

Preschool News

A NEW YEAR AT PRESCHOOL BEGINS

-Ruth Baas, Director

Fifty-five excited three- to five-year-old children have gotten off to an excellent start in a new year of growing in faith and learning at Orland Park Christian Preschool! Thirteen of the children come from families that attend Orland Park Christian Reformed church while the other forty-two are from other churches and from the surrounding community. A number of neighborhood families have seen our sign while driving by, come in to meet us and take a tour, and then registered their children in the school.

The school year began on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12 with bright, freshly-cleaned classrooms and beautiful weather to enjoy our outdoor playground. The adjustment has been made to using the south entrance to our preschool (the doors that face Sycamore Drive) due to church construction areas blocking off our usual entrance on the north side of the building. Inside the first floor of the church education wing, new hallway carpeting is inviting and our preschool classrooms are set up beautifully to encourage young children to explore and learn through play and group instruction.

The themes we have used to plan our stories, lessons, and activities during this first month of school have been leading each child to understand and appreciate that “God Made... Me!”, “God Made...My Family!”, and “God Made...My Friends!” We are thankful for each unique and special child that God has brought to our classrooms. We are also thankful for their families and we pray that the children and their families will be introduced to the love of Jesus as it is modeled and taught through our daily activities. The

children are having so much fun sharing and learning with the new friends they have met at school! Everyone is busy learning names and getting to know how to treat each other with respect and kindness.

Hearing Bible stories from God’s Word is a very special part of our learning at Orland Park Christian Preschool. We have started with stories from the beginning of the

Bible. The children love to see the Bible stories portrayed through flannel board pictures as well as hear the teachers tell the narrative in their own words. We sing songs that tell about God making the world good, and we sing our thanks to God for making each child. Another way the children experience the story of God’s creation is by painting a wall mural of the many things that God made. (See accompanying photo.)

Thank you for supporting the ministry at Orland Park Christian Preschool with your prayers and your encouragement. We appreciate the generous support from all who came out to the Family Classics Car Show and donated to the preschool through dinner donations, general donations, and purchases of mums. We are also grateful to those of you who

supported us with gifts even if you were unable to attend the show. The Family of God at Orland Church is a blessing to the preschool ministry. Please continue to pray that God will bless the children and their families as they grow in Him. Thank God that He is using the preschool ministry to reach many families in His name.



The children enjoyed adding animals they colored to the mural.



We painted a mural of God’s beautiful creation!