

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Greetings!

Welcome to a new school year at the NLC! There are many exciting adventures and activities planned for this year beginning with our Fall Class Picnics in September. This is a great time to meet other parents from your child's class and get to know some of the staff who care for your child while they are at the NLC. Please see page 2 for more details.

There are also many extracurricular activities that your child can be involved in while they are at the Center. There is information about the classes and how to register on page 2. Most of the classes will begin the week of September 9th so don't forget to sign up soon.

We are grateful to have our amazing Neighborhood Learning Center staff. We had a wonderful Staff Development Day in August where we held sessions going over some nitty gritty daily details, as well as sessions to dream and plan for the future. Professional Daily Observation Training was provided, and we all enjoyed time fellowshiping and getting energized for the new season ahead. It is great to be a part of a team who loves children and wants to see them grow and develop.

We always welcome feedback from our parents. We are here to serve the children and families of the NLC and St. Andrew. Thank you for making this a great place to be.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

This Month's Highlights

September 2
NLC CLOSED for Labor Day

September 3
Wee Little Arts Demo Class for Birds & Owls 9:30 am

September 10
Chapels Start for the School Year

September 16-19
Fall Class Picnics—See Page 2 for Details

September 21
Parents' Night Out 5:30-9:00

September 30
First Day of 31 Gifts Fundraiser

Sunday worship and Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 am

September Staff Birthdays

- 3 Dave Milam (Pastor)
- 4 Ally Fetch (Business Manager)
- 6 Karen Cogle (After School)
- 13 Susan Goswellen (Floater)
- 15 Kim Hanger (Bird Nest)
- 24 Shante Lane (Bird House)
- 30 Tayah Nance (After School)



This Month at School...

During September we celebrate the start of school and getting to know one another!

- The NLC will be **CLOSED** Monday the 2nd in observance of Labor Day.
- Tuesday the 3rd the Birds and Owls will enjoy a **free demo class of Wee Little Arts**. See the information below if you'd like to sign up for the full class!
- **Fall Class Picnics** will be held the 16th through the 20th—see the info below for details.
- **Parents' Night Out** is Saturday the 21st from 5:30—9:00 pm—sign up at the Front Desk.
- The first day of the **31 Gifts Fundraiser** will be Monday the 30th. This is a FANTASTIC way the teachers earn funds for whatever new items they want for their classroom. Last year some teachers used their class-raised money towards organizational items, others towards new toys and games, and even a new carpet in one room! Details TBA.

Fall Class Picnics

Week of 9/16 5:00—6:30 pm

Several years ago, parents asked for an opportunity to get to know the other parents in their child's classes—these Fall Class Picnics were the answer! We will provide a deli sandwich bar and beverages, and we ask parents to sign up to bring a potluck item to

share. The kids play and you get a chance to visit and enjoy a night without having to worry about dinner! Please sign up outside your child's classroom.

- ☀ **Monday**—Cub House, Bunny Meadow, Duck Pond & Frog Hollow
- ☀ **Tuesday**—Busy Bees & Hummingbirds
- ☀ **Wednesday**—Bird House & Bird Nest
- ☀ **Thursday**—Owls

Extracurriculars (classes available for an extra fee)

Now that we are back into the full swing of the new school year, our extracurricular activities are starting up again! We are very excited about the variety of activities available to our children this school year:

MONDAYS

Mercier School of Dance Creative Movement/Ballet/Tap—AGES 2.5 to 6 years, 3:00—3:30 pm, begins September 9. Register at www.mercierschoolofdance.com

TUESDAYS

Brainiacs/Crazy Chemistry—AGES: Pre-K (Owls), 3:00—3:45 pm, begins September 10. Register at www.brainiacs-stem.com

Brainiacs/Engineering Design—AGES: School Age, 4:00—5:00 pm, begins September 10. Register at www.brainiacs-stem.com

THURSDAYS

Acrokidz—AGES: 2 to Pre-K, 9:00 am, begins September 12. Register at www.acrokidz.net

Wee Little Arts, AGES—3s (Bird House/Bird Nest) and Pre-K (Owls), 2:45—3:30 pm, begins September 12. Register at www.weelittlearts.com

FRIDAYS

Loudoun Soccer/In-School Soccer—AGES: 3s and Pre-K, 3:00 or 3:45 pm (depending on the number of children enrolled), begins September 13. Register at www.loudounsoccer.com, **registration deadline September 10.**



All activities are now open for enrollment!

