



Trinity Talk

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A note from the Director:

Welcome to the 2017-18 School year and this year's first addition of the Trinity Talk Newsletter. I trust everyone is excited to start a wonderful new year. Trinity Talk is a glance into the upcoming month at Trinity Episcopal School. You'll find important announcements, general descriptions of what each age group will be working on, and tips for a fun and productive month. **Welcome to Trinity!**



This year as we began our back to school in-service the teachers and staff of Trinity got together to "brainstorm" the word or concept that we felt we wanted to be the focus of our year. We were looking for that theme that would unite us across our school from the toddlers, to the bridge students, to staff alike. After a little time, a little fun, a lot of work, and a lot of exploration, we realized that we were already doing it... we were planning for an AWESOME year! So this year that will be the Trinity theme. As you watch your children learn about the world around them, as they learn the academic and the social lessons, the fine motor and the gross motor skills, as they learn character development and spiritual wonderment, we invite you to encourage them to be **AWESOME** with all their heart, and soul, and mind. — **The Trinity Family**

Summer, no Fall, no Summer is in the Air!

Yes, the weather can be a little frustrating this time of year. We do live in Texas after all... Please be aware of the changing temperatures and dress your children for the up and down weather. We will play outside a little each day. Please send children to school in comfortable clothes they can play and get dirty in, and **athletic shoes**. Our playground is covered in mulch that will bother the children if it gets in creaks, flip flops, or sandals. Boots and dress shoes are not safe on the play ground, going up and down steps, or in PE. Children will be limited in activities if they are not in appropriate footwear. Please help us keep every child safe by sending students in **athletic shoes**.

Do NOT send children to school in COWBOY BOOTS.

Although we try to keep everything dry and free from standing water and we spray routinely, mosquitos are still a problem outside on the playground. Please spray your children with mosquito spray before arriving at school. Please see page four for additional information regarding protecting your children from mosquitos.

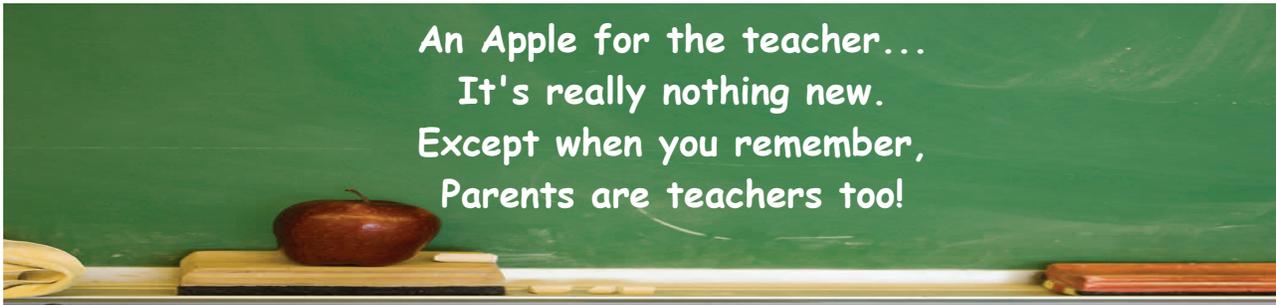
September at TES

- Early Care begins September 5th. NO RSVP needed, just show up and Mrs. Blocker will be here to greet you! Punch cards are available in the school office.
- Stay & Play also begins September 5th. Please ask your child's teacher about the S&P sign-up board. Stop in the office to purchase a punch card.
- Mothers Day Out (MDO) begins on Fri, September 8th from 9-noon in the church nursery. There is a limit of 12 children in MDO. Please see Mrs. Blankenship if you need a punch card and /or to request the link to the on-line Sign-Up Genius.
- Enrichment classes begin the week of September 11th. There are still a few spaces available, so sign up today!
- Open House will be on **September 28, 2017 from 5:30-7pm**. Please join us and see what your children will be learning this year.
- Parents Night Out will be centered around the TCU home football games again this fall. Drop-off will be 1 1/2 hours prior to kick off and pick-up will be 1 1/2 hours after the final whistle. Please stop by the office to reserve your spot.



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Our Toddlers & Twos:

Our Toddlers & Two year olds have begun the year without a hitch! We've seen smiles and excitement, and such great listening ears, they are all adjusting with only a few tears. Songs that we will sing this year are being introduced and stories about being "big" and coming to preschool are being shared. We are making new friends and love our time on the playground most of all. Next week we will talk about our families and move right into pets. Being two (or almost 2) is so much fun when preschool is a part of your day!

In our 3 year old classes:

The thrilling three year olds start out learning about school and new friends. Next they will learn about their many feelings and make a fabulous feelings placemat. We will talk about our families and create some pretty special ties for our daddies. We will end September counting, sorting, and tasting apples, while learning about the letter "A"!

In our 4 year old classes:

September is a busy month for the 4's! We will discuss what an important part of Gods creation we are, visit our home town of Fort Worth and our home state of Texas, and begin our continent travels in North America. We will work on writing our names, counting, patterns, talking about our summers, and knowing our school routines. But most of all, we will have FUN, FUN, FUN!

