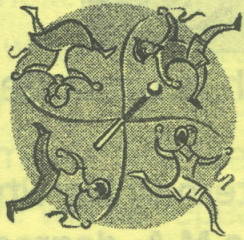


Summer Camp is Coming!

It is that time of year again to start thinking of ways to occupy our children during the summer. TAPC Weekday school summer camp will be offered again



this year. Registration forms are now out for 4 sessions of camp. Dates of camp are June 14-18, June 21-25, July 12-16 and July 19-23. Each one week session will be from 9:00 am until noon with playpals offered everyday from noon to 1:00 pm. Camps fill up fast so return your registration forms ASAP.

SALE

Are you spring cleaning and don't know what to do with the JUNK. Trinity Ave... Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Yard sale and Bake sale Saturday, April 24, from 8am to 12pm. Items can be brought to the church refectory during the following time periods:

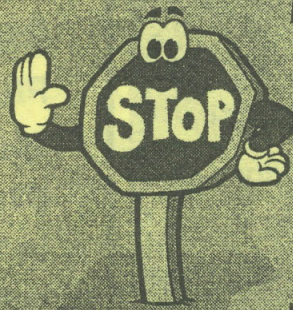
April 20 and 21 from 12 - 6pm

April 22 and 23 from 12 -8pm

Please bring your baked goods on April 23 or the morning of the sale. All proceeds go to help our youth with travel expenses and to buy building materials for their mission trip to Jamaica in June.

Buckle Up for Safety!

According to the Department of Transportation of North Carolina some of the most frequently asked Questions are:



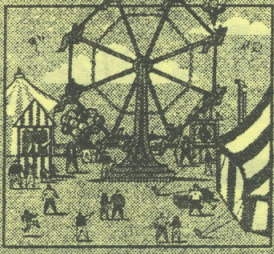
Which children are covered by the law? All

Children less than 12 must be buckled up in any seating position.

Children younger than 4 must be secured in a safety seat (infant seat, toddler seat, or booster seat) appropriate for their size. At age 4, a seat belt may be used instead of a safety seat. **The Law says that four-year-olds can wear a seat belt.**

Is this really safe? Not necessarily. This law is based on age for enforcement purposes.

Determining the safest way to buckle up a child should be based on size rather than age and in reality, most four year olds are too small to fit the seat belts well. For best protection, keep children in standard safety seats until they weigh about 40 pounds regardless of age. After 40 pounds, your choice is between a booster seat or the seat belt.



**TAPC
Weekday
School To
hold Carnival**

Our annual carnival will be Friday, April 30, 9:00 to 11:00. Each classroom will have a sign up sheet for you to help with your "booth". Our fishing booth offers small prizes as the "catch". Contributions for the "catch" will be accepted until the day of the carnival. Make sure the toys are age appropriate. Tuesday/Thursday children are invited for this fun event.

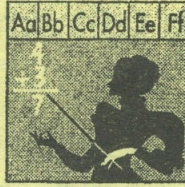
**Class
Pictures**

will be on Wednesday, April 21. Mark this date on your calendar and let's try to have COMPLETE class photos. Tuesday/Thursday class should be here at 9:00 am for their group pictures.

Knowledge is power.

-- Francis Bacon

Teacher Feature



Our Teacher of the Month is Linda Pence.

Linda graduated from Western University with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and a M.A. degree in Elementary Education and Reading. She taught 6 years in the Kentucky Public Schools before GTE moved her family to Durham in the spring of 1983. Her son, Jonathan, brought her to T.A.P.C. as a parent in the fall of 1983. She became the Readiness Teacher in the fall of 1984 and is now in her 15th year at the week day school.

Linda and her husband, Jerry have three sons. Matthew is married and lives in Elkin, NC. Micah graduates from UNC Wilmington in May with a Business Management degree. Jonathan is in the College Transfer Program at Durham Tech and will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall.

Linda has taught several reading programs, but she endorses Pleasant Rowland's "Superkids", as a great way to learn reading with phonics. She enjoys working with children and helping them learn. She looks forward to all the "SUPER" kids that will come to T.A.P.C. in the future.

- Class Pictures April 21
- Red Day April 28
- Carnival April 30
- Hat Day May 5
- Readiness Program May 7
- Sneaker day May 12
- Shorts Day May 19
- School Picnic May 25 @ 5:30
- Last Day of School May 26

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

- Weekday School Committee members
- Judi Bishop-Director
 - Bob Clarke-Chairman
 - Donovan Drake-Pastor
 - Mary Derbyshire
 - Lisa Drummod
 - Tami Frenduto
 - Carol Levine
 - Leslie Lobaugh
 - Todd Penney
 - Teresa Roberts
 - Janene Tompkins

Around Round the Classroom...



