

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **October 6—
11:00
firetruck**
- **October 10
and 11 No
School**
- **October 19
and 20 bring
in winter
change of
clothes**
- **October 19
and 20 school
pictures 9:00**
- **October 26
and 27 Fall
Parties at
11:00 parent
encouraged
to attend**

Yesterday, I overheard my apartment manager saying, “My time for fun is done! My life revolves around my daughter.”

She went on to say that when she was younger, she did **what she wanted when she wanted**. Now, with a 4 year old at home, she does **what her daughter wants when she wants to**. Here’s the great part – she said, “I’m happier now than I ever was.”

I think you know where I’m going - once you start having kids, you can’t ever go back. The reality is – you wouldn’t want to. God gives us the blessing of children, and our lives revolve around caring for them and taking care of them.

That’s why you brought your child to Faith Lutheran Preschool, isn’t it? You want the best for your children and the best for your family. God’s plan is no different. He wants to adopt everyone into his family. He calls those who believe in Him His children, and He’s got a plan for them. He wants the best for them – a life with Him in heaven.

Thank you for bringing your children to Faith Preschool. They will learn not only their letters and numbers, but they will learn the love of Jesus. If you ever have a question about God’s plan for you and your family, please feel free to speak with us. We’d love to have you join our church family!

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Vicar at Faith Lutheran Church 2009-2010

Fall Festival at Faith Lutheran Church

Join us for a Fall Festival of Fun at the church on November 6th. There will be food and fun, games and moonwalks. It will be a great time to be with your family and friends:

Sunday, November 6

10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Lunch is served
12:00 PM	Festival Fun

Another fun event...

The Great Georgia Airshow is October 8th-9th at Falcon Field in Peachtree City. The airshow is lots of fun for the whole family. Our church will be running a food booth at the show. If you go, please stop by and see us!



The Weather Outside is Frightful...

OK, so maybe the snowman is a bit much. But the weather is changing; therefore, we need to switch the extra set of clothes to match this change.

On October 19 and 20 please send in a set of "cool weather" clothing in your child's FLP bag. We will switch the clothes out with what we have at school currently and send the summer clothing home. Please remember to label all clothes and jackets. Thanks so much!

School Pictures

Picture Day is scheduled for October 19th and 20th this year. Each child will have an individual picture taken, and we'll do a class picture in the spring. Please speak to Holly if you would like siblings together.

Your children will have their picture taken on October 19th if they are in the MWF 3's and the 4 year old class. The 2's and the T/Th 3's we'll get their pictures taken on the 20th. If something happens and your child doesn't get their picture taken on the 19th, we can do it at 9:00 on the 20th.

If you'd like to order pictures, you will receive an order form with your child's proofs. Order forms with payment can be turned into Holly or your child's teacher.

I'm looking for a parent volunteer each day to assist in watching over the children waiting to get his/her picture taken while I'm going to and from the classrooms gathering and returning students. If you can stay for about an hour at drop off and are able to help, please let me know. If you want to watch your child get his/her picture taken, please go straight to the photo area when you arrive at school. When your child is done, then please take him/her into the classroom.



Tuition is due on the 30th of every month except May (well, okay, and February...).

Thank you!

Because of your purchases at the Scholastic Book Fair, the preschool was able to pick out over \$600 worth of books. This was our best book fair ever! We really appreciate your generous donations of books for the classrooms from the teachers' wish lists as well. Since we read so much to the children, we get very excited about all the new books from which to pick. Thank you again!

Scholastic Book Order

In the welcome area on my desk, you should see newspaper like brochures from Scholastic. If you would like to purchase anything, mark the books on the order form, write one check to Scholastic for the total from all your orders (no tax) and submit to Holly or your child's teacher by the date stamped on the forms. The order will be placed the next day, and the books usually arrive in two weeks.



Important Reminders

No school October 10th and 11th in accordance with the Coweta County calendar.

Please keep in mind that when we do food events at the preschool, we would really appreciate it if you helped us keep the children safe by not bringing in items made with any kind of nut or processed in a plant that also processes nuts. If you are in question about an item to share, please speak with your child's teacher.

Thank you for making the most of your child's opportunities here by reading the newsletter.

There are several opportunities for you to be involved in the preschool day—a visit from the firetruck, school pictures, and the fall party are all happening this month. Please see the individual articles about the events, mark your calendars, and please plan to come for the fun.

