



Growing in God's Love

Preschool News

Christ Lutheran Preschool

April 2018 Edition

From the Director...

We hope you enjoyed our **Easter Celebration** on Friday and that you all had a happy Easter!

Our *"Tiaras & Bowties"* auction fundraiser was a huge success and a lot of fun! We had 90 people attend, 75 silent auction items, live auction items, fund an item for playground upgrades, raffle games, wine pull, dinner and live piano music. We brought in a total of \$17,165 with a **profit of \$13,045!!!** Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our school!

Registration for current students and siblings is this week, April 3-6th. Please make sure to turn in your registration forms and payment by Friday, April 6th. Monday, April 9th, we begin enrolling from our waiting list. There are extra forms at the parent station.

During the month of April, we will celebrate Week of the Young Child April 16-22. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus attention on the needs of the young children, their families and to support the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. We will have lots of special things going on this week including an art display, documentation board displays, and a Parent Appreciation Tea. **Sunday April 22 we will have a special Preschool Sunday. CLP students will sing at the 9:30am service.** We will then have classrooms open for touring following the service. Please check your files and look for an email with more detailed information. We are looking forward to this very busy and fun week of celebrating young children!

We will end the month with teacher appreciation week the week of April 30th. Tara (Santiago's Mom) will be coordinating the special activities planned for this week.

Wishing you a beautiful month!

Lisa Clinton
Director



TEN QUOTES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

1. "Play is the work of the child." - Maria Montessori
2. "Play is the highest form of research." - Albert Einstein
3. "It is a happy talent to know how to play." - Ralph Waldo Emerson
4. "Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning." - Mr. Rogers
5. "The playing adult steps sideward into another reality; the playing child advances forward to new stages of mastery." - Erik H. Erikson
6. "Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." - O. Fred Donaldson
7. "The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct." - Carl Jung
8. "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." - George Bernard Shaw
9. "Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play." - Plato
10. "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." - Fred Rogers

Parent's Corner

200 Ways to Bless Your Children with a Happy Childhood

Taken from Two Thousand Kisses a Day: Gentle Parenting Through the Ages and Stages by L.R.Knost.