August was a **WONDERFUL** summer celebration! Field trips abounded for our campers, our Staff learned and got energized for the fall on a development day, and we sure are glad **Toddler Tech Support** was on duty!



The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for September 2019

Whole milk is served to children under 2 and 2% milk is served to all others. Menus are subject to change.

*May contain eggs **May contain wheat ^May contain milk ^^May contain soy

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---|--|--|---|
| Sept 2 – 6 | Breakfast | NLC CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day | Pancakes^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Mini Muffins^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk |
| | Lunch | | Turkey Patty^^/**/* Corn Fruit Milk | Meatloaf^^/**/*/^ Mashed Potatoes^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Turkey Noodle Soup**/^/* Crackers**/^/* Fruit Milk | Beefaroni^^/**/*/^ Corn Bread^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk |
| | Snack | | Pepperoni^^/** Cheese^ Crackers^^/**/* | Animal Crackers^^/**/*/^ Raisins^^/** | Wheat Thins^^/**/* Cheese^ | Veggie Straws^^/**/* |
| Sept 9 – 13 | Breakfast | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | English Muffins^^/**/*/^ Turkey Sausage^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Yogurt Cups^ Granola^^/** Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk |
| | Lunch | Hot Dogs^^/**/* Beans^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Grilled Cheese^^/**/*/^ Tomato Soup^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Chicken Patty^^/**/* Green Beans Fruit Milk | Chicken Quesadilla^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk | Goulash^^/**/*/^ Salad^/* Fruit Milk |
| | Snack | Teddy Grahams^^/**/* | Fig Newtons^^/**/* Applesauce Cups | <u>Toddlers</u> Goldfish Crackers^^/**/* <u>2s and Older</u> Sliced Apples | Cheese Sticks^ Ritz Crackers^^/**/* | Variety |
| Sept 16 – 20 | Breakfast | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Mini Muffins^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | English Muffin^^/**/*/^ Turkey Sausage^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk |
| | Lunch | Chicken Salad^^/**/* Chips^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Taco Salad^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk | Ritz Chicken^^/**/*/^ Peas Fruit Milk | Meatballs^^/**/* Gravy^^/**/* Salad^/* Fruit Milk | Chicken Nuggets^^/**/* Peas Fruit Milk |
| | Snack | Goldfish Crackers^^/**/* Raisins^^/** | Graham Crackers^^/**/* | Chocolate Pudding^ Animal Crackers^^/**/*/^ | Veggie Straws^^/**/* | Pepperoni^^/** Cheese^ Crackers^^/**/* |
| Sept 23 – 27 | Breakfast | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Breakfast Bar^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Bagels^^/**/*/^ Cream Cheese^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk |
| | Lunch | Open Face Chicken^^/**/* Mashed Potatoes^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Salisbury Steak^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk | Variety^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Ham & Cheese Sandwich^^/**/*/^ Sun Chips^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Corn Dogs^^/**/*/^ Peas Fruit Milk |
| | Snack | <u>Toddlers</u> Teddy Grahams^^/**/* <u>2s and Older</u> Nacho Chips^^/**/* Salsa^^/** | Veggie Straws^^/**/* | Cheese Itz^^/**/*/^ | Cherry Yogurt^ Granola^^/** | <u>Toddlers</u> Graham Crackers^^/**/* <u>2s and Older</u> Sliced Apples String Cheese^ |
| Sept 30 – Oct 4 | Breakfast | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Waffles/Pancakes ^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/** Fruit Milk | Apple Cinnamon Bar^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk | Cereal^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk |
| | Lunch | BBQ Chicken^^/** Chips^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Chicken Patty^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk | Spaghetti^^/**/*/^ Salad^/* Fruit Milk | Hot Dogs^^/**/* Chips^^/**/* Fruit Milk | Chicken Quesadilla^^/**/* Corn Fruit Milk |
| | Snack | Cheese Itz^^/**/*/^ | <u>Toddlers</u> Goldfish Crackers^^/**/* <u>2s and Older</u> Sliced Apples | <u>Toddlers</u> Cheese Sticks^ Crackers^^/**/* <u>2s and Older</u> Cheese Sticks^ Pretzels^^/**/* | <u>Toddlers</u> Teddy Grahams^^/**/* <u>2s and Older</u> Nacho Chips^^/**/* Salsa^^/** | Graham Crackers^^/**/* |

The Pastor's Epistle Tuesday Chapels

Chapels for the preschoolers starts again on Tuesday, September 10th. There is not a much better way to start the week (and since Mondays are my day off, Tuesdays are the first days of my work week). With the simplest of materials, the children and I gently make our way into the sanctuary to tell the stories of God together.

