

# First Congregational Learning Center Newsletter



## Director's Notes:

Welcome School Year 2017-2018! We have had a great summer and are ready to get back into routine with all our classrooms full of children learning, growing and having fun. Family is our priority at FLC and I have planned many activities for this upcoming year to make everyone feel part of the FLC family. The church is also part of our family and will be extending their invitations to family events as well. All of the festivities this year will be great ways to meet other families and know the neighborhood a little better. There are lots of ways to participate in September; Grandparents Day on Thursday, September 7th, Sunday, September 10th the church is having a carnival, and on Saturday, September 30th we will be having our First Annual FLC Family Pancake Breakfast!

Ms. Gail and I are excited to start something new this year with our menu. We would like each family to give us their favorite family meal. We will then pick a few family recipes each month and recreate as best possible for lunch. Watch the parent board by our entrance to see when your family's meal is picked! There will be a card to fill out in your child's mailbox on Tuesday, September 5th. Please return by Monday.

Ms. Kimberly

## Infant News (Room 204)



Summer is winding down, and change is in the air. We would like to welcome the new babies and their families to our room. We look forward to getting to know all of you.

There are many infants that have been in our room since they were 3 months old and are now moving to the toddler room. They have all grown so much and we will miss them. We know they will have a great time in the toddler room. September will bring about some weather changes. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothes. We will continue to get outside for fresh air. If you have any questions or concerns we are always available.

## Toddler News (Room 202)



This month we've been "stepping outside our box" with walks around town, the neighborhood, and trips to the library. While on these walks, we've been looking for things that are blue and yellow to coincide with our classroom discussions about these colors. Our walks have provided us with many occasions to discuss nature, people we see, and the many construction sites and park district projects right outside our windows. More importantly, we've been given great opportunities to learn about safety and the importance of listening and following directions. Exploring the library has been a terrific resource to expand on the things we've observed, allowing us to learn more and to put those ideas into practice.

## Preschool News (Room 203)



Summer is coming to an end, and it was a great one! We had a lot of fun learning about some of our favorite authors, reading some great books and went on some memorable field trips! Now we are ready to begin the new school year! We have some new friends we want to send a big warm WELCOME to! We'll begin our year getting to know each other, as well as ourselves, working on some "All About Me" projects and activities! We also have some special events coming up. "Grandparents Day" will be held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great day to invite Grandparents to visit our classroom and share some special moments together. Also, we will be having a pancake breakfast on September 30<sup>th</sup>. More details about that to follow soon. We are so excited to start the new school year, and hope you are too!

## Preschool News (Room 205)

The fun times of summer are coming to a close and it's time to look ahead to an exciting new school year. We'll begin by working on our social development skills. There will be discussions about how to make new friends, sharing with others and being kind. Our Clifford Reader will help to reinforce these concepts and the children can take them home to share with their families. One of our group time activities will be to develop a list of our classroom and playground rules. There will be a "Getting to Know Me" homework project this month as well as a study of apples. We're looking forward to seeing some old friends and making some new ones too!