

Every Child Deserves a Champion...



Your Weekly News & Updates

Bible school week!

We have 68 CDC children attending Bible School at First Presbyterian this week! The theme this year is "Cave Quest" following Jesus, the Light of the World. Each day there is a different virtue highlighted. There will be a Bible Point that corresponds to the key Bible verse. After two days the children are certainly enjoying Bible School. Ali and the church volunteers are doing a very engaging program that is appealing to all the ages. Excitement and enthusiasm are building everyday. Thank you First Presbyterian.

Words for thought

I appreciate and honor public school teachers. I know and agree that they are one of the most underpaid and under-appreciated professions in America. After all I was a teacher for a long time and then I taught teachers to be teachers, so naturally my thoughts would tend to go in this direction.

But in this rant (what I call it when I put my feelings in writing) I want to talk about the MOST underpaid and least appreciated profession, the teachers that work in childcare or child development. These people, and I will call them ladies because at FPCDC that is what we have, are the hardest working, most loving people in the world. Childcare teachers are working with our youngest children and set the foundation for all future learning, building the key knowledge and skills children need to succeed later in school and flourish in life. The quality of interactions between childcare teachers and children is especially important when it comes to early language and social development.



Where would we be now we did not have people to love and nurture our children while we have to work? Very few families can make one income stretch enough in these times, and consequently over 60 percent of families in the United States have both parents working.

What a wonderful concept it is that you can get up and go to work and know that your child will be loved and cared for with excellence. These ladies at First Presbyterian CDC do this daily.

Our teachers do not get summer break, they do not get Christmas break or spring or fall break. Our teacher's salaries, while better here than other centers, does not begin to compare with any other professional's salary. Our teachers are required to have an educational background in ECCE (this is a good thing) and they are required to do continuing education yearly to stay abreast of new developments in this field. They potty train, they doctor boo-boo's and upset tummies, they comfort, they play, they guide, they change diapers, they clean up, they develop language, they dance, they read, they rub backs, they wash hands, they serve food, they sweep and mop and sanitize and so much more. You can see them on the playground blowing bubbles or playing chase. The teachers do all of this not only on a daily basis but also on an hourly basis. Every teacher has to have her antennae ready for all situations and be ready to react in a moment's notice. The next time you feel overwhelmed with your child or children, remember that these ladies do this 5 days a week, 8 hours a day 52 weeks a year and all for several children at one time.

One thing that our teachers do get is the look from a child that shows true love and belief. Your child feels safe and protected and that is because our teachers that work here do so out of true love for the children.

As always "Thank You for letting us love your children".

Service Spotlight

The spotlight this month is on Ms. Barbara. Ms. Barbara is the lead teacher in a three year old class. She moved into this position in the middle of the year in the midst of a stressful situation. To say that there have been some challenges in the new position would be an understatement.

Ms. Barbara went into the class with a can-do attitude and has done a remarkable job. She has great skills with working with children and making learning a positive, happy experience. Please join us in thanking Ms. Barbara and congratulating her on a job well done!



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