

January 2023

Happy New Year!

What a great beginning to the new year...

To our valued families and friends of Trinity Preschool,

We hope you had a wonderful vacation as so many of the children did. They love to tell us what they did and especially while they ate during the holiday break. Think cookies, turkey, hot dogs and the like. Many of them mention how much they enjoyed spending time and doing various activities with their families. Fortunately, they were all ready to come back to see their friends and teachers. Below is a photo of mealtime. It is always interesting to see which of our friends enjoy each of the various foods.

We are very thankful to have students from many family traditions who speak many languages from all over the world. If you would like to share stories, a book or food regarding your traditions, please contact Miss Jen (Jjdmorris@gmail.com) or Miss Rachel (<u>http://rachelobbo@comcast.net</u>).



Storytime

We continue to enjoy our trips to the Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library to get our students excited about reading! The librarians choose a book to read and then pair it with an activity and focus on one letter each week. We go to the library on Tuesday mornings. Generally, half of our students go one week followed by the other half the following week. We use the Trinity Preschool van, driven by Mr. Rich, for these excursions. The van gets quite noisy after the children have had "library time."





Painting Feet to Leave Footprints

In December the children had an opportunity to take a walk with bare feet covered with brown paint. In this photo, Miss Jen and Miss Rachel are painting children's' feet in preparation for walking the long piece of paper which is now upon on the wall in the hallway. Our friends love taking off their shoes as well as their socks anytime they have an opportunity to do so.



Play Dough

Playing with play dough is almost a daily activity that is well loved by all. The creativity and cooperation among our friends is inspiring. If you keep this a little quiet, we will tell you that Miss. Jen lets the friends mix playdough to make a glob of brown, but Miss Rachel is very particular about keeping the playdough colors separated.

Important Dates that are Upcoming:

January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

February 16 (In-service for Teachers and volunteers-school is closed)

Thank YOU!

To the **BOYD Foundation** who continue to provide us a generous substantial grant to provide free and low-cost preschool to our children.

To **PRESENCE Bank** for a generous donation of EITC (earned income tax credit) to cover the tuition for some of our students.



Trinity Preschool Steering Committee Chair, Ellen Smith and Treasurer, Jane Thompson receive a \$1,500 check from Alicia Frederick, Relationship Manager and Cash Management Specialist at Presence Bank. Our friends Mikey, Sely and Yaya are also pictured. Funds will support the ongoing operation of the Preschool. Thank you to all of those who support us at Trinity Preschool. We'd like to give a special thanks to our volunteers who also serve as steering committee members. Your hard work and dedication to our students and our mission make all our days possible! We would also like to extend a big thank you to the dental hygiene and nursing students from HACC and the medical students from Penn State Hershey Medical Center. We feel that coming to Trinity Preschool provides them with an education that they cannot get in a classroom.





VOLUNTEERING

We welcome anyone interested to contact us about volunteering in our classroom. If you like to have fun, get messy, and want to become inspired by our wonderful group of future community leaders, please reach out to Jen Walborn at <u>Jjdmorris@gmail.com</u>.

GIVING

Please consider making a special gift today. You can use our DONATE button below or make your check payable to our parent organization, Camp Curtin Learning Community, and mail to Trinity Preschool, P.O. Box 5541, Harrisburg, PA 17110. *Your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by U.S. Internal Review Service.*

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