A Letter from the Director

When I see the children enter the doors of the school at the beginning of each year I am always surprised by how young they are! I then remember how fast they develop and grow over the course of the school year. I am often astounded come April or May by how much the children have learned and how old they now seem. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe made the observation that when one witnesses the astounding pace of the development of the infant and the young child, one would be sure to deduce that “if children grew up according to early indications, we should have nothing but geniuses” as adults. So it is that we, early childhood teachers, and most assuredly you, parents, by the ways we train and interact with our very young children, have the greatest potential to lay the foundation, or building blocks, of productive, kind, polite, and prosperous adults we hope they will become.

We at Creative Preschool are excited and happy to be with your children and it is our desire to provide the very best for them and their future. 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.

You, however, are the primary source of your child’s education. 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.

There is no doubt that parenting is by far the most exhausting and frustrating, yet the most rewarding job in the universe! We as a society and, particularly, 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, hopefully, you noticed 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. You certainly are “M”agnificent and “M”arvelous, and we want to say thank you from the staff and children of Creative Preschool!

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 dates for the field trips are October 15 for the M-W classes to Farwich and October 16 for the T-Th classes to Farbach-Werner.

Halloween preparations will be in the works, too! Halloween is almost as important as Christmas in the life of a three-year-old. The day of the Halloween Parties, (October 29 for M-W and October 30 for T-Th classes), the children are encouraged to wear simple, comfortable costumes so they can move about fully and comfortably in the classroom and bathroom. If your child wears a costume that they might want to take off, please make sure that he/she has clothes to change into. Costumes can be very hot and itchy to wear, so unless your child has clothes on underneath or brings a change of clothes, they will have to wear their costume for the entire class time. We are happy to help them change into their clothes.

Our Halloween parade will start after all of the children have arrived - at about 9:25 for all AM classes and 12:40 for M-W PM classes. You are welcome to stay and watch. The parade is upstairs in the big room where Motor Skills is held. The children may bring a treat for their classmates. There are 12 children in the class. We decorate our own bags, so the children need not bring one.

Remember that there is no school for the children on Tuesday November 4th, for Teacher in-service day.

We are off to a great start and we are having fun learning, too! Never hesitate to contact any one of the teachers if you have a problem or a concern.
News from Fours
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—even though the routine has been disturbed by some unscheduled “wind days” off! 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. With each day that passes, we expect to see more and more independence!

On the 6th of October, the M-W-F 4-year-old classes will be making a visit to Gorman’s Heritage Farm. All classes will meet their teacher at the farm. Please, dress your child for the weather! It is best to dress in layers which can be removed as the day warms.

In addition to learning about and exploring nature and life on the farm, during the month of October we will continue to learn about our senses. We will use our sense of taste and touch to discover more about the world around us.

With the approach of Halloween, we will be talking about our feelings and we will create creepy (but fun!) art and crafts in keeping with the season! Halloween celebrations for the four-year-old classes will be held on Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31. Please send your child to school on these days in “kid friendly costumes” that can easily be removed when using the restroom. If the costume your child chooses to wear is cumbersome and hot, please put shorts and a t-shirt on underneath or send a change of clothing so that the costume can be taken off. We will have a parade on the day of our Halloween party with Mrs. Kohler’s class. The parade will begin about 12:40. All are invited to attend. We will most likely be upstairs in the Church’s big meeting room. We hope to see you there ... we promise not to scare you!

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Letters: P, M, S, H
Numbers: 6, 7, 8, 9

News from Pre-K
Our first month of school has gone great! The children have adjusted to our routines and rules and they are always excited to participate in whatever is planned for the day! I am amazed at how eager they are to learn!

This second month of school will be a busy one. We will continue with our farm theme and end this unit with our field trip to Gorman Farm. Remember, our field trip is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8. Please be at the farm by 12:45. I'm looking forward to an afternoon of fun on the farm!

During the rest of the month we will be busy creating Halloween art, as well as art for our alphabet books. We will continue studying our five senses and spend time discussing the many feelings and emotions we have. We will learn about spiders in Science and find out about the life of Johnny Appleseed.

Our Halloween party will be on Friday, October 31. The children should dress up and also bring a Halloween treat to pass out to each of their classmates. Costumes should be kid friendly so they can be easily removed when it is time to use the bathroom. If you think your child may become too hot wearing their costume, please have your child wear shorts and a t-shirt under their costume so that their costume can be taken off. We will have a parade on the day of our Halloween party with Mrs. Kohler’s class. The parade will begin about 12:40. All are invited to attend. We will most likely be upstairs in the Church's big meeting room. We hope to see you there ... we promise not to scare you!

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News from Friday Friends
Wow! I can not believe that we have already been in school for a month! The past month we have been learning about each other and our school rules. We have had much practice putting our toys away and taking turns! We have been saying our first names, so we are off to a fun and friendly start! Beginning in October, at circle time we will be counting our friends. We will be making some Halloween crafts to help

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decorate your house this month, too! Our Halloween party is October 31st. The children are encouraged to bring a treat to pass out to their 9 friends. Spectators are welcome to watch our parade upstairs in Fellowship Hall at approximately 9:25. Bring the camera for a Kodak moment! Please be sure your child comes in a comfortable costume that is easily managed themselves. It would be wise to have your child wear a t-shirt and shorts underneath or send a change of clothing so we can keep them comfortable after the parade is over, too. All of the children are doing well and each of them adds something special to the classroom! Thank you for sharing them with me!