As the weather starts to change, please send light weight jackets and heavy winter coats as the weather dictates. We will go outside as much as possible. Please bear in mind that if you go from the house to a car in a garage, you have a false sense of temperature outside. Please err on the side of caution by sending in a jacket. Also, typically in January and February, the kids need a heavy winter coat. Please plan on sending them

with heavy winter coats and a hat/hood so that we can go outside during the cold months too.

The Preschool Directory has been distributed via your child's bag. Please let me know if you need another copy.



Happy Birthday to you!!!

2 Year Old classes

- 10/7: Nathanael
- 10/15: Perry
- 10/27: Cidney
- 10/28: Brie

3 Year Old classes

- 10/1: Sean
- 10/18: Mila
- 10/22: Jenna



Thanksgiving break will be November 21-26.

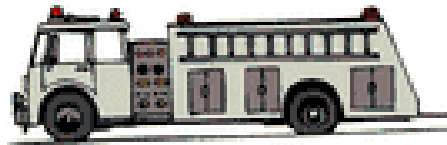
Fall Party October 26th or 27th at 11:00

We will have fun activities, food, and your child can wear his/her costume all day!!

Please check for sign-up sheets near the sign-in sheets if you want to bring food for the luncheon. We ask that you come to the party with your child so you can help him/her take part in all the festivities! Come just before 11:00 and the classrooms will open when the teachers are ready to start. Weather permitting, we'll have hay rides, and your child will only be allowed to go on it if they have an adult riding with them.

The Firetruck is coming October 6th!

The two and three year old classes that attend on Thursdays will be visiting with our local Coweta County firemen and investigating the fire truck up close. We encourage you to attend this valuable safety lesson with your child as sometimes the children are frightened when the fireman puts on his gear. We hope that by seeing the fireman put on his gear, the children will learn to not be afraid and not hide from firemen in the case of a fire at your home. In the event that we finish before 12:00, you are welcome to take your child home early as this is the last activity planned for the day. Also, please note that if the firemen get a call, they have to leave immediately or they may be late arriving due to a call. We will not have any notice about this, and we'll just have to go with whatever happens. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3's and the 4's will have the same opportunity later in the school year.



October Reading Incentive

Reading is so important these early years for helping with vocabulary, speech, general knowledge and most importantly—a love of reading! At Faith Lutheran Preschool, we want to encourage you to read to your child and help lay a strong foundation for future learning. We are going to have a bare tree hanging on the hallway during the month of October. For each day you read to your child, you and your child can hang up one fall colored leaf on the tree or have it “falling” to the ground. Details and supplies will be near the tree or on the director’s desk. Have fun comparing our tree to the trees outside as they make their fall changes.

Happy Reading!

Songs and Fingerplays the 2's are learning:

“Welcome to School this Morning”

Welcome to school this morning, school this morning, school this morning
Welcome to school this morning, we're gonna have some fun!

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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Frequently Asked Questions...

Q: Why is it so difficult to talk to my child about God?

A: Preschool aged children ask a lot of questions. Why is the sky blue? Why do we wash before we eat? Why do we have to pick up our toys? Why do I have to go to bed? Most of their questions we either know the answer to or we can make up something that satisfies them, but what about talking about God? That's a lot harder mostly because we don't know all the answers. It is easier to not talk to our children about God because then they won't ask us questions that we can't answer. No one likes to be stumped by such a young child. But talking to your child about God is as important as feeding their bodies nutritious food. Talking to your child about God feeds their souls. But what if you don't feel comfortable talking to your child about such matters? The best way to feel comfortable is to educate yourself so that you feel like you know the answers for the questions they will ask. Pastor Schroeder teaches a class that explains the basic truths about the Bible. He has a special gift to be able to explain difficult concepts in a way that is easy to understand. If you understand it, you can share it with your child and help them grow in their faith. If you are interested in attending Pastor's Bible Information Class called Faith Builders please let Pastor Schroeder or Holly know.

Q: How well is my child progressing in preschool?