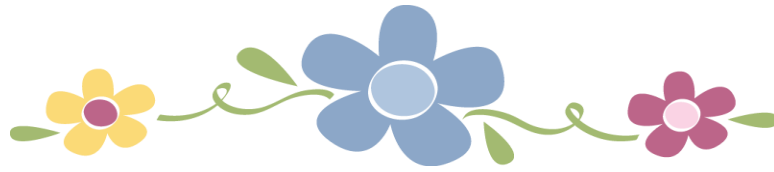


- 1.) Float boats in puddles
- 2.) Ride bikes
- 3.) Play hopscotch
- 4.) Blow dandelions
- 5.) Jump in a bounce house
- 6.) Take them to a museum
- 7.) Play hot-potato with water balloons
- 8.) Make a volcano
- 9.) Buy them a goldfish
- 10.) Have funoodle sword fights
- 11.) Take silly pictures with them in a photo booth
- 12.) Fix pancakes for dinner
- 13.) Let them climb trees
- 14.) Watch your language
- 15.) Make daisy chains
- 16.) Play board games and let them win so they'll feel smart
- 17.) Teach them manners by being polite to them
- 18.) Teach them respect by showing them respect
- 19.) Look at them when they're talking
- 20.) Build block towers and knock them down together
- 21.) Read to them
- 22.) Laugh at their jokes
- 23.) When they're upset say, "I'm here. I'm listening," and then just be there
- 24.) Go barefoot in the grass
- 25.) Thank them sincerely for muddy bouquets of weeds
- 26.) Pray for them
- 27.) Pray with them
- 28.) Tell them the truth
- 29.) Have wrestling matches & let them win so they'll feel strong
- 30.) Let them believe in miracles
- 31.) Let them see you stand up for what you believe in
- 32.) Tickle them & stop when they tell you to so they'll know how to tell someone 'no' when they don't want to be touched
- 33.) Turn off the television
- 34.) Have a picnic on the living room floor
- 35.) Make shadow puppets
- 36.) Let them become best friends with their grandparents (or adopt a grandparent!)
- 37.) Build forts
- 38.) Let them help you fix the toilet
- 39.) Let them jump in piles of clean laundry
- 40.) Take them with you when you vote
- 41.) Have staring contests
- 42.) Make playing-card buildings
- 43.) Make a refrigerator box rocket and fly to Mars for dinner with them
- 44.) Fingerpaint with them
- 45.) Fingerpaint on them
- 46.) Let them fingerpaint on you
- 47.) Tell them corny jokes
- 48.) Blow bubbles
- 49.) Jump in puddles
- 50.) Play football in the mud
- 51.) Play basketball in the driveway at midnight
- 52.) Play baseball at the park
- 53.) Go to their teddy bear tea parties
- 54.) Play with slinkies on the stairs
- 55.) Let them teach you something
- 56.) Put band aids on invisible boo-boos
- 57.) Scare away the monsters
- 58.) Sing in the car
- 59.) Make silly faces in the mirror
- 60.) Roll in piles of leaves
- 61.) Turn off the computer
- 62.) Dance in the rain
- 63.) Make snow angels (or sand angels!)
- 64.) Let them help you help someone in need so they'll learn to serve
- 65.) Make mudpies
- 66.) Cook dinner together
- 67.) Go stargazing
- 68.) Lay in the grass
- 69.) Go fishing with real worms
- 70.) Look for four-leaf clovers
- 71.) Walk in the woods
- 72.) Spot shapes in the clouds
- 73.) Dress up and take them on a date to the symphony
- 74.) Visit a planetarium
- 75.) Give them bear hugs
- 76.) Give them grace
- 77.) Share a secret
- 78.) Tell them about God
- 79.) Tell them stories about your childhood
- 80.) Get them a kitten
- 81.) Visit an aquarium
- 82.) Take them to the zoo
- 83.) Take them to the library
- 84.) Let them meet an author or a painter or an astronaut
- 85.) Let them dream big dreams
- 86.) Admire their artwork
- 87.) Make macaroni art together
- 88.) Go to a sunrise service on Easter
- 89.) Plant something together and watch it grow
- 90.) Go to a Passion play
- 91.) Go to a parade
- 92.) Play dress up
- 93.) Go to the beach
- 94.) Hike up a mountain trail
- 95.) Ride a bicycle-built-for-two (or three!)
- 96.) Hold them when they cry
- 97.) Forgive them when they mess up
- 98.) Help them when they struggle
- 99.) Encourage them to try again when they fail
- 100.) Let them choose the movie

- 101.) Listen to their endless stories
- 102.) Clap when they sing you a song
- 103.) Share a giant bucket of popcorn at the movies
- 104.) Rent a projector and hang up a sheet outside to make your own drive-in theater
- 105.) Take them to an airshow
- 106.) Take them to a Veteran's Day parade and let them shake hands with a hero
- 107.) Tie a towel into a cape and play superheroes
- 108.) Make Christmas cards for nursing home residents and deliver them together
- 109.) Throw a surprise half-birthday party
- 110.) Climb on the furniture and jump over the lava
- 111.) Make a paper mâché globe
- 112.) Make paper airplanes and have a fly-off
- 113.) Fly kites
- 114.) Make sandcastles (or snowmen!)
- 115.) Give butterfly kisses
- 116.) Give Eskimo kisses
- 117.) Go to a petting zoo and let them pet a goat
- 118.) Play jump rope
- 119.) Go to their plays
- 120.) Go to their games
- 121.) Teach them chess
- 122.) Play twister
- 123.) Let them see you reading
- 124.) Go to storytimes at bookstores
- 125.) Go to a farmer's market
- 126.) Make s'mores
- 127.) Camp in the backyard
- 128.) Cook over a campfire
- 129.) Build a model airplane
- 130.) Make up a secret handshake
- 131.) Wear the macaroni necklaces they make you
- 132.) Smile when they walk in the room
- 133.) Kiss them goodbye whenever you leave
- 134.) Dress up for their tea parties
- 135.) Play rock-paper-scissors
- 136.) Say please
- 137.) Say thank you
- 138.) Say you're welcome
- 139.) Tell them you trust them
- 140.) Tell them they are good
- 141.) Tell them you love them every day
- 142.) Say, "I like you"
- 143.) Say, "You're fun to be with"
- 144.) Tell them you miss them when you're away from them
- 145.) Tell them they can always count on you and then be there when they need you
- 146.) Tell them about times you've failed so they know they don't have to be perfect
- 147.) Catch fireflies in jars and then let them go
- 148.) Forgive them so they'll learn to forgive
- 149.) Give second chances, third chances, fourth chances...
- 150.) Race them to the car and let them win so they'll feel success
- 151.) Teach them how to skip rocks
- 152.) Use your gentle hands
- 153.) Stand up to bullies for them
- 154.) Tell them what you believe in
- 155.) Tell them you believe in them
- 156.) Treat them like they're priceless so they'll never doubt