News from Motor Skills
We've been very busy in Motor Skills, learning our new routines. It’s been exciting to go upstairs and use the great big space! We are working on spatial awareness and how to use our space safely, without running in to any of our friends. Ask your child about “Scrambled Eggs”, the “Listening Line” and what they are to do when Mrs. Fluegeman says “Iceberg” or “Ice Cube.” In October we will play some bean-bag games, work on tossing and catching, and work on movement in specific direction (up, down, over, under, forward, backward, sideways). We will continue to take advantage of the playground whenever possible. Please remember that it is important that your child be prepared each day for active play (whether indoors or out) by wearing play clothes and gym shoes.

News from Music
Sebastian, the classical cat, is back at Creative Preschool! The Tuesday/Thursday classes had their first music lesson. The children were good listeners! We listened to a clock ticking and learned that music starts with a steady beat. We listened to the rhythm in the strumming of a guitar – and used our own unique musical instruments, our voices, to sing and make animal sounds. We felt the vibrations of our voice boxes and watched the vibrations of a rubber band. Our musical shoebox showed us how boxes keep vibrations from flying away quickly – like the body of a guitar! Playing coffee cans and triangles showed us that the size of an instrument affects its sound (high & low). The way we play an instrument also affects its sound (soft & loud). M/W/F classes – Sebastian will visit soon!

News from Art
At our first meeting the children will be learning a little bit about the artists Joan Miro and Henri Matisse. These artists will appeal particularly well to the young child because their art is child-like and whimsical in design. The children will be looking at some of those works and will be encouraged to give the work a name...perhaps one different than the artist did! Then the children will be making shape collages, using the work of the artists as inspiration, and giving their work a name of their choosing! Be on the lookout for our young artist’s masterpieces in the hallways at the end of the month!

Fall Fundraiser
Our annual fundraiser will take place from October 6th thru the 17th. This year we will be selling both Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Yankee Candles. The pizza kits were such a huge success last year that we hope you will, again, take advantage of this quick and easy meal. Also, the Yankee Candle brochure has many great Christmas gift ideas. The items ordered from both Little Caesars and Yankee Candle will be available for pick-up prior to Christmas break. The pick-up date is scheduled for December 9th. As always, please do not have your children go door to door to sell fundraiser items. Please only sell to family and friends. If you have any questions please contact Laura Culman at 574-8508 or Alissa Long at 598-9320.

Family Fun Night Puppet Show
We are busy getting ready for Family Fun Night, will be held on two nights this year, November 5 and 6. The entertainment will be, again, a puppet show by The Frisch Marionettes. This year’s show, called “The Variety Show,” will begin at 6:30 pm. All tickets are $6.00. You should have received a flyer and ticket order form in your child's cubby. Please see Mrs. DePaoli if you did not receive one. We encourage you to purchase tickets EARLY, as this event has gained much popularity and space is limited. Keep in mind...students and siblings will be seated on the floor near the stage; parents and adults will sit and/or stand along the perimeter of Fellowship Hall. At this year’s puppet show we will raffle off 5 themed baskets, each worth over $100.00. Pre-sale raffle tickets for the baskets will be distributed to you the week of October 20 and more will be available in the office and the night of the puppet show. The teachers
will also be selling split-the-pot chances at the puppet show. After both shows, please continue the fun by joining your friends for complimentary punch and cookies. We hope to see you there!

**Board Meeting**
The next Board meeting will be Thursday October 14th at 8:00. Please note that this time has changed from the original schedule. We hope to see you there!

**Calendar Update!**
OOPS! We failed to post our Creative Preschool Carnival to our calendar. You will not want to miss the fun, so please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 9! Remember, there is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, November 4 for teacher in-service.

**Picture Day**
Looking ahead! Ritchie Photographer will be at Creative Preschool on November 5, 6, and 7 to take the children’s pictures. Each child will be photographed both individually and with their class. Each child will receive an order envelope just before these days, which you will return on the day of your child’s photography session with payment. The finished photos will be in before Christmas break.

**Welcome Future Creative Preschoolers!**
Congratulations to Maria and Mario Auciello, who welcomed their newest daughter, Josie, on August 29. Big sister, Ella, in Mrs. Kohler’s T-Th-F class is a very excited, happy and helpful big sister!

Tasha and Tom Thompson welcomed their little pink bundle, Ellie, on September 12. Ellie, who couldn’t wait to meet her big brother, Dominic, in Mrs. Rees’ Friday Friends class, arrived a bit early, weighing in at just 5 lbs 1 oz. Congratulations to the entire Thompson family!

**Openings**
We still have a few openings in the T-TH AM & PM classes, and the Pre-K class. And one in Friday Friends. Spread the word!

**Tuition Reminder**
As a reminder, tuition is due on the 15th of every month. Please DO NOT send tuition payments to school! Please send tuition payments to our Business Manager, Gwyn Casey at 893 Braemore Lane, 45233.

**Room Parent Information**

**Room parents for the 3-year-old classes:**
- Mrs. Boesing M-W AM: Michelle Stiens & Jenny Hofmeyer
- Mrs. Boesing M-W PM: Alissa Long
- Mrs. Ewry M-W PM: Sara Balasa & Susan Kuerze
- Mrs. Brothers T-TH AM: Jill Dwyer & Shannon Brogan
- Mrs. Rees - Friday Friends:
  - Sarah Bushle & Colleen Roth

**Room parents for the 4-year-old classes:**
- Mrs. Jacobs M-W-F AM: Laura Culman & Colleen Stratton
- Mrs. Reeder M-W-F AM: Julie Horton & Mary Menninger
- Mrs. Johnson M-W-F PM: Jina Niemeier-Pettyjohn
- Mrs. Jansen T-TH AM: Tricia Johnson
- Mrs. Fleming T-TH AM: Laurie Evans & Amy Huebner
- Mrs. Fleming T-TH PM: Karen Meyer & Kara Finley
- Mrs. Kohler T-TH-F PM:
  - Maria Auciello & Leeann Garrett