts will be given toward the disaster response.

More information can be given by calling Pastor Larry @ 513-941-5177 – Church Office

peacechurchlink@hotmail.com

The completion date for this mission project is October 22, 2017. Items can be dropped off upstairs any time after October 3rd.

Thank you for taking the time to consider.
God's blessings offered through others;
Pastor Larry Rodencal

You are welcome to attend a special worship on October 22 @ 10:30. Following the worship over 100 buckets will be filled in "brigade" fashion. A free luncheon is provided for all participating. Come and Join us! – especially the kids for a "hands on" mission.