

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

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We are coming to the end of our 5th school year and what a fun-filled and exciting year it has turned out to be! Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your precious children. We have enjoyed working with each and every one of them. We are so pleased with and proud of their growth, development and skills acquisition. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and in the care and concern they express for one another.

Since you may have more time to spend with your family during these next few summer months, I would like to offer some suggestions for activities to help your young children learn to observe more accurately, think more clearly and speak more effectively. Most of these activities simply involve you asking your children questions!

- To encourage accuracy, ask your child questions such as, "What will happen if we drop this ball on the floor?" Or, "What will happen if we set the little truck on the top of this hill?"
- To encourage organization, ask your child questions such as, "How many things can you name that fly?" Or, "How many things can you name that are green?"
- To encourage sensitivity to the environment, ask questions such as, "Can you act like one of these: A dog? A bunny? A lion? An ostrich?" Or, "Pretend you're a bus driver (doctor, farmer, firefighter) - what would you be doing?"
- To encourage analytical thinking, ask your child theory questions such as, "What would happen if we mixed this green paint with this yellow paint?" Or, "If we let all the water out of the bathtub, where would this boat go?"
- To encourage creative thinking and imagination, begin a story and invite your child to make up an ending. Or ask, "What are some of the things we could make with this ball of clay?"
- To encourage adaptability, give your child some shapes (triangles, rectangles, semicircles) that you have cut out of paper and ask her to make as many things as she can out of them. Or give her some wooden blocks to make a road, a tower, and a bridge. Help her cut up different pictures from magazines and paste them into designs.

We've listed just a few ideas but you can of course make up new ones to help your child observe, think and speak. These kinds of activities encourage active learning which is wonderful preparation for school later on.

Enjoy the start of summer!

God Bless,

Ms. Marcie

June Highlights

June 2: Kindergarten End-of-Year Program at 4:30pm

June 7: National Chocolate Ice Cream Day!

June 9: Pre-K Graduation at 4:30pm

June 10: Pre-K Farm Day at the Ameen's farm

June 13: Summer Kick-Off Picnic

June 14: LCPS last day of school; Flag Day

June 17: Donuts with Dad/Grandpa/Uncle... til 8:30am

June 18: Parents' Night Out

June 19: Father's Day

June 20: First Day of Summer Camp!!

June 26-30: Vacation Bible School (VBS)!!

This Month at School...

We have such an adventurous start to the summer, which is perfect with the summer camp theme of "Journey to Adventure"! The weekly themes for June include: Beach, Transportation, Western, Camp Adventures and Outer Space.

- Kindergarten End-of-Year Program, 4:30 on Thursday, June 2nd—Held in the sanctuary, this program will feature a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the KE year and all of the adventures the children have enjoyed, as well as acknowledgement of their hard work. Refreshments will follow.
- Summer Kick-Off Picnic, June 13th 4-6pm—Held here at St Andrew on the playground (or Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather), come join us for hot dogs and burgers provided by the NLC, and please see the signup sheet at the front desk where you can sign up to bring a side or dessert to share. There will be games, glitter tattoos and other fun shenanigans for all!
- Pre-K Graduation, 4:30 on Thursday, June 9th—Held in the sanctuary, this program will include a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the year, a diploma and medal for each of our youngest graduates and a very special personalized gift. Refreshments will follow.
- Farm Day at the Ameen Farm, June 10th at the Ameen Farm—Our 2 pre-k classes are invited to the to the farm of Jake Ameen's parents for an end-of-year celebratory picnic. Thank you, Ameen family!!
- 1st Day of Summer Camp, June 20th—See our full article on page 4 for full details of the fun to be had with us this summer!
- Donuts with Dad, Grandpa, Uncle..., Friday, June 17th—The special man in your child's life is invited to come share a donut at drop-off. Til 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.
- Vacation Bible School runs from June 26th through the 30th. See Pastor Jessica's article on page 3 for full details!

