

January 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

January 4	_____	Return from Christmas Break
January 11	_____	Kindergarten Readiness Seminar 7:00 PM Christ the King Lutheran
January 18	_____	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
January 25	_____	Teacher Workday-no school
February 3 & 4	_____	Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 9 & 10	_____	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
February 26 & 27	_____	Second Blessings Consignment Sale

Registration Dates (read details in this letter)

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! We hope you had a fantastic winter break and enjoyed the special time with your children. We are looking forward to a “new year” of fun activities with your children.

1. **“Lunch Bunch” dates** are January 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 27. We will continue offering Lunch Bunch to three year olds for the rest of the year. The teacher say they are doing great and if they enjoy it, they may join the 4s in this after school activity.
2. **Classes are canceled for Parent Conferences on February 3 & 4.** The following information will be helpful:
Wednesday, Feb. 3, will be Conference day for MW 2, MW 2 ½, 3x3, 3x4, and Transition.
There is no school for the children whose parents will conference today.
Thursday, Feb. 4, will be Conference day for TT 2, TT 2 ½, 2x3, 2x4, and 5x4s.
There will be no school for the children whose parents will conference today.

Teachers will contact you of your 15-20 minute assigned time for conferencing.

This is the time that 3s, 4s, and Transition teachers will share with you the assessment that was done in January. They will share things that your child has mastered and things that he/she will continue to work on the rest of the year. They will answer questions and give you some insight about what might be the best for your child next year.

The 2s and 2 1/2s do not have formal academic evaluations, but will have a social and emotional check list to share with you and discuss your child’s progress.

3. **The Kindergarten Readiness Seminar will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church on January 11, at 7:00 PM.** (Christ the King is located on Walnut Street across from the Dairy Queen.) There will be a panel of Wake Co. school teachers, Transition teachers, and parents who will share information. An information flyer will accompany this letter home with all four year olds.
4. **GFCC will hold a Voucher Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on February 9 & 10.** You will begin to see posters to advertise the Book Fair. We will soon be sending home information sheets and vouchers for you, your family and friends. Shoppers go to Barnes & Noble on Feb. 9 & 10 to shop. They will need to hand the voucher to the “check out” sales rep before they ring up the sale. Barnes & Noble will tally up the amount of sales our parents and friends have bought and match a percentage of the sales to present to GFCC. The voucher sales include everything in the store except membership sales. Books, periodicals, music, gift items, food and coffee are all part of the sales. More information will come about a story time character and art display of GFCC artists.

5. Second Blessings Consignment Sale will begin registering consigners on January 6-February 17. The sale will include items for children, infants, and maternity wear. Spring and summer clothes, books, toys, baby furniture, electronic games, etc. will be included. While you are cleaning out your children's rooms and making room for the new toys and clothes they got for Christmas, you may want to set aside some items to sell in this event. We need consigners, volunteers, and shoppers. It was an amazing success last year with wonderful items. I certainly enjoyed shopping for the school and my grandsons. Proceeds continue to go toward expanding our Security System.

6. Registration time is here again. Can you believe it? I can't. Here is the schedule:

- January 24, Sunday**.....Members of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church
may register in the Children's Center Office from 9:00-9:45
 - January 26**GFCC rising 3s and siblings
 - January 27**GFCC rising 4s and Transition and siblings
 - January 28**GFCC alumni
 - February 8**Public Registration
- *You may register during school hours 10:00-11:00. Registration fees remains at \$100.**

7. I read and compiled the information from your October Parent Evaluations. Your input was very helpful. Thank you for the positive support and comments. I also heard three reoccurring requests for change from you: 1) You wanted more available spaces for older 3s; 2) You wanted older 4s to be able to experience Transition; 3) You were concerned about the number of days out due to Teacher Workdays on Mondays (esp. in the 2s). GFCC made some changes that I hope will address some of these concerns:

- Parents of 3s seemed to favor a drop in the age requirements. Yes, other preschools do not have this age requirement, but most of them have a Lottery system to get into the 3x3s. I considered this and in the end, felt that I would be trading one unhappy parent for another. In order to offer more spaces for older 3s, we will be offering two classes of 2 day 3s, two classes of 3x3s, and one class called Progressive 3s & 4s. This class will accept children who have their 4 yr birthdays during the months of June, July, August, September, October, and November of 2010. A new curriculum will be developed for this class.
- Transition age requirement will change to include children who turn 5 yrs old by November 30, 2010.
- The 2 and 2 1/2 teachers were willing to move the MW class to a WF class. In looking at the Mondays and Fridays off (TWD and Holidays) on the 2010-2011 WCPSS calendar there were 6 Mondays and 5 Fridays. There was not enough difference this year to warrant a change.
- These are the classes offered in 2010-2011:

2010-2011 GFCC Classes

2s.....	MW or TT.....	9:20-11:45.....	By 8/31/10.....	\$135
2 1/2s.....	MW or TT.....	9:20-11:45.....	By 2/28/10.....	\$135
2 day 3s.....	TT.....	9:00-12:00.....	By 8/31/10.....	\$150
3 day 3s	MWF.....	9:00-12:00.....	By 2/28/10.....	\$175
Prog. 3s & 4s.....	M-Th.....	9:00-1:00.....		\$240
Has 4th Birthday during June, July, August, September, October, & November 2010				
2 day 4s.....	TT.....	9:00-1:00.....	By 8/31/10.....	\$170
3 day 4s.....	MWF.....	9:00-12:00.....	By 8/31/10.....	\$175
5 day 4s.....	M-F.....	9:10-12:10.....	By 8/31/10.....	\$240
Transition.....	M-F.....	9:00-1:00.....	By 11/30/10.....	\$275

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