

September 2017

St. Timothy's Episcopal CDC News

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to St. Timothy's! Thank you for choosing us to provide high quality care and early education for your children. I look forward to a great and productive school year. St. Timothy's is entering into its 45th year of providing service to this community for which we take great pride.

The child care profession has had many changes and new regulations which went into effect December 2016. We take our profession very serious and make every effort to stay in compliance.

I pray you had a wonderful summer and are now ready to begin a new school year. We are all geared up and ready.

IMPORTANT FORMS will be sent home this week. Please complete and return to us by Monday, September 18th. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

VACANCIES: We currently have vacancies in all of our classes except infant and toddler. Spread the word!! Special discount for referrals.

STAFF

Yvonne Robison, Director
Janice Shorter, Asst. Director
Evon Gaither, Food Technician
Educational Coordinator, TBA

Infant/ Toddler	Cynthia Day Cheryl Coley
Younger 2's	Angelia Wiggins Lena Houston
Older 2's	Linda Young Ashjame Pendarvis
Pre-K 3	Donna Mitchell Melva Green
Pre-K 4	Janice Shorter Tracey Wright
Before/After	Fostina Holloman Shadonna Williams

Here are a few facts about our program:

- We are a Nationally Accredited Program.
- We use The Creative Curriculum for Preschool and The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Two's.
- We use the District of Columbia's Early Learning Standards/ Common Core Learning Standards.

- We have a staff that is not only qualified but caring and compassionate.

ROUTINES AND WHY THEY MATTER!

One of the most important things you can do to make your young child feel safe is to establish as much of a routine in his/her life as possible. Children feel most secure when their lives are predictable. When adults provide environments that feel safe, children learn that they can trust others to take care of them and meet their needs so they can become free to relax and learn to explore their world. Children do not fully understand time. They do not order their lives by hours and minutes but by events that happen. When events happen in the same order every day, children have a better understanding of their world and become more secure. A regular schedule gives children a way to order and arrange their lives. When young children know what to expect, they become more confident in themselves and the world around them. Children need consistency and limits. The earlier you begin to order your child's life, the easier it will be. Routines at

home help their adjustment to school life. Develop a routine for bedtime as well as getting up in the morning and arriving to school on time. If your child is going to be having breakfast with us, then allow them to arrive a few minutes early. This gives them an opportunity to adjust and mingle with friends before having to come right in and sit down for breakfast. They even get to choose where they want to sit and with whom to sit beside. Arriving to pick your child up every day around the same time also helps them to be less anxious and more secure. For some children this may be their first school/group care experience. Routines and consistency will help make their adjustment to school life so much easier.



PARENT MEETING

will be on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend. Child care and light supper will be served. Meetings / Trainings are held every other month. Parents are required to attend three of six meetings held. We need your support.

CDC ADVISORY BOARD meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to become members. The Board consists of parents, staff, community, and church members.

ANNUAL PHYSICAL AND ORAL EXAMS are required. Please be sure to make and keep appointments. Our students are required to use the District of Columbia Universal Health Form. It must be completed and stamped by the attending

doctor or their agents. Children three years old and over are required to have annual oral exams with the form completed and signed.



KAYMBU APP: St. Timothy's now uses an application/program for communication between parents, teachers, and the Director. This APP can be used on your computers, tablets, and all IOS and androids. Teachers can use the APP to post daily notes, portfolios, messages, lesson plans, early learning standards, curriculum, attendance, calendars, and so much more. Parents will be able to receive communication sheets, daily reports, lesson plans, child reports, calendars, etc. and respond directly to teachers. The Director can send emergency alerts, messages, monthly newsletters, bulletin boards, etc. To get started, we will need certain information from you to set up the program. Your child's teacher will request this information within the first couple of weeks of school. Once we have set up the program, you will receive a message giving you log in information.

SIGN IN AND OUT: Your child must be signed in upon arrival and out at departure. We cannot release children to children. We only release children to persons listed on their admission form. If sending someone not listed, then please call ahead and let us know. The new person must have a photo ID. We cannot release children to siblings younger than 16 without a written note authorizing the pick up.

- WELCOME -
BACK TO SCHOOL

CHURCH SERVICE is held every Tuesday for the children. Only children in the Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 classes attend services. Parents are always welcome to attend. Start date to be announced.



TIPS FOR DEVELOPING A STRONG RELATIONSHIP

WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

The start of the school year is the perfect time to build a positive relationship with your child's teacher. It's a good idea to let your child's educator know you want to partner with him or her, and share the responsibility for your child's academic growth.