Thank you!

The Spring Fling was a SMASHING success! We raised over \$7,500 that will be split between the NLC for our new mobile computer lab and St. Andrew for their Mission Trip to Belize this July. Thanks for the fun time, many generous donations, and the time so graciously given. We can't wait to see the new level

of learning we will achieve with the children as they will begin educational activities on their new computers and tablets!

Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week. Your generosity was overwhelming. The love and appreciation you have for our teachers was clear and very much appreciated. Thank you!



Did you know that the NLC has a Facebook page? Please visit us at:

[facebook.com/theneighborhoodlearningcenter](https://www.facebook.com/theneighborhoodlearningcenter)

or search for "NLC—The Neighborhood Learning Center". We are posting reminders, news, fun pictures, events, and updates—please "like" us and give a review if you feel so moved. Thanks!

When children graduate and move on from our school, it is a sad time for us, but a wonderful time in a child's life. The Neighborhood Learning Center staff is proud to have been part of your child's early childhood learning and growing experience. We appreciate the trust and support you have bestowed on us in allowing your child to attend here.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH!! We always like to hear about the progress of our alumni!

The Chaplain's Corner:

As we approach summer, we are also nearing the end of our regular chapel schedule using our Godly Play stories. We've had quite the year learning about God's story—our story as we learn from the sacred one we walk into each Monday morning in chapel. We've heard of God's promises spoken throughout all of time beginning at Creation and revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. We've seen miracles take place in rainbows stretched across the sky after the flood, a giant slayed by the little boy David, feedings of 5,000 and a dead man raised by Jesus. We've discovered that these big stories are the ones that will continue to shape us over our lifetimes, so we can keep coming back to them again and again.

Next fall, we have some exciting ideas to incorporate our Godly Play stories beyond the chapel and the sanctuary as the weekly story gets woven into the fabric of our NLC week more intentionally. Before we get there, we will break from our regular routine for some summer fun as we share the Bible story. We will begin by joining our Vacation Bible School theme and hear the Joseph story and even visit Egypt in June/beginning of July. For the remainder of the summer, we will use an Olympic theme that helps us explore the biblical text through games.

VBS Week is June 26-30!

There is still time for your child (3 years old and older) to join us for Vacation Bible School. We begin with family dinner at 5:15 pm. Kids from the NLC can be transitioned from their NLC day to VBS night. Volunteers will sit and eat dinner with your child and then help them have a GREAT VBS night. Families are encouraged to come and eat together, too! The VBS program runs from 6pm to 8pm. Dinner and the program are, as always, free. To register visit the VBS Table or visit us online at www.standrew-pres.org.

We are collecting the following items for VBS for crafts and decorations and invite your help: toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, tissue or shoe boxes, fancy buttons, men's old t-shirts, Pringle containers, checkbook boxes, boxes of all sizes, PVC pipe, old towels, old cloth and old candle stick holders.

To borrow we are looking for flowerpots (plastic or ceramic), baskets and decorative rugs. Please leave any and all items at the VBS TABLE!

Blessings,

Pastor Jessica



This Month at St. Andrew...

Weekly Worship: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays 10am

NOTE: Child care is available at all worship services for the littlest ones. For children age preschool and up, Sunday School is provided during Sunday worship services—your child starts the service sitting with you, will leave for Sunday School and then will return to you before the service concludes. The first Sunday of every month is Family First Sunday, when children remain in the service and their joyful noises are welcomed!

June 5th—Music Appreciation Sunday & Holy Communion—10am—Note that Communion will also be served on Saturday, June 4th at the 5pm service.

June 12th—Graduation Sunday—We wrap our graduating high school seniors in our love and prayers and honor their achievements and graduation.

June 26th—VBS starts & Reception of New Members—New members will be welcomed into the St Andrew congregation at the 10am service. VBS kicks off at 5:15 with dinner for all and content beginning at 6:00pm. The whole family is welcome!

