



October 2008

Chapter One Parent Newsletter

PICTURE DAY - October 15



Christmas Portraits & Class Pictures

Would you like to avoid the stress and hassle of going to the mall or portrait studio to have your child's Christmas portraits taken? Here is your opportunity to have your portraits done right here at Chapter One. We will have a beautiful Christmas tree, decorative gift boxes and a bench for the festive backdrops. Therefore, if you would like to dress your child in fall or Christmas clothes bring them dressed and ready. To make it even more convenient, you may also bring your child's siblings as well. We will also be taking class pictures. No payment is due on picture day. If your child does not come to school on picture day but you would like them to take pictures, please sign up so we can give you a time to be here that day.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 15 - Picture Day

October 30 - Carnival

HARVEST CARNIVAL - October 30

Because we try to stay away from the scary goblins, witches, etc., we have come up with an alternative celebration. It's time for our 7th annual Harvest Carnival. We will have games, prizes, face painting, craft centers, a bounce house and much more fun. The Harvest Carnival is run by parents coming together and helping make the event as fun as possible. Jana Green has volunteered to be the parent coordinator and she will need your help. The day before the carnival, Jana will need as many parent volunteers to help stuff candy and prize bags. Then, the day of the carnival we will need parents and grandparents to help set up and run the different activities and games for the children. If Thursday is not your child's regular attendance day you may still come and help while your child goes through the carnival or help the teacher usher her class through each activity. We will also need donations of food and small trinket items. Please sign up to help make this event a success! Jana will have a parent-helper meeting to prepare for the carnival. The meeting will be held on October 23 at 3:30 p.m. here at the Chapter One facility.



AWANA & VALUE-PACKED PARENTING CLASS

AWANA? What is that? It is an international, non-denominational Bible-centered youth organization providing weekly Wednesday night clubs and programs for 3-year olds through 6th graders. Children have a game time, song time and Bible memorization where the children earn awards and medals for their achievements. For more information pick up a flyer at Chapter One or sign up on the sheet provided. Questions: call 638-8123.

Value-Packed Parenting Class - Wednesday nights @ 6:45 p.m. here at Chapter One in the Hillside Room.

I would really encourage you to attend these informative fun classes and get to know other parents who may be struggling with the same issues that you are. Drop your kids off at AWANA and head on over!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

MARIE CALENDAR PIES FOR THANKSGIVING! Our first fundraiser of the year is something that will be a real convenience to many families. The children will have sign-up sheets for the type of pies people order. For your added convenience and one less thing to stress over, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving you may pick up all your ordered pies right here at Chapter One. I will have the information and pledge sheets in a couple of weeks. We ask that each family try to sell or buy at least 10 pies but more is always great. The pies will sell for \$12.00 each with a vast variety of already baked non-refrigerated pies. You may also choose to opt out of this fundraiser with a donation of \$50.00. This option was added in response to the recommendation we received from your parent surveys. Please remember that we did not raise the tuition cost, even though our expenses have gone up significantly. Our hope is that we could make up the difference with some successful fundraisers. So I ask that everyone participate in this delicious fundraiser.



SEE'S CANDY SALES START MID NOVEMBER!!



HELP US KEEP OUR KIDS HEALTHY

Cold and flu season is almost here. Please help us keep our kids healthy. If your child has a fever, yellow or greenish colored nasal mucus, diarrhea, uncontrollable cough or has vomited in the last 24 hours, please keep them home until symptoms subside. If your child is sent home with a fever they may not return for 24 hours. If your child needs medications during the day, please fill out a medication form at the front counter and give it, along with the medication to one of the teachers.

Jacket, Jacket, Where is my Jacket???????????

The staff would like to ask all parents to please write your child's name in their jackets and sweaters. You would not believe how many blue or gray hooded sweat shirts there are! It does not seem to matter how many times we ask the children to put their coats in their cubbies; they will still take them off outside or in one of the classrooms. We realize how frustrating it is to have to search all over the school for their jacket at the end of the day. Please help us by reminding your child to put their jackets in their cubbie when they take it off.

Your Trash is Our Treasure

We are trying to put together prop boxes for the children to use in the dramatic play area. The girls love fancy dress up clothes. If you have any little girl's holiday dresses that fit a 7-10 year old, and that fit nicely over the children's clothes, please bring them. We need boy dress up items as well. Other items we could use: tents, costumes, hats, gloves, silk flowers, plastic vases and anything else that would encourage children's imagination.