Here are some tips to bear in mind:

- Keep in touch! Make sure your child's teacher has multiple ways and times of day to contact you. Provide as many as possible – which might include a work, cell, and home phone number and email address if possible.
- Mark your calendar! Ask your child's teacher about the best ways and times to contact him or her. Keep in mind that most teachers are in the classroom all day so after school may be the best time to call or to make an appointment to meet with him or her.
- Reach out! Let the teacher know that you as a parent are there to help. Volunteer to assist with school trips or functions at school that might require additional adult supervision.
- Stay informed! Within the first few weeks after school starts,

find out from the teacher if your child needs any assistance in one or more subject areas. Find out what resources are available at the school and what resources the teacher would recommend to help your child keep improving.

- Team up! Remember, you and the teacher have the exact same goals. You're both working to ensure the academic development and progress of your child. So, sit down together and figure out what you can do at home to reinforce what your child's teacher is doing in the classroom. That way, your child can keep learning long after the school day ends!

(excerpt from Early Learning at ED www.ed.gov/early)

REMINDERS

- Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m.—8:20 a.m. for Schoolagers and at 8:30 a.m. for all other classes. No breakfast is served after 9:15 a.m.
- All children must be in school by 9:30 a.m.
- All excuses for absences must be submitted when the child returns to school. Only excuse acceptable is medical.
- Any substitutes of food, formula and milk can be provided for

medical reasons only. Must have required form completed by medical staff only.

- No outside food allowed except formula and breast milk.
- All children must have a complete change of clothing and all clothing must be labeled.
- The Center is not responsible for jewelry or hair accessories.
- All children must have a sheet and blanket.
- All school-aged children K-5th grade must have a book bag and their belongings inside (labeled).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jazmyn	2nd
Ms. Gaither	15th
Laila	19th
Steven	22nd
JaKaiya	26th

Until Next Month...

Yvonne A. Robison

Parents Night Out! Children's Night In!

Friday, September 22nd at 6:15 p.m. thru Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

T **Sleepovers** are designed for parents who want time to themselves to relax, go out on the town, or do whatever. We provide dinner on Friday night, snacks throughout the night, and breakfast on Saturday morning. This activity is for children ages 2 (potty trained) thru 12 years old. Children can bring their favorite games for the Wii or xBox 360, age appropriate DVDs or CDs. Everything will be returned. Please place all sleepover items in a large trash bag so children can be responsible for their belongings and label all items to help cut down on missing items. We are asking parents to pay for this activity during sleepover week so we can purchase food and other materials needed in advance.

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COST: \$26 (one child) \$36 (2 children) \$46 (3 children) \$56 (4 children)

What's needed: a sleeping bag or two large blankets, and a pillow. No sleepwear needed.

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Just drop off your child's belongings in the morning and we will see you on Saturday morning. Sleepovers start at 6:15 p.m. for visitors.

If you feel like you are in a rut or need a break, then allow your children to stay at a sleepover. It's not a mistake! *Sleepover Staff*



INFANTS & TODDLERS

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are now ready to begin a new school year. Our goal is to make the children's learning fun while providing them with loving care in a stimulating environment.

We would like to thank all of our parents who donated throughout the summer.

Here are some important reminders:

- ♥ Each child needs a sheet and blanket.
- ♥ Each child needs at least two changes of clothing.
- ♥ Each child needs pampers and a bib.
- ♥ Label items.
- ♥ Clip your child's fingernails weekly.
- ♥ Toddlers will be using self-help skills.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call between 12:00 noon—3:00 p.m.

Ms. Day & Miss Coley



YOUNGER TWO'S NEWS

We would like to welcome you and your children to the a new school year. We look forward to working with you. We know your participation will help make our school year exciting. We will start the school year off by getting to know one another and will do our best to make it as comfortable as possible for your child.



We would like for you to send a family picture for our classroom.

REMINDERS

- ♥ Children must have a sheet and blanket for nap time.
- ♥ All belongings must be labeled.
- ♥ Children must have two complete changes of clothing appropriate for the season.
- ♥ Children must have toothpaste and a toothbrush with holder.
- ♥ Potty-training should be a positive experience for child everyone. Techniques to reduce anxiety will be shared.

Miss Wiggins and Miss Houston



OLDER TWO'S

We would like to welcome you and your child to the two year old class. We are looking forward to working with everyone! We thank you in advance for your participation!

We will do our best to make it a very creative year. Your child will experience small group activities as well as classroom projects and will be exposed to field trips.

REMINDERS

- ♥ Children must have a sheet and blanket for nap time.
- ♥ All belongings must be labeled.
- ♥ Children must have two complete changes of clothing appropriate for the weather.
- ♥ Children must have a toothbrush and holder.
- ♥ Potty-training should be a positive experience for child and parent. Techniques to reduce anxiety will be shared.
- ♥ Check your child's mailbox for any mail or classwork that needs to go home and their cubbies to see if they are low on Pull-ups or for soiled clothing.

