

# TCS E.C.E.C. Childcare Newsletter

## About S.A.C.

Did you know that at ECEC we have a before and after school program? Families of elementary students enrolled in our S.A.C. (School Aged Children=K-5) class reap the benefits of the program by having year round childcare with no added cost for snow days!

## Got bags?

Please remember to have your child bring a bag to school every day for papers, nap time materials, gloves, and any other items that may make it difficult to walk down the with at dismissal time. If you do not want to spend a lot of money on an expensive back pack, try using a fabric shopping bag from Meijer or Wal-Mart. Each bag costs \$1.00 and is usually large enough to suit the needs of small children.

## Simple Advice:

# 10 Ways to Enjoy Childcare

- 1** Come to childcare prepared to have fun! If you set your mind that you are going to have a horrible time, chances are you probably will.
- 2** Remember R<sup>2</sup>G<sup>2</sup>! It is important that you remember to not only respect your teacher, but to also respect your entire TCS family by respecting yourself and all of those around you.
- 3** Responsibility...it is the responsibility of the teacher(s) to love, educate and keep the children safe. It is the responsibility of the child to let them.
- 4** Show gratitude! Always say thank you to those around you for what they do.
- 5** Being genuine means that you are one way all the time, you don't change because of who is around you. Keep it real, keep it like Christ.
- 6** Remember that rules are guidelines so that people don't get hurt. You may not always get what you want but you'll always have what you need.
- 7** When you speak to people always be polite. Do not use harsh words and don't allow yourself to have any "stinking thinking!" Dr. Wilber teaches us how we can have a heart of gratitude and how when the heart is right so are our mouths!
- 8** We all make mistakes and when we do we need to be held accountable. Be honest with yourself and others and the truth will set you free.
- 9** If you are an older student remember to be a Leader. Younger students look up to you and will want to behave and act like you do. When you make the right choices, you are someone to admire...a hero.
- 10** Remember to always be SALT & Light NOW. Speak, Act, Lead, Think like Jesus and shine like starts in the universe today, tomorrow and forever!



*For the safety and health of the children, please remove your shoes before entering the infant room.*

# Winter

## Warm it up...

Even though the warmer weather has all but ended, we will still make an attempt to enjoy outdoor play time as often as possible. However, and in accordance with our licensing with the Ohio Department of Education, when the weather is below 32° (this includes wind chill) we are not permitted to take the children outside. If the weather is above 32° we will go outside, even if it is for a short period of time. To that end, we respectfully ask that you bring your child prepared for outdoor activities by bringing him/her in with a heavy winter coat, hat, gloves, mittens and boots. Please know that our teachers are always happy to help the children get ready for outdoor play time so if you would like them to have a second pair of shoes for the classroom, your child can keep the extra set in his/her cubby. Boots that are not being worn, should be stored on the floor, under your child's cubby. Additionally, for our childcare children who have an extra set of clothing in their classroom, please check with your child's teacher to ensure your child has a set of weather appropriate clothing for the classroom. This way, should your child get a little messy...and who doesn't from time to time?...your child will have warm clothes to change into for the winter. Be on the lookout for days when we go outside to play in the snow! Teachers will give you notice so that your child can bring in his/her snowsuit, boots, snow gloves, and a hat.

## Registration

All Registration Forms will be online by Tuesday, January 17!

Early Childhood Registration - Troy Christian's Early Childhood Program will have open registration for the 2012-2013 school year beginning on Friday, January 20. To download a registration packet, visit the TCS website at [www.troychristianschools.org](http://www.troychristianschools.org), go to Admissions > Childcare, or you can pick up a packet in the Elementary Office. Registration forms will be available on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and need to be turned in to the Childcare Director.

ALL returning families must complete a new registration form (in its entirety) and submit the \$60.00 registration fee (per child) in order to have a spot held for the summer (June-August 2012) and fall programs.

EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2012 WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE A 2 OR 3 HALF DAY OPTION

### Procedure References:

- It is important for families to adhere to the times they have scheduled on their child's registration form because, in order to efficiently schedule staff, we use the times given to us by our parents on the registration form. Should your schedule change you may complete a Change of Schedule Form located outside the Director's office.
- The minimal billing amount is two half days.
- The fee for children picked up after closing (6:00) is \$2.00 per minute, per child.

### Celebration of Life

The 12th Annual Celebration of Life Chapel will be held on Friday, January 20. If you have a new life added to your family in 2011 or since our last celebration, please plan to present him/her at our chapel.

Complete the attached form by Friday, January 13, and send it with a photo to the elementary office or email it to Mrs. Meckstroth at [smeckstroth@troychristianschoos.org](mailto:smeckstroth@troychristianschoos.org).

Also, here are some suggestions from the crisis pregnancy centers of much needed items: Baby monitor, diapers (all sizes), wipes, bottles, baby shampoo and body wash, sleepers (all sizes), blankets, crib sheets, thermometer, etc.