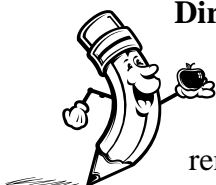


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Dear Families,

Director's Ditty: *A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*

(Proverbs 16:1)



Each fall I choose a verse that will serve as a theme for the year. It helps me focus; and this year's selection is particularly meaningful because it helps me remember that all that we do here at Jacob's Ladder is really in God's amazing hands!

My hope is that it will also become a theme for you as well as you bring your children to the preschool with the best intentions to help them take one more step in their spiritual, emotional, social, and intellectual development.

Three years ago I was privileged to climb to the pinnacle of a volcano while on a mission trip to Guatemala. It was a grueling yet exhilarating experience. About half way through the journey we came upon a small resting area. With fatigue already having set in, I assumed this was the end of the trail, as the hot steam could easily be seen on the next horizon. But such was not the case.

The last segment was the most difficult. With loose cinders being the worst obstacle, many steps forward ended with a back-slide, and with each of my back-slides, I was tempted to give up the journey. Truly, I believe it was the Lord directing my steps and, of course, the encouragement of our guide, that kept me focused on the goal. And the red flowing lava beneath the very pinnacle was well worth the effort.

Now it may seem to you that it is a far stretch to compare a strenuous climb in volcanic cinders to going to preschool. However, we all have expectations of ourselves and of our children. The way to the top is not always smooth, and will occasionally appear to be going backwards. But with consistent work, encouragement, and commitment, we will together reach the goal. May God bless each and every one of you as we begin the journey together.

The first week of school we will be singing about God's love for children and Jesus' invitation to let the children come to him. We will then look at God's miraculous creation. We hope you will take time to enjoy God's creation together as we enter these cooler days of fall!

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Boo-hoo (or Yahoo) Breakfast Invitation:

Moms (or dads, or grandparents) are invited to a casual time of sharing and light refreshments on **Tuesday morning, August 30th** immediately after drop off. Those parents who wish to stay should go through the drop off line, and after their child has entered the building, park in the north parking lot behind the old fellowship hall. Parents can gather in the classroom immediately on the left just inside the door. Staff will be comforting and welcoming the children but we hope you will take advantage of this time to socialize and comfort each other.





School Notes:

Monday August 29 - First day for 4's and 5's

Tuesday August 30 – First day for 3's

Boo-Hoo (or Ya-hoo) Breakfast

September 15 – Deadline for Immunization Records

Friday September 23 – Family Fun Night (details to follow soon)

Kroll Background Check:

For the safety of all our children and to comply with Safe Sanctuary Procedures all parents participating as Parent Helper must go through a Kroll background check or some other form of criminal background check before serving their first helper day. Parents who have been screened by a public school program may try to get a copy of their approval from the Human Resource center of their county school. In Williamson County Tray James at 472-4050 may be a contact to get a copy. We also need your Covenant Agreement on file, as required by the state, to show that our Parent Handbook has been made available to your family. Thank you for helping us comply with these safety standards!



From Ms Karen the Librarian: Ms Karen Tucker, from the Nolensville Public Library recommends these for September reading. Visit the library often! It is a special gift to your children when you read with them!

Old MacDonald Had A Farm Jane Cabrera

Biscuit's Day at the Farm Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Oh, What a Noisy Farm Harriet Ziefert

There's a Cow in the Cabbage Patch Clare Beaton

Mooove Over! Karen Magnuson Beil

Parent Helpers Reminder:

Parent Helpers need to be available at 8:30 to help during intake. If you cannot work on the day for which you signed up, please find a parent to change with you and notify Terri or Tonia. **Parent helpers are requested to stay until all take down students have been picked up - approximately 11:45.**



August 29	Jessica Anderson	September 14	Madhu Rajkumar
August 30	Nancy Stillwell	September 15	Candy Wence
August 31	Casey Bloomfield	September 19	Jessica Anderson
September 1	Kasey Ignatin	September 20	Carrie Tracey
September 5	NO SCHOOL	September 21	Robin Marshall
September 6	Andrea Barnes	September 22	Heather Huneryager
September 7	Debbie White-Spyropoulos	September 26	Nakea Bryant
September 8	Jessica Anderson	September 27	Mridu Deorah
September 12	Debbie White-Spyropoulos	September 28	Laura Newman
September 13	Heather Bell	September 29	John Dunn



Change of Clothing: Please do not forget to send a complete change of clothes to keep at the preschool. Clothing should be in a gallon sized Ziploc bag and should be labeled with your child's name.



Please apply suntan lotion to your child prior to drop off. We will be on the playground each day and sun protection is very important. We are not allowed to apply lotion to the children for you.



From the Board of Directors Family Fun Night

We are excited to announce that Jacob's Ladder will be having our 1st annual Family Fun Night September 23rd. There will be a family t-shirt decorating contest, games, food, silent auction, and a lot of family fun. It will be a great time to meet and mingle with new and old friends. In the next few weeks you will receive additional details concerning Family Fun Night! If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Family Fun Night please e-mail Jessica Anderson at jcanderson10@yahoo.com.



Fund Raising Opportunities

The playground is one of our ongoing maintenance areas. Mulch has to be augmented periodically, the large equipment is inspected and repaired, and smaller play toys have to be replaced. One way to keep our operating expenses low is by all of us pitching in to raise money in some very fun ways. The Board of Directors has sanctioned several on-going fund-raisers.

Kroger Gifts Cards worth \$5.00 will be available for purchase soon. Although they cost \$5.00, they are already charged for \$5.00 worth of goods. Families may order as many gift cards as they would like for use by extended family members in any Kroger across the country. Gift cards must be recharged by the user at customer service or at the cash register, and can be used to pay for groceries, prescriptions, and gas. After our group cards reach certain increments of "recharge" value, Jacob's Ladder receives a commission. We will be taking orders for cards in the next week or so.

Thursdays at Amicos Restaurant: Amicos honors Jacob's Ladder families on Thursdays by offering a discount to those dining in-or using carry-out. They also give a percentage of their profit for each order when those purchasing food identify themselves as a part of Jacob's Ladder at the time their order is taken. Your server must write JL on your ticket. What a fun way to have family time together over delicious food AND help Jacob's Ladder.

Tacos at Oscars is also in the works, and we will let you know the details soon of having awesome Mexican treats as another way to help our school.