I am very happy to report that Miss Anne has had her surgery and is doing well. She will not be returning to teach this term, but will be back next fall. We will invite her to visit with us when she is feeling better. Lynn and I have had lots of fun teaching together this month and are excited about April and May. We will be repeating the special activities the children had the most fun with, such as no-bake cooking. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies. So far, we have only made pudding but would like to try something with peanut butter. Next month we will be outside blowing bubbles, washing toys and planting, so be sure your child has some spare clothes in their cubbie. If you are trying to talk to your child about their day at school, it may be helpful to ask about the activities we do nearly everyday: cleanup, book, The hokey pokey, London Bridge, I spy or Miss Lynn's puppets. Feel free to ask Miss Lynn or myself about our special activities of the day. Keep encouraging those verbal skills!

Miss Denise



Mrs Poe's three-year-old class has had a fun time this past month exploring wind. With April here they will now learn about rain (remember, April showers bring May flowers...), with an activity each school day.

Mrs. Poe is so pleased with this class; they play together well, especially when they are building towns with blocks. They are also very good about noticing specific letters and colors; for example they will comment on how many "A's" are in a classmate's name, or what color and shape the leader-of-the-day's name tag is. You can play these observation games at home with your child, too.

Karen Davies

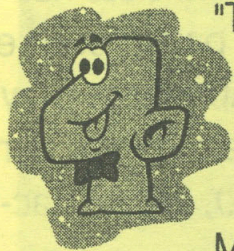
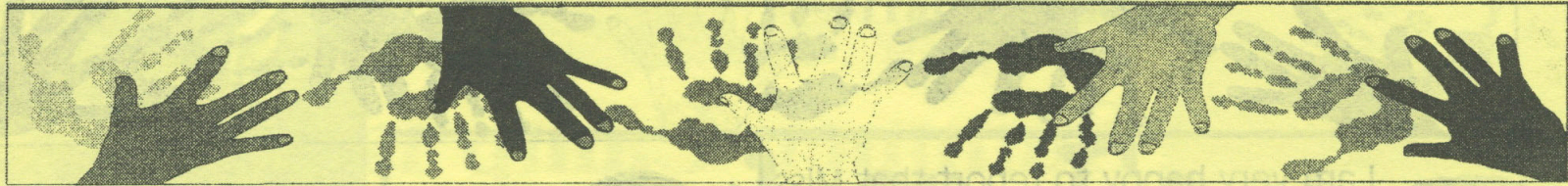
Miss Judi's 3 day class has been learning about animals that hatch from eggs and are beginning to talk about Spring. Caterpillars, butterflies, flowers and showers are some of our upcoming topics. We will also be learning more nursery Rhymes. We all have learned good manners and how to be polite.

Miss Judi



The teachers would like to thank all the parents who helped make the bookfair a great success. Each teacher received everything on their "wish lists" plus were able to purchase other books. The school received \$393.75 dollars worth of books. This was a great start toward building our Week Day School class libraries. We hope that this will become an annual fund raiser for our school!

Around Round the Classroom...



"The four-year-old class ended a busy month with individual parent/teacher conferences during the final week of March. April began with a bang with the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pizza party on the 1st (I wonder if the Bunny has stock in Dominos...?) After a well deserved Easter break, we will return to our study of the alphabet with the X-citing letter, X. As you know, "X marks the spot", and we will surely be X-amining the spot on our treasure maps! (You'll have to X-cuse me, I can't help it!)

When they are not hunting eggs or treasure, the children will be rehearsing for their program at the end of April (check for the time and date on our bulletin board). Don't forget your camera, because our kids will all be the stars of the show! (Note to parents: Please don't mention the program to the kids just yet - we don't want them to get "stage fright" too early. Thanks!).

After the program, it's on to May and planning for Mother's Day. Detail of the Mom's Day plans are very hush-hush, but I'll try to pry more information from Lori and Valerie for the next newsletter.

Leslie Lobaugh



In April, Mrs. Pence's readiness class will be taking a field trip to the Duke Gardens so see the beautiful spring flowers in bloom.

Their adventures will continue inside the classroom as all of Mrs. Pence's students will be reading from the *ADVENTURES OF THE SUPERKIDS* book.. The class had finished working with all the letters from A-Z and now will work on words with blend sounds, e.g.. "sh", "ch", and "th". Each student will continue to work at his or her own pace in the math workbook. All students are working with the function of addition and subtraction.

The readiness class also will be working on their end-of-year program. Be sure to mark your calendars.. The end-of-year program will be Friday, May 7 at 11:00 am. All parents of the readiness class are invited!

Mrs. Pence and her class would like to thank Miss Valerie and her husband, Rowland, for filming and editing the class production of *The Glum Princess!* Their time and effort are greatly appreciated!

Carol Levine