A: From birth to age 5, your child has been changing and developing at an amazing rate. None of us will ever make such dramatic transformations in any five year span again. But each child will do their developing at a pace that is just right for them. My first born walked independently at 9 months. My fourth child didn't walk until after a year. But the point is they both learned to walk. Three of my children were reading by age 4. One of them was a little later, but they all know how to read now. None of them potty trained at the age the parent books say, but they all did eventually learn. Your children are unique individuals. Here at Faith Lutheran Preschool, we try to cultivate a rich learning environment where each child can develop at their own rate with enough variety of activities that challenge yet at the same time do not frustrate. If we told you that a child wasn't doing something that the rest of the class was doing, that child could so very well be doing it the next week. What needless worry we would cause you! If you have specific questions or concerns, talk to your teacher; however, she will only tell you what your child is doing—not how the rest of the class is doing or if your child is “normal.” From our point of view, your child is progressing just right for your child. But please know that questions about development are best asked of your pediatrician.

Twice a year we do conduct an observation of the elements that we have said we are going to teach your child. But even this is more to see if we need to brainstorm more effective ways of teaching. You will receive a copy of our observations if they seem to have it down or if they are still practicing a concept. But this, too, should be taken with a grain of salt. Just because they don't have a concept mastered doesn't always indicate a problem. It may just be they weren't ready for it yet and in a week or two it'll click. Bear in mind that the preschool age is also rather unpredictable. They may know everything but decide not to share that information with us that particular day. If you think something isn't right, trust your gut and ask questions of your pediatrician.

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our 4 week survey. We appreciate the comments and suggestions and have considered each one. If you requested a reply, all responses have been made. If you were hoping for a response, but did not receive one, please let Holly know.

If you haven't had a chance to fill out a survey, we ask that you would, as they are a valuable resource to the Executive Committee.

Thank you.



Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Kerri

From Mrs. Tiffany: Already we are beginning another month of school. The children are settling nicely into our routine, and I am enjoying their enthusiasm for learning. I have a love for music so we have been doing a quite a bit of singing. Ask your children if they can sing one of our songs for you. We have been working on "Welcome to School," "The Itsy Bitsy Spider," "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes," and "Jesus Loves Me." We have also done "Where is Thumbkin" and "Humpty Dumpty" with finger puppets. We have also been using the Hand Writing Without Tears sticks to tap and even march along with some different songs. We all really enjoy the movement, and I love to see their personalities as they dance.

As I have mentioned before, we make something every day that reinforces the themes we have been learning about. I hope you enjoyed seeing their work at open house. We often do the projects as a group, but on some occasions I help work with them one on one. This group really loves to put their fingerprints on their artwork as you might have seen on the Adam and Eve craft, Jacob's Dream, and their Family Apple Tree.

During the month of October we will begin focusing on the colors orange and black. We will be playing with orange and black play dough, painting with orange and black paint, and even dancing with orange and black streamers. We will also explore these colors with colorsopes the students can look through. We will be learning about community workers and farm animals. The fire truck will hopefully be coming this month. I hope you can make plans to attend with your child.

Thank you so much for all of your support and involvement. Please be looking for more at home projects to complete with your child. The children are so proud of these and have a great time presenting their work to the class. I appreciate you spending your time to complete these projects with them.

Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Fire Safety Week
 - Making Sandy the Camel
 - Doctor dress-up and collage
 - Moses craft
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From Mrs. Kerri: Thank you for all the book donations!! We have been reading new ones daily and will share them with the other classrooms as well. They will be enjoyed all year long. We do ALOT of reading and singing in our classroom. I have heard from many that the children are coming home singing new songs. This month we attached the words to our "Welcome to School" song that we sing (see previous page). Maybe you have heard the tune but haven't quite caught all the words. Some of the other songs and finger play we have had fun with are Itsy Bitsy Spider, Humpty Dumpty, Where is Thumbkin?, and This Little Piggy.

Some of the fun projects we send home are not meant to be "homework". Rather they are fun projects for them to share with their friends and get comfortable for show and tell later on in the school year. You can send these in when they are done at your convenience.

This month we will be focusing on the colors orange and black by using orange and black play dough, color scopes, and dancing with orange and black streamers. I look forward to this season of Fall with the children as we continue to explore there surroundings with projects like leaf rubbing and fall observation bottle.

Bible Lessons:

God Chooses Moses
God Leads his People Through the Red Sea
God Gives Food to His People
God Gives the Ten Commandments

We are Learning About:

Community Helpers: Fireman and Farmers
Farms: Cows, Pigs, Horses, Chicken, Duck
and Sheep
Colors: Orange and Black



Focus on Threes

With Mrs. Joan

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of the wonderful book donations! We are having fun reading our new additions! Thank you also to the parents that have helped me with cutting out things for class. I really appreciate all that you do.

