

# The Tattler

TAPC Weekday School News Dec/Jan 2000



*Happy Holidays  
and  
Happy New Year!*

## Teacher Feature



Few people know that our Miss Anne is a graduate of the TAPC weekday School! Once upon a time, when her mom was the church secretary, little Anne came here to learn and play. It was only the second year after the founding of the school. Later, Anne's 3 children attended TAPC and when granddaughter Kaytlin is old enough, she will follow suit. That's 3 generations at TAPC.

Miss Anne is a lifelong resident of Durham. She was born at Watts Hospital and went to Durham High School-now known as Durham School of the Arts, located across from our play ground. Her husband, owns a music store which is appropriate as Anne has played the flute since she was 11. She was in the marching band in high school and even graces the Christmas party with a tune, providing the 2 year olds are all behaving. This is her seventh year teaching at the Weekday School.

The focus of Miss Anne's life is her family. She enjoys her granddaughter Kaytlin "more than anything!". She sings in her church choir and listed baking as a hobby. Thank you Anne for taking such good care of our children.

## Weekday School Board News...

The preschool board would like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic participation in the "Halloween Extravaganza". The children and teachers were a big hit in their costume parade and the luncheon was a great opportunity for family fellowship. Many benefited from the car seat check provided by the Durham Police Department. Special thanks go to all those who volunteered their time to make this event possible!

Tami Frenduto  
School board  
Chairperson

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

-- Phyllis Diller--



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**December 14** Christmas "Singalong" at 7:00pm

**December 17** Christmas vacation begins

**January 3** Classes resume

**January 7** Ident-a-kid cards will be processed



## Around the Classroom...



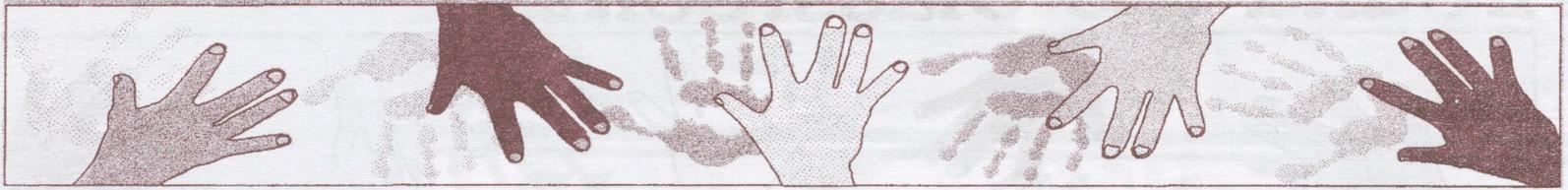
The two year olds are learning about each other. They are learning their colors. Over Halloween they learned to make ORANGE Play-doh! They have learned stories and poems about Thanksgiving and have made Thanksgiving placemats. What will they learn next!?

This class is very social, report teachers Miss Lynn and Miss Anne. They like to sit with their teachers and chat about the various classroom photos hanging about the room. Here's one of the Halloween parade, here's a birthday celebration, the kids playing at the rice table or jumping in leaves on the playground! The latest scoop in the classroom is the arrival of the new Discovery Toys. These are a huge success and provide new opportunities to study sharing.

The third Friday in the month is a real red letter day: BOOKMOBILE DAY! The class gets to climb aboard and explore this mysterious vehicle and even check out some books to take back to the classroom. There are some big impressions being made here and I am really enjoying experiencing it all with my little one.

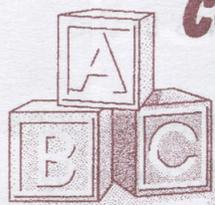
Jenny Leinbach

# Around the Classroom...



Miss Vanetha's three-day, three year old class has been very busy the last few months. The children were very busy during October making lots of beautiful art projects to help decorate our homes for Halloween. The children even made pumpkin bread for their class to sample. The month ended with a great Halloween parade and lunch for all to enjoy. The month of November has also been very busy learning new colors, letters and learning about Thanksgiving. The month has come to a close with the students having a Thanksgiving feast that the parents and children prepared and brought to share with the class. Thanks for all your help parents!

Faith Tate



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Devin Kilbanow** in the two year old class on the birth of his baby sister **Darith Alexandria**. She was born on **October 8, 1999**

**Our next issue of the Tattler will be out in February. The deadline for your articles is January 20, 2000. Please, try to have all articles turned in by that date.**

**Thank you  
Lisa Drummond**

Mrs. Poe's class has already learned so much this year! They are recognizing letters and each others names from the leader board and their chairs. They are learning to put on their jackets via the "flip method" and have learned a special Johnny Appleseed song as their blessing at lunchtime. They are also learning new Christmas songs for a requested performance for the PrimeTimers church group on December. 9th. The class is gearing up for the holidays by making crafts, decorations and gifts. Under Mrs. Poe's gentle guidance, the class has also learned much about friendships, manners, group play and using their words to solve conflicts. Thank you, Mrs. Poe, for your patience and the great example you set.

