

# A Fly on the Wall...

## Mrs. Smith's & Mrs. Vandenberg's Kindergartens

We have such a great group of kindergartners this year! It seems like any anxieties about the "newness" of school have disappeared. We are having lots of fun learning all about our routines each day. We have begun our groups in language arts and math. In language arts, we are learning all about letters t, b, f, m, and n. We are starting with writing the lowercase letters and learning the sounds that they make. See if your child can tell you. In math, we are getting to know our numbers. We learned a new number game called "gotcha" – ask your child to tell you how to play. We are also being introduced to graphing. We have just finished our unit "All About Me" and have begun our "Five Senses" unit. Please send in an old shoe that no longer fits your child. We will be using it for a project. Thank you for helping to make a very smooth carpool at dismissal. Together we will make your child's kindergarten year the best ever!



## Mrs. Knott's World Cultures

Our world travelers look forward to spending the year learning more about young friends from around the world. Through literature, games, crafts, and cuisine, we are excited to celebrate new customs and traditions. We have completed our passport applications and are ready to embark on our first adventure!



## Mrs. Loeb & Mrs. Knott's Pre-k

It was nice to see many of you at the Parent Wine and Cheese Party! It was a lovely evening! Mrs. Loeb and Mrs. Knott's pre-k class are busy as bees! Yes, this is "B" week and the children have painted bears with brown paint, made banana bread (it was delicious), read about the three Bears and Goldilocks, beaten dish detergent into bubbles, and balanced on the balance beam. We are finishing our "All About Me" book, and are practicing the first letters in our names. Remember, we start writing our letters from "the top"! Puzzles and blocks have been a big hit this year, and they really enjoy doing these activities together! We are planning on finishing the week with "Fun Friday" where we play with the other pre-K class: Bats blowing Bubbles!

## **Mrs. Hooper & Mrs. Grieves' 3s**

The 3 Day 3's are off to a TERRIFIC start! What a fabulous group we have this year. They have settled into their "Redeemer Routine" beautifully! Your children are such big "school kids" now as they are enjoying their "specials" ....Art, Chapel, Music, Gym and Values! In our classroom, September has been all about CIRCLES and the color RED, as you can tell by our many "red" and "round" art projects. The boys and girls are doing an amazing job exercising their small motor skills each day as they create with play dough, color fabulous pictures and cut with scissors ! Today , they even stitched a RED CIRCLE with yarn! Rhyming and letter/name recognition is practiced daily and is already improving. Our September nursery rhyme is "Mary Had A Little Lamb" which we practice each day at snack time . Next week, the children will finish up the month painting Apple Trees and making their own "paper pizza" with cheese and round red pepperonis. On Friday, they will be treated to a pizza party at snack time ( with the 5 day 3's).... certain to be a tasty and fun day! It was great seeing many of you at the Parent Wine and Cheese party last Friday. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend with your sweet little ones!



## **Mrs. Smith's Values**

How do you instill the right values in your children? Setting an example is vitally important. Praise them for exhibiting the values you want to see. They are far more likely to repeat and reinforce these values.



## **Mrs. Barta's Pre-first**

Pre-first is off to a great start this school year. We have adjusted well to the new schedule, routines and expectations of Pre-first. We have focused on our school rules, Be Kind, Be Safe and Have Fun! The students have also created our own P-1 class rules to go along with the school rules. I am confident that these girls are ready for the challenge of being great "leaders" of Redeemer. We have enjoyed the first few weeks getting to know one another a little better through our "All About Me" unit. We have jumped right into our Language Arts and Math programs through reviewing letters, keywords, sounds, writing and number sense. I am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with fun, learning and exploration.

## **Mrs. Astley & Mrs. Rogozin's 2s**

Welcome to the 2 Day 2's! We have had a such a happy start to the beginning of our school year. We have enjoyed meeting you all and our students. The 2 Day 2s are focusing on Going to school, the color red, emotions, and apples this month. We are also learning how to share, taking turns, and learning our daily routine. The Two's have loved getting to know our classroom, playroom and playground. We are looking forward to a terrific year with the 2's!



## Mrs. Blair's Art

Did you know that we met Mona Lisa in the art room? She has been so much fun to get to know (or get re-acquainted with) and has taught us how to be ready to begin art class! We all read *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. It uses the theme of bravery to help all artists realize that they can "make their mark" and create beautiful art work. We discovered how to use shape, color and line with paint and permanent markers (only in the art room!) to make dots! dots! dots! in our own unique ways for our bulletin board. It will be a masterpiece to make Mona Lisa proud!



## Mrs. Craig's Science

Our Pre-K program is a science alphabet that follows along with the letters the children are learning each week. Last week A was for animal coverings! We explored fur, feathers and scales, learned how ducks' feathers keep them warm and dry, and had a match game of animals and their coverings. This week our B was for building bridges: we built LEGO bridges to span a river and tested how strong our paper and block bridges were by seeing how many glass beads they could hold.

Kindergarten's September unit is "All About Me", learning about our amazing bodies. We have explored our senses and our hearts. This week we learned about how our bones and muscles support us and help us move.

The Pre-First curriculum is based on the works of famous scientists. Our first unit focuses on engineers and inventors. We have built Archimedes catapult, DaVinci's ornithopter and parachute, and next week we will build a Cartesian diver.

## Mrs. Schroeder & Miss Ball's 3s

Our class is off to a great start learning everyone's names and getting used to our daily schedule and routines. Everyone is becoming accustomed to our morning bathroom routine and are already eager to visit their specials teachers for Art, Music, Gym, Values and Chapel!

We have been making projects that involve circles, red, poems and apples! We have also been busy practicing our cutting skill and learning about Letters. We have also introduced the "Bean Bucket" which will also be discussed later in Values. A few children each day can earn a bean when they do something that "Fills your bucket" or "makes your heart happy" such as being kind, polite or helping others. Thank you for sharing your children with us we are lucky to have such a great group!



## **Mrs. Craig's PE**

We have been focusing on movement, learning to stop and go, personal space, body awareness, and safety. The children have enjoyed moving to music, cooperative musical chairs where no one is "out", and simple parachute activities. Kindergarten and Pre-First have been playing some classics like Mr. Fox and freeze tag as well as learning a few new games. We always start with a warm up and include a few yoga poses each class.

### **Lunch Bunch**



Lunch Bunch has had a busy and fun September. We have been playing get to know you games like "Who stole the cookie" and "who is missing." We have been experimenting with paint and other mediums while letting the children create without an expectation for a final product. The Lunch Bunchers have been adjusting to the long days at school. Many children have been tired, but are still having fun! The children are enjoying small group time and making the most of their time outside on the playground. They also have been asking to play "Ghosts in the Graveyard" most days. This is a game that you win by not talking or moving, and surprisingly they are very good at staying still! Thank you all for sending your children to Lunch Bunch we have been enjoying our afternoons with them!

### **Ms. B's Music**

Our first few days of music have been lots of fun! The threes are enjoying fun songs to move around with and are also learning how to use various rhythm instruments. The fours are as well, learning about the different types of voices and working particularly on their singing voice. The K and Prefirst are gearing up for Episcopal Day on Oct 2nd, where they will participate with St David and Good Shepherd!



### **Mrs. Wyatt & Mrs. Zuidema's 2s**

The twos are off to a fantastic start! It is amazing to see how quickly everyone settled in to our routine. Thank you for saying quick goodbyes in the morning. You helped make our arrival time easy. We have even been able to have a short circle time where we have been talking about emotions and how we feel. For the remainder of September, we will focus on apples and the color red. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Wine and Cheese party last week. Thank you for sharing your terrific children with us!!