Show and tell is working out very well. Even the quietest of students is excited to get up in front of the class and share a few words about the item that he or she has brought in. It is great to see the children so happy and excited. The items for show and tell are listed on my calendar, along with what we are exploring during the week.

As the weather starts to get cooler, please remember to bring a jacket for your child. We will continue to go outside every chance we get.

On Thursday, October 6th, we will have a fire truck visit. You are welcome and encouraged to come in and share this experience with your child.

School pictures will be taken on October 19th, and 20th.

We hope you are enjoying the pictures online at Flickr. If you have any questions on how to use the site, please ask me after class. The information and password is in your child's folder.

Have a great day!



Week 1 (Oct. 3)

Bible story: Jacob sees a beautiful dream

Theme: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Color: Brown Shape: Triangle

Letter: F

Show and Tell: Teddy Bear

Week 2 (Oct. 12)

Bible story: God has a plan for Joseph

Theme: Windy Days

Show and Tell: something brown

Color: Brown Shape: rectangle Letter: E

Number: review

Week 2 (Oct. 17)

Bible story: Joseph becomes a ruler in a faraway land

Theme: Worms

Show and Tell: something shiny

Color: Review Shape: review Letter:

H Number: 4

Week 3 (Oct. 24)

Bible story: Joseph forgives his brothers

Theme: Long and Short

Show and Tell: something orange

Color: Orange Shape: Crescent Letter: T

Number: 4

Week 4: (Oct. 31)

Bible story: God takes care of baby Moses

Theme: Farm Animals

Show and Tell: farm animal book, toy, stuffed animal, or tractor



Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Kristine

We are having a great fall!! This month we will continue with our Alphabet books. These are the building blocks for successful reading. A great website to practice with is: www.starfall.com.

We will be continuing with our food pyramid block and ending with a "grocery store" to practice their knowledge of the food groups, making good food choices and matching food items. Watch for it!

The week of October 3rd, we will continue to sample food, play with our rice tables and sing "The Muffin Man". I will invite them to set up our own bakery. They will use spaghetti to sort by varying lengths shortest to longest. Your children will collect manna from heaven. We will put cereal box puzzles to the test and read books like "The Little Red Hen and Pancakes, Pancakes". Our letter for the week is Dd.

The week of October 12th is cut short by a Coweta County scheduled days off of October 10-11. We will be sorting beans; sampling food; performing egg rolls; matching same sound eggs; playing duck, duck, goose; reading Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss and working on letter Pp..

The week of October 17th, We will be observing cross-sections of fruit and vegetables; singing Apples and Bananas; making Mr. Potato Heads; playing the corny counting game and fruit basket turnover; reading An Apple A Day by Judi Barrett and working on letter Bb.

The week of October 24th, we will be matching food items with only our sense of touch; discussing the differences between junky and healthy foods; reading Who Stole the Cookies? by Judith Moffatt; acting out Candy Land Journey; singing the donut song; shopping at our grocery store and working on the letter Rr.

Our fall party is Wednesday, October 26. Please don't forget to sign up for the luncheon and make plans to party with us.

The week of October 31-November 3, we will read eat cinnamon rolls; play duck, duck, hen; create our own bakery; take a visit to the farm (inside our classroom); and work on the letter Nn. **Please bring in a hat to share and keep at school all week for various activities during this week.. Please bring in a hat to share and keep all week for various activities during week 12.**

Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell

Show and Tell is on Thursdays and can be something from the theme of the week, the Bible story, or an item that begins with the letter of the week.

October 3-6:	" Food-Grains" & Letter Dd
Bible story:	"God Gives His People Food"
October 12-13:	" Food-Meat/Beans/Protein" & Letter Pp
Bible story:	"God Takes Care of His People"
October 17-20:	"Food-Fruit/Vegetables" & Letter Bb
Bible story:	"God Gives the Ten Commandments"
October 24-27:	"Junk vs. Healthy Food" & Letter Rr
Bible story:	"The Golden Calf"
October 31-November 3	"The Little Red Hen & Caps For Sale" & Letter Nn
Bible story:	"God's People Enter the Promised Land"