June 30th—Last night of VBS

July 3rd—Commissioning of Belize Mission Trippers & Holy Communion—10am



Graphing with Goldfish crackers during Beach Week. So hard not to eat the materials....



Callie & Ms. Rachel demonstrating tree pose during weekly yoga class.



The "Under the Sea" presentation was so fun! The kids had a swimmingly good time meeting and learning about some friendly sea creatures.

Reminders...

We hope that you read the weekly "Friday Footnotes" which include information about the past week, the coming week's adventures, as well as a friendly reminder. Here is a reminder recap:

- If you are picking up your child from the playground, please reinforce to them that ONLY ADULTS may open and close the gate. We need to keep our little angels safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this serious matter.
- If you have not yet submitted an OTC form (which allows us to apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child) please do so as soon as possible. It's getting hot out there and we CANNOT apply sunscreen or bug spray without a signed form.
- Even though we love sandals (believe me, we do!), if your child wants to play on the playground they MUST wear close-toed shoes. Please ensure that your children are wearing appropriate footwear so that they can enjoy playground time with their friends.

Summer Camp Now Enrolling!

Journey to Adventure!

June 20th—August 26th

We are excited to announce that we are continuing enrollment for 2016 Summer Camp with the theme: Journey to Adventure! As a continuation of our A Beka curriculum, our camp offers a fun-filled summer program for children 4 years old through 5th grade.

Although we want the children to have the best summer possible, we can't forget about all they've learned during the school year. Our A Beka summer curriculum is designed to review and strengthen skills taught during the school year. Various academic activities will be integrated throughout your child's daily summer experience.

Each week will have a new theme such as Deep Sea Dive, Arctic Chill, and Road Trip USA. These themes will be explored with exciting experiments, awesome art projects, group projects, observation, and of course good summer camp fun!

T-Shirts & Water Bottles

There will be a \$20 fee for *all campers aged 4 and up* that will cover the cost of a camp t-shirt and water

bottle. Because these ages will be traveling on field trips, t-shirts enhance safety by making it easier to spot our kids at a glance, and water bottles ensure we all stay hydrated.

Pre-School

Our preschool adventurers will spend 10 weeks this summer participating in exciting activities related to their weekly themes. They will head into outer space,

experience the arctic chill, explore the wonders of our own USA, meet real life super heroes, compete as summer Olympians, and pay it forward with community service. They will rotate through fun in-house activities every week, too, including water play, music and yoga.

School-Age

Like the preschool adventurers, the school age campers will be experiencing all the fun of our themed adventures. In addition they will head off on field trips three days every week! These trips will include water parks and pools, museums, picnics and playgrounds, NVGA gymnastics, tours, movies, Great Country Farm and more!

Even if you are currently enrolled in our After School program, you must fill out a camp enrollment form which can be found at the front desk. Full pricing information can be found on that form.



Annual Re-Enrollment Fee & Rate Changes

The annual re-enrollment fee of \$55 per child will be charged on July 1st, 2016. It will automatically be charged to your account along with that week's tuition payment. The re-enrollment fee helps us to cover costs involved with paperwork and records maintenance.

Also, the NLC Board is looking at the current rate structure and we anticipate a potential rate increase at the beginning of the school year. We will keep you informed as this information is finalized.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Beach	NLC CLOSED	Under the Sea Program 10:30-11:30	1	K end-of-year program 4:30 music	YOGA 3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Transportation	Chapel	National Chocolate Ice Cream Day		Pre-K Graduation 4:30 music	Pre-K Farm Day at the Ameen's YOGA	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Western	Summer Kick-Off Picnic Chapel	LCPS Last Day Flag Day		music	Donuts with Dad/Grandad/ Uncle Day YOGA	PNO
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day Camp Adventures	Chapel			music	YOGA	
26	27	28	29	30		
Outer Space	Chapel			music		
Vacation Bible School						

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