



Dates to Reserve:

- **October 15**—Field Trip to Benner’s Farm. 9:30-10:30 for AM class; 12:30--1:30 for PM class.
- **December 21** (Friday)—4 yr. old Christmas program, 9:30 – 10:30 or so for AM class; 12:30–to 1:30 or so for PM class.
- **May 9**—Mother’s Day Tea
- **May date TBA**—FNS Olympics, Parents welcome!
- **May 30th**—FNS Graduation, 9:30 –10:30 or so for AM class; 12:30–to 1:30 or so for PM class.

Upcoming Activities:

Planting Partners—

We’ll be digging in the dirt and planting bulbs. Please have your child dress in old clothes and shoes on the 19th of October.

Harvest Party—

This is a dress up day where the children may enjoy dressing up. Please avoid scary costumes such as ghosts, witches, and goblins.



With each new letter of the alphabet, please have your child bring in a picture of something that begins with that letter. Please put your child’s name on the back.

First Annual FNS Block-Off And Other Cool School Events

Ready, set, go! Faith Nursery School children worked in groups to build towers, walls, and houses for Albert in our very first Block-off. Teams showed tremendous creativity and teamwork as they produced marvelous block creations.



Another “B” week activity had children in pairs as butter buddies! We danced and shook our heavy cream to music until our butter was ready. Biscuits and butter were a snack-time treat enjoyed by all.



King Bidgoods In The



Bathtub delighted us, and led to our funny class book with each child in the bathtub not wanting to come out.

“B” week was special because we talked about the biggest boat ever built (Noah’s Ark) and the best book ever written. We had a dramatic reading of Noah’s Ark and read about Moses from the Bible. God’s faithfulness

Exposure Breeds Appreciation by Christine Miller

When I was a little girl (4-5 years old), I remember going to my friend Amy’s house, sitting on her sofa, and looking at all the brightly colored paintings. I went many times, and back then in my mind, I referred to them as the boy in the fancy blue suit, the pretty girl with the hoop, the big, yellow flowers, and the dancers.

Ten years later I found myself in the back of a station wagon very unhappy about being on my way to an afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum of art. I had actually never been there, but

as a full fledged teenager in the 70’s I figured it must be boring.

To my surprise I saw paintings that I actually recognized and was very interested in this. After a little thought, I realized where I had seen them, long ago. I spent the rest of the day with a keen anticipation of finding more things that I recognized and I have enjoyed art ever since.

At Faith Nursery School we hope to give our children exposure to art in a fun and creative way. We have a picture of one of Degas’ famous balleri-

nas hanging on the wall. During “E” week we’ll read all about Eloise who happens to walk through a museum and see one of those special dancers.

In the spring we’ll create a



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starry night in our classroom and gaze up into the heavens. Van Gogh's *Starry Night* will make an appearance, and we'll all marvel at the excitement Van Gogh must have felt when he saw the brilliance of the night sky.

For "P" week we'll see who of our students can fool you as to which painting is the real Jackson Pollock!



During "M" week we will look at many different types of music, listen to some famous pieces, and have fun making some music of our own.

We hope to expose your kids to lots of wonderful things in God's creation, and we hope it will lead them to a greater appreciation of the things around them and of God Himself.

Enjoy a starry night this month.

Upcoming Security to FNS

Shortly, the Three Village Church will be improving security for Faith Nursery School. The double doors between the church's foyer and our school's hallway will be outfitted with locks, crash bars, and windows. The doors leading from our hallway into the Gathering Room will be fit with a lock as well. After implementation, we will let you know the changes in drop off and pick up. We are grateful to our church for the improved security and are confident that it will cause little if any inconvenience.

Alphabet Scriptures

With each letter that we study, we will highlight a special scripture verse. These highlighted verses will be easy for the children to memorize and are nuggets of truth for them to grow on. We'll be presenting our first three scriptures during our alphabet review week.

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was our theme, and we talked about how great it is that we have these stories to help us know what God is like.

Our Miss Mimi led us out into the churchyard on a bug hunt. With mag-



nifying glasses in hand, we saw lots of bugs including a giant praying mantis.

For our apple theme we made baked cinnamon apples. The children peeled, sliced, and cored apples using our special apple peeling machine. We then measured sugar, flour, butter, and cinnamon and mixed this into the apples. Our homemade treat was ready by snack time.

For "C" week we made a giant chocolate chip cookie and had slices of it for snack. We all decided that we

had to hide it from Cookie Monster (our visitor for the day) who had already sniffed out our yummy creation.

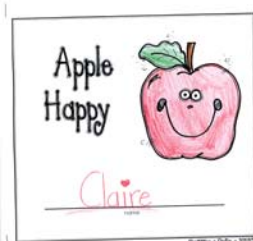
We talked about Columbus and how people back then believed the world was flat.

"Lift and twist and pluck little apples, peel and cut and core little apples, munch and crunch a bunch of little apples into our apple pie!"

How You Can Help

1. When writing their name, please have your child use a capital for the first letter and lower case letters for the rest. This is not only correct but what will be required in kindergarten. Often, preschools encourage children to use all capitals because it is easier, but with a little practice, we know your child will be able to master the upper and lower case letters. Thank you.

2. Occasionally, we will send home pre-reading books—books designed with an easy to memorize pattern.



ever your child brings one of these

Children memorize the pattern, read the book, and gain confidence and excitement about learning how to read. When-

ever your child brings one of these books home ("The Happy Book" series, the "B" Is For Boat book, etc.), please ask him to read it to you and perhaps to a sibling or other family member.

3. Please read our monthly calendar as our schedule does not always follow the same patterns. For example, show-and-tell will not be every week until the weather turns cold. Please check the calendar as dates will be sporadic until then.