- their value
- 157.) Let them hear you whistle while you work so they'll know joy can be found in everything
- 158.) Grab a stick for a sword and slay dragons with them
- 159.) Catch ladybugs on your fingers and examine their spots
- 160.) Share a milkshake
- 161.) Have a sleepover in their room
- 162.) Go on a scavenger hunt
- 163.) Give them a hammer, nails, and scrap wood and watch the magic
- 164.) Work puzzles together that take weeks to finish
- 165.) Make grape popsicles and eat them together in the sunshine
- 166.) Be kind to them so they'll learn to be kind
- 167.) Admit it when you're wrong so they'll learn to take responsibility for their actions
- 168.) Say you're sorry when you mess up so they'll learn it's okay to make mistakes
- 169.) Let them see you cry so they'll know it's okay to be human
- 170.) Tell them you're on their side
- 171.) Turn off your cell phone
- 172.) Build a birdhouse together and let them paint it all the colors of the rainbow
- 173.) Help them with their homework so they can play outdoors
- 174.) Play with them
- 175.) Sprinkle fairy dust on their bed to help them sleep
- 176.) Let them see you rescue a butterfly caught in a spider's web so they'll think you're a hero
- 177.) Tell them about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and help them search for it
- 178.) Sit on the porch and wave at the passing cars with them
- 179.) Take a ride on a train
- 180.) Take them to see an alligator
- 181.) Read the funny paper in the newspaper to them
- 182.) Let them take care of you when you're sick
- 183.) Listen so they'll learn to listen
- 184.) Care about what they care about so they'll feel understood
- 185.) Put others first so they learn sacrifice
- 186.) Help a neighbor so they'll understand community
- 187.) Let them climb into bed with you when they have a bad dream
- 188.) Make them a cozy reading nook
- 189.) Squeeze yourself into their reading nook and cuddle up for storytime
- 190.) Read them fairy tales
- 191.) Buy them comic books
- 192.) Make paperchains for the Christmas tree
- 193.) Have a birthday party for Jesus before opening presents on Christmas morning
- 194.) Make blessing bags and mail them to our troops
- 195.) Build bookshelves and start a home library for them
- 196.) Treat them with compassion so they'll learn to care
- 197.) Give them piggyback rides to bed
- 198.) Read them bedtime stories (and let them choose the book even if it's the same one every night!)
- 199.) Show them you love them when they deserve it the least

200.) Live what you want them to learn



Mark Your Calendar...

April 2 - Closed for Staff Development

April 3-6 – Registration for current students and siblings

April 16-20 - Week of the Young Child -Special Activities

April 22 – Preschool Sunday - Children sing at 9:30am service

April 30-May 4 - Teacher Appreciation Week

Happy Birthday!

Brynlee Molle (Rm 1) ~ April 11

AJ Kosoff (Rm 2) ~April 20

Santiago Hardee-Teodoro (Rm 6) ~ April 26



April Scripture

Dear God: My heart is singing for joy this morning. A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little one's mind, and behold, all things are changed. Lord, show me your light so that I too can experience a new understanding. Amen.

-Sullivan



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