

The Adventure Nook

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A Ministry of the First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family had a wonderful Spring Break. It is hard to believe the end of school is so near.

April brings lots of excitement with warm weather and spring activities.

Your children enrich our lives with enthusiasm. Thanks for sharing them with us.

Please tell your friends we have a few spots remaining for Fall 2010.

Thanks to all for a wonderful teacher appreciation week last week!!

A special thanks to Shelley O'Brien and Erin Ellerbusch for organizing the week. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast on Tuesday, the tasty lunch on Wednesday, dessert bar on Thursday and Friday. We also appreciate the monogrammed aprons and gift card.

Thanks so much!!

TAN Musical & Art Show

We invite you to visit the Art Gallery on Tuesday, April 27th from 6:30 to 7:30. Our children have been busy throughout the year working on special art projects.

Our 3's and 4's will entertain us in the sanctuary with special music they have learned this year with Ms. Missy. The children have a great time in music/movement.

Parents please try to have your child in the Narthex by 6:30, we will be singing before we open the gym to view our art work.

APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 2	TAN CLOSED (GOOD FRIDAY)
APRIL 6&7	GROUP PICTURES
APRIL 9	4K FIELD TRIP TO OAK MOUNTAIN & MT. LAUREL
APRIL 12	TAN CLOSED (SHELBY COUNTY HOLIDAY)
APRIL 13& 14	WEAR PURPLE DAY
APRIL 16	4K FIELD TRIP TO CHELSEA
APRIL 20	4K FIELD TRIP TO BAKER'S FARM
APRIL 21	GYMNASTICS SHOW-OFF CLASS
APRIL 27	ART, MUSICAL SHOW
	PREVIEW CLASSROOM GROUP PICTURES AT SHOW
APRIL 29	4K FIELD TRIP INVERNESS

Play is the Business of Kids

Children's play behavior can be grouped into a few categories or types and is related to the materials and tools of play. These categories often overlap and are highly interrelated. Any given play behavior could fall into several play types. For example:

QUIET PLAY

Quiet play is likely to be encouraged by picture books, bead-stringing, pegboards, puzzles, doll play, coloring with crayons, etc.

CREATIVE PLAY

Creativity has a broad meaning and play of this nature includes many things, such as painting, drawing, problem solving, music, dancing, getting along with others, play dough, sand, collage, the use of imagination, etc.

ACTIVE PLAY

Active play can be stimulated by the use of balls, slides, swings, push-pull toys, sand and water play, games, crates and blocks, riding trikes and bikes, running around, climbing trees, and the use of indoor materials like rhythm band, bean bag toss, "dress-up" clothes, cars and trucks, etc.

COOPERATIVE PLAY

Play that requires more than one person, such as ball games, tag, see-saws, playing dolls or house, block building, some swings, hide and seek, etc.

DRAMATIC PLAY

Dramatic and creative play may also be called social play. In this type of play, children try out different kinds of life roles, occupations, and activities, such as firefighter, actor, actress, mother, dad, astronaut, dancer, singer, farmer, doctor, nurse, soldier, etc. This play may be done quietly or actively, alone or with others, such as playing with dolls or action figures.

MANIPULATIVE PLAY

Play that involves the use of hands, muscles, and eyes. It helps to develop coordination and a wide variety of skills. Playing with puzzles, crayons, painting, cutting with scissors, stringing beads, the use of tools, block building, dolls, and trucks are examples.

SUMMER FUN

June 22- July 15

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:30-1:00

Cost: \$200.00

You may sign your child up for a single week if space is available. Please call the TAN office if you are interested.

MAY EVENTS

**MAY 4: Nature Walk
Wear Yellow**

May 17 & 18: Water Play

May 21: LAST DAY

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord and sing praise.

Psalms 98:4