Miss Ashjame and Miss Young





TERRIFIC THREE'S

We hope everyone had a great summer! Now that summer has ended, it's time to get ready for our new school year. We would like to welcome our new students to our classroom. This year we are planning to have an exciting school experience and welcome our parents to participate.

This school year we will have a variety of new and exciting experiences and adventures for our students. This is the time the teachers will get to know their students and the students will get to know one another as well as their teachers. This will help us plan our activities for the school year. We will be learning new things through pictures, songs, finger play, group play, and individual play. We know everyone is excited!

REMINDERS

- ♥ Each child needs a complete change of clothing (labeled).
- ♥ Each child needs a fitted twin-size sheet and blanket.
- ♥ No outside food is allowed in the Center.
- ♥ No toys are allowed. Show 'n tell is on Friday only.
- ♥ Library day is every other Wednesday (school t-shirt is required).



- ♥ Each child needs a toothbrush and toothpaste.
- ♥ Please check mail slots daily.

We look forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Mitchell & Miss Green



FANTASTIC FOUR'S

Mrs. Shorter & Miss Wright will be your child's teachers and we would like to welcome you with open arms to the Pre-K 4 Fantastic Classroom! We hope you had a fun-filled summer and are ready to start the new school year with a bang!

As your child leaves the three's classroom or comes from another school / home, there will be an adjustment period. We will do our very best to make children and parents feel comfortable as we get to know one another in our new environment. During this time, the children will get to know one another, the teaching staff, routines, and rules, and will explore our school building and enjoy activities, just to name a few. To make children feel a part of their new environment, we are asking parents to send in a picture of your child to put on their cubbies so they can have a sense of belonging.

The Center uses the Creative Curriculum which involves "studies." The first study is "The

Beginning of the School Year." Many activities will be based around this study such as getting to know one another, teaching staff, and our school community.

News Four Alert!

Things that you should know about the Four's Classroom:

- ♥ The children will begin to serve themselves "Family Style Meals." We are asking parents to donate paper towels to help with cleaning up spills.
- ♥ Children will be brushing their teeth after breakfast. No toothbrushes needed. Thanks to Ms. Collins, Charlie's mom, who donated a whole case of toothbrushes.
- ♥ Birthday parties will be celebrated once monthly. Please inform us of your plans in advance.
- ♥ Library Days are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. All children MUST wear their school t-shirt to participate in this activity.
- ♥ Show 'n tell Days are on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Parents, please only allow your child to bring one item to share.
- ♥ All children MUST have a change of clothing suitable for the season and all items must be labeled.

Things to Remember

- ♥ Each week a clean sheet is needed for nap time (twin or crib) and blanket.
- ♥ Please make sure your child is signed in and out daily, even after a sleepover.

♥ No outside food should be brought into the Center unless the teaching staff has made a request.



We are dedicated to making this school year productive and fantastic for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call between the hours of 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (nap time) so we can talk freely. We want this transition to be smooth for parents and children, and are looking forward to a Fantastic school year!

Mrs. Shorter & Miss Wright

SCHOOLAGERS

We would like to welcome new parents and children as well as re-

turning families to a brand new 2017-2018 school year! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation. As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end," and now it's back to work so put your best foot forward.

The Center must be notified if:

...you pick up your child early from Beers. You must call the Center to let us know so we won't have to stand outside waiting.

...your child participates in any after school activities. Parents must write a letter telling us your child's schedule.

REMINDERS

♥ Breakfast is served between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.

♥ Homework is done from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please instruct your child to do their homework during this time.

♥ Please sign your child in and out every day even after a sleepover.

♥ Please remind your child to follow the rules and be responsible for their personal belongings.

♥ The Center is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

With your help and support, we can make this a productive and rewarding school year.

Miss Williams &

Miss Holleman



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Show 'n tell (3s)	2 Jazmyn's BD
3	4 CLOSED 	5 Show 'n tell (4s)	6	7	8 Show 'n tell (3s)	9
10	11	12 Library (4s) t-shirt required	13	14	15 Show 'n tell (3s) Ms. Gaither's BD	16
17	18 Important Forms Due	19 Show 'n tell (4s) Laila's BD	20	21	22 DCPS CLOSED Show 'n tell (3s) 6:15 pm Sleepover Steven's BD	23 10:00 am Sleepover pick up
24	25	26 Library (4s) t-shirt required 7:00 pm CDC Advisory Board Meeting JaKaiya's BD	27 6:00 pm Parent Meeting	28	29 Show 'n tell (3s)	30