Mrs. Poe's mother continues to undergo cancer treatment, Please keep them within your thoughts and prayers. There may be a need for subs from time to time as Mrs. Poe goes out of town to help her mother get to her doctor appointments.

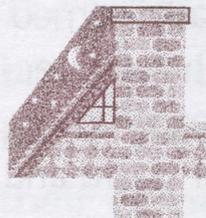
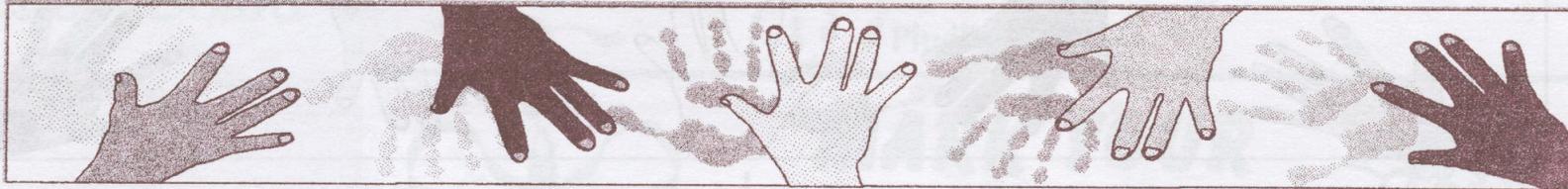
Reminder: Please remember to let Mrs. Poe know if anyone different will be picking up your child, and always let her or another teacher know that you are leaving with your child from the playground. Thanks!

Denise Ammons

## The Johnny Appleseed Blessing

Oh, the Lord's been good to me,  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need  
the sun and the rain and the appleseed.  
The Lord's been good to me. Amen.

# Around the Classroom...



As the alphabet rolls on in the four-year-old class, Ms. Lori's and Ms.

Valerie's students are building new skills at a dizzying pace. They have been working on using scissors, tracing letters, writing letters, and listening for words that rhyme or start with the same sound. Parents, be sure to notice the progress between your four-year-old's "A" book and the most recent "H" book--you'll be amazed at how quickly your child is honing these skills. Getting ready for Readiness or Kindergarten is just a fun and natural game at this age. Your child will probably even enjoy doing "homework" missed due to illness or a family trip. Just ask the teachers for the missed worksheets or project materials.

Parents have enriched our class greatly. Thanks to Charlene and Randy (Ethan's parents) for their instruction in making Halloween fun frames and for bringing in creepy things to feel. Samantha's mom, Tami told the class about the Native American legend of Dreamcatchers and helped everyone make their own. Harry's mom, Marion brought in ducks and duck eggs for "D" week, and Emily's mom, Denise let everyone pet their gentle golden retriever "Gus" at the beginning of "G" week. Thanks for these contributions from parents, and for all our fast moving four year olds.

Amy Higgins Rust



What fun the five-year-olds are continuing to have in school. Mrs. Pence hasn't taught any of them to drive yet, but we're doing something even better--READING! With the help of our new Superkid friends, Icky, Tic-Tac-Toe, Frits, EttaBetta, and Hot Rod everyone is reading and writing words. It's very exciting to take our books

home each week to read to our family and friends. We have done a variety of special activities in connection with each Superkid's letter and, best of all, made something good to eat.

Along with our reading we are learning a number of new math concepts. We have practiced telling time, identifying more than and less than, counting to 100, and skip counting by 5's and 10's. We are continuing to practice writing numbers to 20 and discovering what happens when we put quantities together or take them apart.

The holiday's seem to be zooming by. Not long after the Halloween parade, we were preparing for our Thanksgiving feast. Everyone dressed as either an Indian or a Pilgrim and joined together for a scrumptious meal. We had made pinecone turkeys to decorate our tables at home and learned a few Thanksgiving songs. Now we are working on a variety of Christmas crafts, including gingerbread houses and handprint ornaments. We have a field trip planned to Duke Homestead on Friday, December 17th, to celebrate Christmas' in the past, so mark your calendar

Finally, we got to celebrate Stephanie Lobaugh's birthday on November 30th. Her birthday really falls on June 30th, when we are out of school, so Mrs. Pence picked a different special day. She thinks of everything!

We want to wish everyone a very merry and safe Holiday season. With all the fuss being made over Y2k we hope no one spends their time off sick in bed with a millennium bug...

Amy Daniels