

# Trinity Preschool

## Daily Pre-K Classroom Activities:

### **Christian Soldier of the Day:**

As many of you already know and some are soon to find out, Christian Soldier is a very important part of the day and the highlight of the children's month. After all, the Christian Soldier of the day will lead the class line, do the calendar, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and gets to share something with the class. There is a monthly theme for Christian soldier which can be found on both the classroom calendar and newsletter, please remember that the children will not be allowed to share toys.

### **Word of the Day:**

Each day we have a Word of the Day; this is a pre-literacy activity. The word of the day is both a vocabulary word and a word that we sound out as a class. The Christian Soldier of the Day is allowed to hold the first letter card and chooses children to hold each additional letter card. We begin by taking a quick look at each of the letters in the word, identifying the initial sound and ending sound. With help from the teacher we blend the sounds together to read the word.

### **Calendar:**

A daily look at our calendar teaches us many concepts. We recite the months of the year and the days of the week. Counting is obviously a big part of calendar time, later in the year we will begin counting by odd and even numbers. During calendar time, we also incorporate patterning by using different shapes and colors on the number cards.

### **Book of the Day:**

The book of the day is usually a fun story book that we use to kick off our morning. The students are introduced to concepts such as author and illustrator, title page, table of contents and the dedication page. The teacher will follow the words along with her finger to illustrate the concept of left to right progression and the students will be asked to predict what happens next or recall details of the story. During the second group time of the day, the students are read another book that focuses on a concept, i.e. numbers, shapes, Bible, science or culture.

### **Social Studies/Science:**

If you take a look at the monthly calendar you will see an "S" or "SS" section each month, this stands for Science or Social Studies. Throughout the year the students will be introduced to simple science concepts and experiments i.e. sink/float, gravity, and the life cycle. Social Studies will include safety and traffic signs, places in the community, occupations and different cultures.

### **Drawing of the day:**

This is a daily pre-literacy drawing activity that focuses on having the child demonstrate knowledge, share about himself and telling us his ideas while answering a question or prompt in the form of a drawing. The teacher writes the child's response on his drawing. These are then filed into their Journal book which they are free to look at during school time. Samples can be found on Bulletin Board displays in the classrooms. Please feel free to bring your child's Journal Book home at any time, but remember to return it the next day to ensure that new drawings can be filed.

**Free-Work Time:**

This is the time when the children can explore the various classroom centers. They can choose to work alone on a project or with their friends. Check the monthly newsletter for updates on some of the work that the children do during free work time. Free work time is also small group time. This is when the children receive individualized instruction in Pre-reading and writing.

**Bible Curriculum:**

We are beginning the year with a lesson in prayer, children will learn the parts of a prayer, hear various prayers read from the Bible and get a chance to lead the class in prayer. Each week the students will study a new Bible story and be immersed in the story through drama, art, and music. Be sure to check your monthly calendar (under the Devotional "DV" section) for details on the concept of the week.

**Last but definitely not least.... Social Skills**

Social Skills are something that we work on all day, everyday. Group time teaches the children patience, leadership skills and respect for others. Free work time is a time of sharing, communication and social problem solving. Each child makes an attempt to resolve social conflicts independently through "using their words." If that does not work, the child then asks the teacher for help in solving the conflict. This teaches the children independence as well as responsibility for their actions.

I am truly excited to watch this group of children progress this year; they are all so unique and together make a great team! Remember to keep yourself informed about school activities and new lessons in the classroom by reading your monthly newsletter and posting the calendar. Have a great year!