



# TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“GROWING LITTLE DISCIPLES IN CHRIST”

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## “How good it is to sing praises to our God.” Psalms 147:1

January is a month for WINTER FUN here at Trinity Nursery School. We are working on bringing winter into the classroom, as well as playing outside, if the snow ever comes. Remember to bring your child's outdoor clothes as the weather warrants.

This month is also a time for all children to learn about healthy bodies and healthy eating. The 4 and 5 year-olds will be receiving a visit from “Organella” and Trinity's parish nurse, Kathy Bloomquist. Due to some schedule difficulties, the field trip to the 26<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic has been put on hold. More information on this will be shared with 4 year old parents as it becomes available.

Thank you to everyone who remembered me at Christmas. I enjoyed all of the treats and thoughtful gifts. I appreciate all of you and hope you had a Blessed Christmas.

We welcome you at TNS at any time. Please take your teachers up on their offers to participate in classroom activities. Thank you for your continued involvement at Trinity.

*Brenda Jensen*



## WINTER HEALTH CONCERNS

As we enter the heart of winter and the cold and flu season, there are a few “good habits” that can help all of us stay healthy and ready to learn, teach and enjoy school.

- Remind your child about hand washing. Washing your hands when you arrive at school and when you arrive at home, keeps germs in their place and not roaming around town.
- Call school and inform staff when your child is ill and their symptoms. Tracking illness allows us to determine if we have any patterns developing within classrooms.
- Remember—“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Children who are sick need to be kept at home.

## Important Dates

**Monday, January 16** -- TNS will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**Friday, January 27** – TNS is closed for Staff Development. We will be attending the Region 3 Evangelical Lutheran Education Association Early Childhood Education Conference.

## WHEN I SING SONGS AT SCHOOL, I LEARN...

Principles of music and rhythm;  
Vocabulary;  
Memory skills and sequencing;  
To be conscious of others;  
Various concepts emphasized in songs;  
Phonics or auditory discrimination, which is recognizing differences in sounds, necessary for learning to read;  
Awareness and identification with my culture and other cultures.

## WHEN I PLAY WITH PUPPETS, I LEARN...

To express my ideas with words;  
To take on the role of someone else;  
To use my voice tones as well as words;  
To use my imagination;;  
To learn how it feels to be someone else.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for a GREAT school service project. Thanks to everyone who participated in Angels Among Us during December. You contributed over \$150 to help deliver Christmas to a grateful family. The staff put together a shopping list (with ideas from the families) and had a fun time shopping. Each family member received 3 or 4 presents and the family received a family gift and HyVee gift cards. Thanks again to everyone who gave.

## 2012 - 2013

Pre-registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year will begin the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> for currently enrolled families. If you know a family who is interested in enrolling at TNS next fall, please give their name and address to a staff member and we will send them a post card regarding our open house (February 23<sup>rd</sup>) and registration, beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Be a Part of Something Big!**

Our efforts to help preserve the rain forest continue. To date we have collected over 3850 pennies which will save 3850 square yards of this precious resource. We will continue to collect pennies until Early Childhood Sunday, April 29. Please participate in the service project as you are able. If you have misplaced your bank and need a new one please let your teacher know.



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## \$200,000 in SCRIP Dollars

Our SCRIP Dollars fundraiser continues to grow. During 2011, TNS families and Trinity members purchased over \$202,000 in SCRIP cards. Together we passed our fundraising goal of \$8000. Thank you to everyone who is participating in the program.

Remember each family has a goal of \$50 in profit earned for the school year. If you want an update, let Mrs. Jensen know. Everyone will receive an update at spring conferences or register online to have your sales report always available to you.

Our sales goal for 2012 is \$250,000. In order for the fundraiser to be successful, we need everyone to participate.

During January and February make it a family goal to purchase SCRIP Dollars at least twice a month. Stop by and buy a grocery card before you go to the store. We have HyVee, Cashwise, Walmart, Target, Walgreens and Kwik Trip.

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## Chamber Corner

Calendar Highlights for the  
Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

Cabela's Kids Ice Fishing Day  
January 21: 11:00-3:00

Armory Sale  
January 27-January 29

## Celebration of Art and Song

Trinity Nursery School's annual *Fine Arts Celebration* will be held on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The 4 and 5 year olds will be singing in the sanctuary beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the children will have art on display in the art gallery in Room 100. A potluck



healthy snack reception will follow the concert.

Three-year-old parents are needed to work at the reception. Call Jolayne Mohs (456-7013) if you are interested in doing volunteer hours that day.

## WINTER IS HERE!

Please send snow pants, boots, mittens and a hat with your child. Since these items will become wet outside, send them **in a separate plastic bag**. Please hang this bag on your child's hook, since all of the extra bulk will not fit in the school bag baskets.

Label all of your child's outdoor clothing. Two hundred mittens and boots are hard to keep track of for teachers, staff and car pool drivers.

When children wear boots to school, please send a pair of shoes with them. Playing in boots for two and one-half hours can be clumsy and warm. Socks are very slippery in the Big Room.

Trinity Nursery School will not hold classes if the Owatonna Public Schools are cancelled. Listen to KRFO, 1390 AM or KOWZ, 100.9 FM for information.

