

The Day School Scoop



**Play Time
is
Important!**

Dear Parents,
This past June, Christ Church Day School attended the College of Charleston Early Childhood Summit. This two day conference's theme was play, and we were able to attend break-out seminars and observe the College of Charleston's Early Childhood Center.

While there is great importance in circle time, play is a valuable teaching tool as well. In circle time, the children soak up various concepts like little sponges, and we have specifically chosen teachers at Christ Church that excel in this area of the class day. Fortunately, we also have thoughtful, fun teachers who appreciate the value and creativity that play can bring. Everyday, I like to get out from behind my desk and visit the classrooms. Often I catch a great circle time, but usually I find the children busy with centers or free play. Guided play in centers and free play on the playground are great

ways for children to learn. In guided play each day, the teachers set up a few centers which reinforce learning from circle time and encourage the children to be problem solvers as they engage with one another. Whether they are enjoying free play or guided play, the activities challenge the children to be creative and develop conflict resolution skills.

In the edition of Texas Child Care Quarterly, sociodramatic play expands children's vocabularies as they engage with others, fine tunes motor skills and enhances their thinking skills as they discuss pretend play ideas with their peers (Russell 2015). Simply put at Christ Church Day School, we want to help develop compassionate Christian thinkers who play and work well with others and carry those skills into adulthood.

Blessings!
Ellen Nietert



Hot Lunches for Haiti Coin Drive

During Orientation, we shared our goal to provide meals for the school children of Haiti.

For many children, this will be there one and only opportunity to have a warm meal daily. It's our chance to teach the children to love others and show God's love. We are sending a Hot Lunches for Haiti Coin Cup home with every preschooler. When the cup is full, please return it to school to add to our coin jars.

We can't wait to see how God will work!

October 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Entire Month
Coin Collection for
Hot Lunches in Haiti**

Oct 5
\$22 Flu Shots
for Parents & Staff
11:30-12:30PM

Oct 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 11:45AM
Original Works Sale
Come see your child's artwork!

Oct 5, 6, 26 & 27
Pizza Days

Oct 6-Nov 3
Super Science Session 2
\$105

Oct 11-13
Sarah Fisher Photography

Oct 11
MMOI & All Fours
Sarah Fisher Photography

Oct 12
MMOII, 2 day 2's & 2 day 3's
Sarah Fisher Photography

Oct 13
3 day 2's & 3 day 3's
Sarah Fisher Photography

Oct 12
Staff Luncheon & Meeting

Oct 20
Fall Break

Oct 23 & 26
Firefighter Visit
Bring snacks to our brave
firefighters!

Oct 29
Christ Church Fall Festival
Carnival & Jump Castle
12:30-2:30pm

Oct TBA -Fall Parties

Nov 20 & 21
Irma Make-Up Days
Thanksgiving Festivities

Bible Verses



Mother's Morning Out

Shout for joy to the Lord.

Psalm 98:4

Miss Monica's Twos

I am wonderfully made. Psalm

139:14

Miss Maria's Twos

God sends the autumn. Jer 5:24

Miss Emily's Threes

I am wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:14

Miss Kelly's Threes

Encourage one another daily.

Heb. 3:13

Miss Melissa's 4 Day Fours

You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14

Miss Leigh's 5 Day Fours

*The Lord is my helper; I will not
be afraid.* Heb 13:6

Miss Pat's 5 Day Fours

Fear not, for I am with you.

Isaiah 43:5



As a thank you to our local heroes, we will be having a sweet & salty snack drive (Oct 23-26) to fill the fire station pantry!



Day School Photo Album



A Sample of Sarah's Photos

Sarah Fisher Photography

Sarah Fisher Photography will be at our school on Oct 11-13 to photograph the children. These individual photos will be close-up shots of the girls & boys so you do not need to worry about clothes or shoes. Also these photos will be available in color or black and white. Here is a sample of Sarah's work. Class photo schedules are listed in the Upcoming Events.

Make-up photos are available on any of these dates. **Sibling photos will be taken in the spring.** Thanks!!