Since two-, three- and four-year-olds have such wonderful imaginations and curiosity, we learn a great deal about God. We light a candle to start our time together as a way of helping us

to wonder about God who is beautiful, who moves and is – yes, if you get close enough – even a little dangerous. Stories about the God who creates us, who gets found by wanderers in the desert, who makes sure that sheep (and humans) get fed and nurtured, who will eventually come to us as a little baby at Christmas time allow the children to have access into the mystery of our gracious God. And as the storyteller, their welcome of these stories reconstitutes a bit of wonder for me.

Each week we spend about twenty minutes in chapel on Tuesday mornings. The curriculum



comes from a man named Jerome Berryman who tried turning away from tacks of entertaining children with loud and flashy techniques believing that quiet, wonder, and invitation might work better. The curriculum is Montessori-like in its approach, I believe. It wants the child to be a self-learner through their imaginative engagements. Just as Mr. Rogers gently spoke to the children on his TV show and through our television sets,

centered on how to be treasured as a neighbor and to then be a neighbor to others, so we hope that the children nurture their sense of God through these weekly chapels.

The parents of our children, of course, are always welcome, as

are any questions you might have. I am grateful for the presence and help of the children's teachers as I lead the chapel time. The end result is joy. I hear that in the way your children will holler my name as I walk by the playground or lunch room. They have been happy to sit down with me to listen and look for God. The grace and love that they share as a result of chapels is a confirmation that the time together was well spent in Godly play.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

Coming Up at St. Andrew...

Weekly Worship: *Sundays 10am*

NOTE: Child care is available for the littlest ones during worship. 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.

Sunday, September 8—Fall Sunday School Begins—
The story of the month is Jonah and the Fish!

Sunday, September 22—Music with a Cause—Jazz Night with Sara Jones—4:00 pm—Sara Jones has performed as a soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati and Boston Pops Orchestras. Tickets are \$20 at the door and can be purchased online at Eventbrite (search for Music with a Cause). Proceeds to benefit LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter).

September 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Worship & Sunday School 10 am | 2 NLC CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day | 3 Skyscraper Day Wee Little Arts Free Demo Class for Birds & Owls **Brainiacs | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship & Sunday School 10 am Fall Sunday School Begins | 9 **Mercier School of Dance | 10 Chapel **Brainiacs | 11 Make a Hat Day | 12 **AcroKids **Wee Little Arts | 13 **Loudoun Soccer | 14 |
| 15 Worship & Sunday School 10 am | 16 National Play-Doh Day **Mercier School of Dance | 17 Chapel **Brainiacs | 18 | 19 **AcroKids **Wee Little Arts | 20 **Loudoun Soccer | 21 Parents Night Out 5:30 – 9:00 |
| 22 Worship & Sunday School 10 am | 23 **Mercier School of Dance | 24 Chapel **Brainiacs | 25 | 26 **AcroKids **Wee Little Arts | 27 National Good Neighbor Day (Observed) **Loudoun Soccer | 28 |
| 29 Worship & Sunday School 10 am | 30 First Day of 31 Gifts Fundraiser **Mercier School of Dance | | | | | |

Fall Class Picnics – Details TBA

**** Designates Registration Required Class (Details & Registration Info at Front Desk)**

- ****Mercier School of Dance** – Enrollment is ongoing. Ages 2 and up.
- ****Wee Little Arts** - Free demo classes for Birds and Owls starting at 9:30 am. Visit www.weelittlearts.com to register for the fall session which starts Thursday, September 12. Classes will be Thursday afternoons.
- ****AcroKidz** –8-week session starting September 12, Thursdays **at 9:00 am** for 2s through pre-K. Visit www.acrokidz.net to register.
- ****Brainiacs** – 8-week session starting September 3, Tuesdays at 3:00 pm for Birds & Owls, 3:45 pm for School Agers. Visit www.brainiacs-stem.com to register
- ****Loudoun Soccer** – 7-week session starting September 13, Fridays at 3:00 pm for Birds, 3:45 pm for Owls. Visit www.loudounsoccer.com to register.