



Pelham Road Baptist Church Child Development Center

Church—CDC Connection

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The Readers & Rockers have started coming on a regular basis. The following Church members have finished their orientation and are reading in the classrooms:

Room 100

Joan Scripture

Ann LeGrand

Room 101

Angela Sutterman

Room 103

Cathy Ronald

There are others who are finishing their orientation and will be reading soon.

Barbara Leach

Ann Roberts

Jim Leach

Sherry Byko

Karen Miller

Carol Miller

Each Reader & Rocker has an hour-long orientation about their role in the classroom and how to read to young children in a group setting. They also learn child development relevant to the classroom they visit.

In addition, several Sunday School classes at the Church have agreed to adopt classrooms and help in a personal and/or financial way to help the classrooms attain new equipment, rugs, blinds, and toys.

Room 105, Room 108, and Room 106 will benefit from this connection.

The Sunday School classes are helping to purchase new changing tables with steps in Room 105 and 106 which are needed for the older twos who are not yet toilet learned. They are really too big to pick up easily! In the other rooms they will help with blinds and curtains, a sensory table, books, toys, and new rugs.

We are grateful for this new connection and look forward to making it a strong one during the year.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ New Church—CDC programs
- ☺ Halloween Fun at the Center
- ☺ Enrichment Programs
- ☺ The times they are changing!
- ☺ Upcoming Events

Halloween Fun

In the past this holiday has been celebrated in different ways here at the CDC.

This year Halloween may be celebrated with classroom parties. Please ask your child's teacher to see if they are having a party.

We are concerned nationally about the diet of our children, so we ask that parents **DO NOT send candy to school now or after Halloween**. The CDC is also concerned about the safety of the children, so we also ask that parents **DO NOT dress**



their children in costumes for school. Some classes may have costumes for their parties.

We are sure that your child/children will have a fun time at the Center sharing time with their friends.

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Your family's place on Pelham!



NEEDED:

PUMPKINS FOR EACH CLASSROOM

WASHABLE MARKERS

CHILDREN'S SCISSORS

CONSTRUCTION PAPER (ALL COLORS)

Enrichment Programs for Fall 2010

The Enrichment Programs are going well. Above is a picture of Mr. Gary with the Happy Feet program. The children seem to like all the activity. You can sign-up at any time. CompuChild comes twice a month on Tuesday mornings, Stretch-n-Grow comes on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30, and Happy Feet comes on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask or pick-up literature about the programs in the office .

To Teach A Child

I tried to teach my child with books, he gave me only puzzled looks.

I tried to teach my child with words, They passed him by, often unheard.

Despairingly, I turned aside, "How shall I teach this child?" I cried.

Into my hand he put the key.

"Come," he said, "Play with me."

Children learn through play. They need time to try out roles and materials. They do not do well with lecture or ditto sheets. They need to feel how sand runs through their fingers and how to

hold a book. We can make sure that they have time to try new things and that they eat their lunch. What we can not give them is YOU.



Only YOU can give them your time and attention. With today's busy schedules it is difficult each day to spend time with our children. What is important is that the time we spend is time that is focused on your child, not the TV, work, phone or radio.

To teach a child you must be there in the moment with the child and follow the child's lead.

Play with me!

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The Times They Are A Changing!

With this issue of the CDC Newsletter we are going online. We will not only be posting the newsletter on the Pelham Road Baptist Church website, but we will be emailing copies to every family email address that we have.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please drop by the office and let us know. Or better yet, email us at susan@pelhamroad.org and we will add you to our email list.

We now have the ability (thanks to the Cato family) of sending registration forms via email for you to fill in and return to us. Unfortunately, we need the hard copies for the chil-

dren's files. However, you won't have to write the contact information year



after year, just make changes as needed and bring us the hard copy.

We would like to have the ability to be on Facebook, but we need

help. Are there any parents who are fluent in Facebook who would be willing to help us set up an account. We would limit this account to only the CDC families. This would be a great way to communicate with your child's teacher, get up-to-date classroom photos, and learn about all that we are doing here at the CDC. If you are interested in helping, please tell Su-



Therapy dogs visit the 3K classrooms

Giving Tree

We have had a terrific response to the Giving Tree. The CDC families have been very generous to all the rooms with rugs, toys, bibs, and equipment like sensory tables.

We are keeping the Giving Tree through the fall. The wishes are now on the handprint leaves that



cover the tree. If you can, these are still items that are needed in the classrooms. If you have any questions, please talk with the teachers or with Susan.

**"Anything is possible.
Anything can be."**

Shel Silverstein

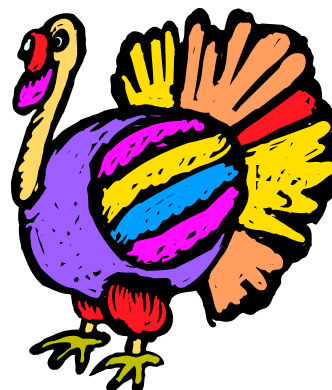
November

Looking ahead to next month:

We will be holding a canned food drive to support Samaritan House from November 1 to November 19. Please bring in canned food and give it to your child's teacher. At the end of the drive we will take a photo of all the food collected. Let's see how much we can collect. It is never too early to teach your children about sharing and giving to others. This is

an easy way to help them learn about caring for others.

Also in November we will be distributing paper feather cut-outs for each family to decorate. The will be attached to our big turkey in the CDC hall. You don't have



to be artistic—they can be as simple as just your name in black marker or as fancy as glitter and sequins. Please put your family name on the back.

Let's make our turkey unique!