

WELCOME  
TO  
ST. THOMAS  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

*Your Friday Newsletter from St. Thomas Early Learning Center*

Friday, September 9, 2011

Reminder to Parents--

Teachers are always happy to visit with you about your child, **but NOT at 8:30 drop off times**. This is the time when they must be free to greet each child at the door, and get ready for a busy day in their classrooms. Email your teacher, or schedule a time to meet in person. We greatly appreciate this courtesy to our teachers and children. .... and thank you for **not** using your cell phones during drop off and pick up of your children.

What will they remember?



*Paintings blowing in the breeze on the porches....*

*Ringing the bell in the old fort....*

*Finding a new friend at the water table....*



Photos from Week 2 of school



*The seesaw in the Nature Art house.....*

*Mud in the sandbox....*

*The metal tricycles....*

*Discovery....*

*Friends, sand, digging .....*



*~~~ Celebrate the now.~~~*



**\*\*\*Parent Information Nights\*\*\***

Monday, September 12 and Tues, Sept. 13

**PARENTS:** PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT HOUR WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER TO HEAR PLANS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR. ONE PARENT FROM EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO ATTEND. YOU ARE ASKED TO **NOT** BRING THE CHILDREN. CHECK BELOW FOR YOUR TEACHER'S DESIGNATED TIME.

**Monday, Sept. 12**

Kindergarten (Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Altendorf) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Pre-K (Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Weatherby) 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**

Pre K (Mrs. Sagong Mon-Wed. Fri. Morning) 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.  
(Mrs. Sagong Tu. Wed. TH Afternoon) 6:50 – 7:30 p.m.  
Beginners (Mrs. Emerson) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
(Mrs. Casares Tues-Thurs.) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
(Mrs. Casares Mon.Wed. Fri.) 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.



Rev. Rhoda & Mary Skow

Parents: You might be interested in.....

**October 16, 23, 30th** a three week class entitled "Parenting with Love and Logic" will be offered. Sundays 9:30 am to 10:15 am in the ministry center on the St. Thomas Campus. Cost for the class is \$5 per family per week. Nursery and programs for children are available during this time as well. For more info please contact the Rev. Rhoda Montgomery at [rhoda@stthomasbcs.org](mailto:rhoda@stthomasbcs.org)

**SafeGuarding God's Children**

We are required to ask our volunteers and parents who are **regular helpers or substitutes** in our classrooms to attend a brief course of SafeGuarding God's Children. It discusses child abuse and child safety. The course will be offered Sat. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 9 – 12 noon, and also offered on Sept. 22 at 6 – 9 p.m. Please call Kammy Jaques in the church office (979-696-1726) if you would like to attend either session.

**BOXTOPS!**

Thanks to all of you who have starting collecting your BoxTops! Your child's teacher has a small container in the classroom for you to drop those in. Remember to look for the rectangle that says BoxTops on items you buy at the grocery store. The rectangle will either be pink or blue. Just cut that out and bring it to your child's classroom. St. Thomas will receive 10 cents for each BoxTop we submit and that can really add up with us

all bringing them in. When you come to Parent Information Night next week, look for a table with BoxTops information on it!

## Annual Hot Dog Picnic & Sunflower Art Show



Wednesday, September 28



**11:00 Welcoming Chapel** with Rev. Rhoda Montgomery. All children will attend with their teachers, and we welcome all parents to join us for this beginning chapel service for our new school year. Enjoy walking through our **Sunflower Art Exhibit** featuring paintings from ALL of the children! Then at 11:30, we begin our **Hot Dog Picnic** on the school lawn. It's a big event, so plan now to attend with the whole family. Many of our former students will be joining us, too. **DON'T MISS THIS!**

Please refer to our full **Calendar on our website** at [www.stthomasehc.org](http://www.stthomasehc.org)

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**Girls**.....Yes! We do have **girls** at St. Thomas! A Mom remarked to me yesterday, "You sure have a lot of boys at this school. She's right! We have more boys than girls (36 girls to 84 boys), but as the pictures below show....we have **GIRLS!**"



On another note, I always enjoy taking pictures and writing

these newsletters for you. Just so you'll know, the photos I use are not "staged"

because I'm catching them doing what they do....every day.....at St. Thomas ELC.

Sincerely, Mary Skow