

Preschool News

-Ruth Baas, Preschool Director

A NEW YEAR AT PRESCHOOL HAS BEGUN!

Forty-seven excited children have gotten off to an excellent beginning for their early childhood education at Orland Park Christian Preschool! We have “blasted off” to a new school year with new friends!

Classes officially began on Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11. The children have been having a great time making new friends and learning about God’s world, especially the great big sky full of planets, stars, the sun, and the moon. God is so great—He made them all! He even gave each of the stars a name and knows exactly how many there are!

“Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.” -Isaiah 40:26

If God cares about each one of the stars He has made, just imagine how much He loves and cares for each child He has made! The children are learning that God has made each one of them and they are very special to God! They are also learning that they are “Preschool Stars” when they follow the rules at school and treat each other kindly as good friends should. We have seen very few tears and lots of big smiles already this school year! God has blessed us with wonderful children and their families.

The following dedicated people from OPCRC are enjoying working daily with the children at preschool and sharing the love of Jesus with patience and kindness:

Ruth Baas – Director and teacher (M-F)

Brenda Harms – Assistant Director and teacher (M-F)

Janna Kuyvenhoven – teacher (M, W, F)

Barb Vree – teacher (M-F)

Lisa Cavanaugh – teacher (T, Th)

Cindy Schipma – teacher (T, Th)

Our Monday/Wednesday/Friday four-year-old class with 30 children is as big of a class as it can be! (DCFS caps our class according to the size of the classrooms.)

The Tuesday/Thursday three-year-old class has room to grow throughout the year as parents feel that their children become ready for their first-school experience. This class typically grows by 3-5 children throughout the year.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We appreciate the generous support from all who came out to the Family Classics Car Show night in September. It was a beautiful evening and many new preschool families joined us, receiving a warm welcome at our church on this fun family night. We are also grateful to those who supported us with gifts even though they were unable to attend. The Family of God at Orland Church has been a blessing to the preschool ministry. We praise God for the opportunity to plant seeds of faith and learn-

ing in His precious children and their families as we work with them each day.

Please continue to pray that God will bless us as we meet each morning of the week, Monday through Friday, and three afternoons each week for our extended sessions throughout the school year.



Meet Our Preschool Stars!



We shine like preschool stars!