



Hillside Happenings

Welcome to School!

The school year is off to a great start and the children are quickly settling into the daily routine! Before the children returned, the halls were filled with enthusiastic staff members preparing their rooms. During Pre-Planning, the teachers and assistants attended staff development training by Brenda Fitzgerald: "Helping Boys Succeed in School." The staff also attended CPR and First Aid training by Rebecca from First Response Safety Training. The teachers have wonderful, developmentally appropriate activities planned to promote and enhance your child's growth and total development. Your child will be exposed to large and small group activities, learning centers, Bible lessons, music, outside play, and above all, love and respect from the staff.

Thank you to all the families who attended the New Parent orientation. We had a great turn-out. All parents, please remember to review your **Parent Handbook** especially the *Carpool* and *Health Policies* information on page 11. The handbook was e-mailed to you several times this summer. We will continue to communicate with you primarily by e-mail during the year. If you have not received any e-mails from me, please call the school office to verify your e-mail address.

Extra-Curricular Specials begin this week for all classes. Two's music teacher, Ms. Colleen Crumpton, will bring her magic music bag to the two-year old classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Three's through Kindergarten children will enjoy singing with Ms. Jan Hellriegel in her upstairs music room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Spanish teacher, Ms. Jackie Edwards, will take the Four's through Kindergarten classes on a south of the border adventure each Wednesday and Ms. Bobbi Villhauer will bring scientific experimentation to these students on Thursday. All classes are sure to discover that learning is fun in the Discovery Room. And each month, HUMC Youth Pastor Steve Brooks and his friend Larry will keep children on the edge of their pews at chapel learning that Jesus loves them!

Mark your calendar for **Preschool Open House on October 12th** (6:30 for classes that begin on Monday and 7:15 for classes that begin on Tuesday or Wednesday.) Check individual teacher newsletters to confirm these times. This is a special time for parents to meet with their child's teacher and learn more about our program and curriculum. This time is reserved for parents only and we politely request that children do not attend so that you will be free to ask questions and learn more about your child's class. We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, please call me at 770-924-4776 or e-mail me at bweltz@hillsideumc.org if you have any questions or concerns. - Beth

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Dates to remember:

- ☉ September 1—Tuition Due
- ☉ September 1—Scholastic Book Orders Due
- ☉ September 7—School Closed/Labor Day
- ☉ September 10—Late fees assessed for late tuition
- ☉ September 16 & 17—Chapel
- ☉ September 21-25—School Closed

September's Fruit of the Spirit:

Self-Control

Father, help my children not to be like many others around them but let them be "alert and self-controlled" in all they do.

1 Thessalonians 5:6