

Sept. 21, 2009

Dear GNCA Parents,

Last week was one full of activities, playing, and learning. In chapel, we continue to learn about creation. Light, water, the sky, birds, animals, flowers, and trees were all created by God. We are also learning that God made us and we are very special to Him. Our memory verse is Gen 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". We continue to learn the Pledge of Allegiance and some wonderful songs of God's creation and His love for us. In phonics, we are learning the short vowel sounds of I, U, and E. You may hear your children saying (short vowel sound) I as in Indian, U as in umbrella and E as in elephant. We are also learning to write both the capital and little I,U, and E. We are learning the colors blue, brown, green, black, purple and orange. In math, we are learning to recognize and count objects for numbers 1-4.

As a part of learning good socialization skills, we continue to teach the proper response to adults as "Yes ma'am and yes sir", playing unselfishly, and obeying quickly. Any positive reinforcement you can give at home would be appreciated.

As a part of health and hygiene, we continue to encourage the children to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing, and washing hands thoroughly and often. In the latest alert from the Department of Health, the H1N1 virus is on the rise in the Piedmont region of Virginia. This includes Richmond and Chesterfield. You are encouraged to have your child vaccinated for the flu and the H1N1 virus as soon as the vaccines are made available. The beginning of October was the target date for the vaccines to be available. It is advisable to contact your child's pediatrician's office for dates when they will begin vaccinations. Any information received from the Dept of Health will be given to you as quickly as possible. As always, the best defense is frequent hand washing and keeping your child at home if they experience a temperature of 100.0 degrees auxiliary or 101.0 degrees by mouth. One last note about health: if your child is experiencing a runny nose from allergies or a cold, and you have cold medicine you would like for us to give, please let us know. There are medication forms that can be completed with your child's name, medication, dosage, frequency and your signature allowing us to dispense the medication. Giving them a dose of a non-drowsy cold medicine before school may help them feel more comfortable while they are with us.

Again, thank you for the wonderful privilege of caring for your children. They are truly blessings from the Lord.

In Christ,

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