



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

PART OF THE CAMP CURTIN LEARNING COMMUNITY

December 2022



What a great beginning to the fall session...

To our valued families and friends of Trinity Preschool,

The new school year is well under way. We have welcomed back some former students and welcomed several new students and volunteers along with a new member of staff! Our newest team member, Miss Vanessa, has joined us all the way from Flagler College in Florida where she was studying to earn her degree in elementary education. Originally a Harrisburg native, Miss Vanessa found her way back to the city and to Trinity Preschool! Miss Vanessa is looking forward to assisting Ms. Rachael in our three-year-old room and making a lot of new friends!

Spring into Learning

Over the past few months, we have had several trainings to help us respond better to the students' needs. One thing we learned was how sensory systems help us with body awareness in many ways. We learned about how the brain works in children and how children develop through the years. Samara, in conjunction with PennState Health provided us with a Sensory Toolkit to use with our students. There is a squishy and knobby round seat to feel both the squish and the knobbiness. Also, we now have fidgets that the children use to provide various sensations with their hands.

The favorite item is a very stretchy "magic sac" that the children get in, alone or with friends and stretch and push and pull. This gives the children the opportunity to feel their entire body from both the inside and outside at the same time. Some pictures are included. We are so appreciative of the support we have received from Samara, both last month and previously and look forward to continuing working with them in the future.

Speaking of sensory activities, the students recently made "Soil and worms!" This involved chocolate pudding in cups, with crushed cookies and of course, with gummy worms. And when that was done, what did the teachers come up with—putting the pudding on paper and letting the children write their alphabet in it, especially their names. Who knew that preschool could be so much fun and educational (but don't let on about that to our children!)



Storytime

It is our pleasure to join forces various librarians at the Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library to get our students excited about reading! We continue to go to the library on Tuesdays. 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.



Holiday Greetings

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 (<http://rachelobbo@comcast.net>).

Important Dates that are Upcoming:

December 22, 23 and 26-30 (Winter Break)

January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Thank YOU!

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 of our days possible! We would also like to extend a big



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 Jjdmorris@gmail.com. We have had the opportunity to host Medical students from PennState Hershey Medical Centers and Nursing students from Harrisburg Area Community College.

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 Revenue Service.*

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