In our Bridge class:

School Days, School Days, Dear old Golden Rule Days... Nursery rhymes and songs are great ways to review our letters and their sounds as we prepare to read. We will start the school year off with Mary. It will be so much fun to see what Mary and her little lamb learned at school. Next we will join Jack B Nimble as we leap into learning about families and we practice reading and writing our names. We will end September with a study of houses and homes with the Three Little Pigs and the Woman who lived in a Shoe. F and E, H, L, and D, letters then words, so much fun it will be!

P.E. and Science:

This September in P.E. we will begin wondering about our individual sizes, strengths and control, through big body play. We are learning Mrs. Hornsby's class routines and safety expectations while discovering our own physical abilities: How strong we are, how fast we are, how heavy we are. Physical activity is key to your preschooler's health, well being & overall development.

In Science this month we are learning to be "Science Observers!" Using mirrors, scales, tape measures, we will examine ourselves, our new classmates & Mrs. Hornsby. We are observing our physical characteristic (outside) of our faces & bodies, and discussing similarities & differences. Then we will discuss how our feelings (inside) relate to different facial expressions & how they can affect or effect our friends.



Good Morning Trinity!

The doors at Trinity will open promptly at 9am. For those children with classrooms in Faith House, please walk your children through the "Blue Room" and escort them to their class room door. After a quick kiss goodbye, please make a quick exit allowing them to enter the room on their own. Doing this will help make an easier transition for both child and parent.

For children with classes in Trinity House, please walk them directly to their classroom doors leaving them to walk into the room on their own.

All classroom doors will close at 9:10am. At this time, please bring children to the front office to be escorted to class. This will minimize disruption to classes in progress and maintain safety on campus.



Lunch and Snack Time at Trinity



Lunch time is an important part of the day for a preschooler. They are learning social skills, improving hand/eye coordination, strengthening fine motor skills and modeling age appropriate table manors. To help keep lunch fun and safe for all of our students, please adhere to the following lunch/snack guidelines:

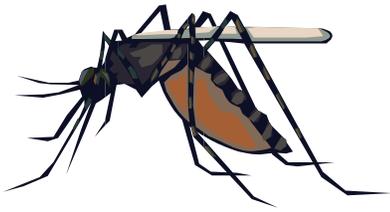
- ◆ Please send easy to eat finger foods that you know your child will like. School lunch is not the time to introduce new foods. Students will be asked to always eat the healthy foods first.
- ◆ Trinity is a nut free school. This means **NO** peanut butter, **NO** Nutella, **NO** Almond butter etc. If you send Sunflower Butter (SunButter), please label it or it will be removed from your child's lunch as it is hard to distinguish from peanut butter. We have numerous children with nut allergies. Please help us keep them safe.
- ◆ We are a water **ONLY** school. If a drink other than water is included in your child's lunch, it will be removed and sent home to drink later. This includes coconut water and yogurt drinks. Please send a refillable cup or sports bottle (please no baby bottles) with plain water. We will refill it as needed throughout the day. We want to keep your little ones hydrated.
- ◆ Please **DO NOT** send candy or gum to school. Limit chips, cookies, and other non healthy items to one desert item.
- ◆ Children will sing a basic prayer prior to meals. We encourage you to sing this with them at home as well. It is sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques" and the words are:

God our Father, God our Father,
Once again, Once again,
We are very thankful, we are very thankful
Amen, Amen
- ◆ If your child is staying for Stay & Play or a two hour Enrichment class, please send a healthy snack that is clearly labeled as a snack. TES is not licensed to provide snacks outside of our curriculum. Your child will play hard and will need to recharge with a snack and water.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 4 PM, FRONT LAWN



Trinity Episcopal Church would like to invite you to join them for the Blessing of the Animals. Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, Oct. 1st at 4 p.m. on the front lawn. Bring your animal companions (on a leash or in a crate) for a prayer service and individual blessing.



WEST NILE

Prevention tips from the CDC

With the threat of West Nile in the area, please consider using a mosquito repellent with deet on your children prior to coming to school. We are not permitted to spray chemical sprays on your children at school. We will use an organic, chemical free spray but it is not as affective as a product containing deet. Below are some additional West Nile prevention tips from the CDC.

The best way to protect your family is to prevent mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin. Generally, the more active ingredient a repellent contains the **longer** it can protect you from mosquito bites. A higher percentage of active ingredient in a repellent does not mean that your protection is better—just that it will last longer. Choose a repellent that provides protection for the amount of time that you will be outdoors.
- Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children.
- Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's DIRECTIONS FOR USE, as printed on the product. For detailed information about using repellents, see the Insect Repellent Use and Safety questions.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. Do not apply repellents containing permethrin directly to exposed skin. Do not apply repellent to skin under your clothing.
- When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening, which are peak mosquito biting times.
- Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.
- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes in areas outdoors where you work or play, by draining sources of standing water. In this way, you reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.
- At least once or twice a week, empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels, and cans.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded tires, and other items that could collect water.
- Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.
- Note: Vitamin B and "ultrasonic" devices are NOT effective in preventing mosquito bites.

*** Note: we have not had a positive case of Zika Virus in Fort Worth, but it is predicted to be here before long. The suggestions for the prevention of West Nile Virus are the same ones suggested for preventing mosquito born Zika Virus.**