

# Early Childhood Ministry News

"Loving Care Makes Happy Children"

September 2016

## "Here!"

Your child is assigned a check-in/check-out number and issued an ID card. Can't remember your child's number? Contact the Church Office. Per State Law, each child MUST BE signed in using Headmaster upon arrival and departure by the parent or responsible adult designated by the parent. Parents are responsible for bringing the child into our center each morning and leaving them with the designated teacher.

## Congratulations!



### **Debbie Strickland Celebrates 35 Years!**

Thirty five years may not sound like an exceptionally long amount of time, but when you fill those years with two, three and four year-olds and their families, it is an impressive tenure. Debbie started in the ECM as a teacher, then became the Director. She coordinates the staff, oversees the schedule, enrolls the children, listens to parental questions and concerns, and on and on. Her day

often begins at 6:00 a.m. and does not end until the last child has been picked up. She works tirelessly to make sure the ECM runs smoothly and does so with a loving spirit.



### **Jimmie Kay Britt Celebrates 30 Years!**

Jimmie Kaye began as a lead teacher with 4-year-olds in 1986. Since 1998, she has been staff supervisor and assistant director of our Early Childhood Ministry.

Jimmie Kaye demonstrates strong leadership skills and lots of creativity on the job. We appreciate her dedication and many years of service.

Our church and community's families have been blessed for over three decades by having such compassionate friends at the ECM. Well done, ladies!

## 2016-17 Handbooks

Parent Handbooks for 2016-2017 were given out during Open House. Additional copies are available in the ECM Office.

## A Few Reminders

As we are welcoming our new friends to our classes for the new year, there are a few things our classes need your help with:

- Table manners—sitting at a table to eat, drinking from a small cup, and using a spoon to eat.
- Bring only small, soft toys or a blanket to sleep with at naptime.
- If your child is potty-training, bring pull-ups with Velcro sides and wear clothes they can easily pull up and down themselves. We are happy to assist you in potty training. Please be sure they are using the potty at home.
- Keep a change of clothes in your child's locker at all times and dress them in shoes they can run and play in all day.
- Check your child's locker or cubby daily.

## Preschoolers

### **Two, Three, & Four-Year-Olds** **Two-Year-Olds & Three-Year-Olds:**

We are learning about families this month. Please see your child's teacher about pictures needed for our project. Toys for outside play are needed.

**Four-Year-Olds:** Our unit of study this month centers around friends, incorporating Fall. Teachers need donations of treats for Fridays.

All teachers would greatly appreciate boxes of Kleenex.

## NC Pre-K

Ms. Doeller and Ms. Long welcome the class of 2017! If you want to join us on Facebook, send Wendy Doeller a friend request and she will add you to the class group page. Ms. Doeller will post all class updates and information on the group page, and send papers home in your child's cubby.

Paperwork for the beginning of the school year is due as soon as possible.

## School-Age

### **Kindergarten through 6th Grade**

School is back in session! Vans return to the ECM by 3:30 p.m. on regular school days. If your child will not be riding the van on any particular day, or has a change in afternoon schedule, please notify us. If you need assistance finding your child's class, go to the ECM Office or Church Office.

The older school-age kids would like dress-up clothes (size S-L) for career-related activities, such as nurse scrubs, suits, dresses, and costumes. See Ms. Courtney Williams for more information.

# September

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## Changes to Child Care Subsidy Payments

Notifications were sent out concerning important changes to payments on accounts receiving child care subsidies from the Department of Social Services (DSS). Please make preparations for these important changes effective September 15. Visit the church office if you have questions.

### FBC Wednesday Activities Resume September 7

- 4:00 pm: Handbells (4th-6th grade)
- 4:45 pm: Children's Choirs (1st-3rd & 4th-6th)
- 5:15 pm: Family Night Supper
- 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live (1st-6th)  
Mission Friends & Choir (3 yr olds-K)

Contact Erin Collier, Minister to Children, for additional information about FBC's Children's Ministry.

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