



Learn♥Grow♥Play Times

Welcome

Welcome friends to the first edition of the Learn♥Grow♥Play Times. In this monthly newsletter, we will let you know what has been happening at Learn♥Grow♥Play, tell you about upcoming events in the community, and have some interesting articles. There may even be a few activity ideas for your family.

We would also like to wel-

come all of our new families to Learn♥Grow♥Play. Since we are a little school, often our families and teachers become very good friends. We love to involve families in our programs as much as possible, and appreciate any ideas or suggestions you may have throughout the year.

Another big welcome is extended to the new pastor of our church, Pastor Jim

Sharrett. He has many wonderful ideas for the church and would like to get to know all of the children. So you may occasionally find him joining us in the classroom.

If anyone would like to submit articles or ideas to us for this little newsletter, please email lgpcdc@yahoo.com.



The school is located in the education wing of the Pataskala United Methodist Church.

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Parent Orientation/ Open House—Aug 1

When: Sunday August 1st, 2-3 pm

Where: Pataskala United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall

Come, meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, learn about what's happening during the school year, expectations & ask lots of questions. Please feel free to bring in supplies & any needed paperwork. If you would like to bring in your annual tuition during the orientation, we will be offering a 15% discount.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast—Aug 1

LGP will be hosting an all you can eat pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of each month, starting August 1st. Breakfast will be served 7:30-9:00 am. There is a recommended donation of \$5 per adult or \$3.00 per child. The pancake breakfasts will benefit Learn♥Grow♥Play.

Please come and join us for some good food & fellowship before you go to church on the first Sunday of each month.

Note from Miss Rhonda Your Teacher

Dear Parents & Students,

My name is Rhonda Boster. I will be one of your teachers here at Learn Grow Play. I look forward to having you in my class! We have many exciting themes and activities planned for our school year! We will enjoy field trips to local area businesses, where we will learn how bees help the apple farmer, we will learn about pumpkins, and one of my favorites, making our own pizza. We will meet new friends here at Learn Grow Play, along with learn how to work as a team. We have lots of fun crafts planned along with learning some silly songs...

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! Looking forward to seeing you this fall. ~ Miss Rhonda



Summer at LGP

LGP hosted two different types of summer day camps this year.

The first, our traditional day camps, were held at the church and around town. We visited the Pataskala parks, library, Bobbie's Dance Studio, Pataskala Banking Company, Mama Linda's, Dairy Hut and McDonalds. We also played lots of wacky games outside, created great works of art, and solved some mysteries such as who stole the cookie from the cookie jar... was it Ms Heidi?

Our second type of camps were our specialty camps. For these camps we partnered with other area camps or organizations and took the children to them each day. Some children learned about Graphic Design or Creating Comic book characters & stories from Columbus College of Art & Design, while others went to the Wexner Center and created a mural on a downtown building.

A large group of children went to the Weathervane Playhouse for 3 weeks, and created a wonderful production

Classroom Supplies

Your child will need a backpack to bring his/her papers home in. We ask that you check his/her backpack daily. We would like to have a change of clothing on hand for your child. Accidents do happen, and we do messy projects sometimes, we'd like to be able to have your child change his/her clothes to continue on with his/her day at LGP.

If you are able to contribute, please bring the following supplies

of "Grease" with 4 weekend performances. They even had the chance to work with professional actors, singers & dancers, as well as learn about set & costume design.

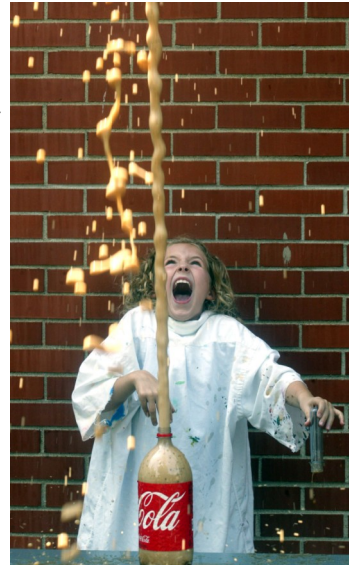
Another week during the summer, Ms Teresa created a computer lab in the Kindergarten Enrichment classroom, and taught all of the children how to create their own video game on the computer. We talked about goals, creating a design plan, and then created 4 different video games. While creating the video games the children also learn math concepts such as graphing & coordinates. Then of course they



Visit to Bobbie's Dance Studio

with you to orientation.

- 2 packages of 8 or 9 oz. paper cups
- 1 package of Crayola colored pencils
- 2 boxes of tissue
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- Elmer's liquid glue
- 2 packages of Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 package of construction paper
- 2 dispensers of liquid hand soap
- 1 package of napkins



had to create their own help files for their games, which would provide instructions to teach someone how to play it. The best part was they didn't even realize they were learning school stuff... sssshhhh, that is our secret.

There was so much interest in this fun summer camp, that we may create a Video Games Club so children can come once a month and learn about

creating their own video games (Please contact Ms. Teresa if you would be interested at lgpcdc@yahoo.com)

Discounts Offered

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering discounts to families who prepay their tuition. We thank you for your prompt tuition payments.

- 15% discount for Annual Tuition Paid At Orientation or Sooner
- 10% discount for Annual Tuition Paid Before School Starts
- 5% discount for Monthly Tuition Paid Before the 1st of Each Month

- 1 box of quart size baggies (girls)
- 1 box of gallon size baggies (boys)

Please remember to keep your receipts for all donations to the school for your taxes. We are a 501(c)3 charity. Also, we gladly accept any donations: monetary, craft supplies, computers, snacks, paper supplies, etc.

“Brush Strokes of God” Mural Dedicated to Pataskala United Methodist Church

This summer guest art teacher Mandy Rubino taught “Art Around the World” summer camp. During the camp the children explored art from different cultures, learned about the materials & styles, and experimented in the various types of art. During the week the children also created a mural and called it “Brush Strokes of God”. This mural represents the fact that God created the world and everything in it. The world God made has many differences, yet all of those differences come together into one creation.

On July 25th, we dedicated the mural to the Pataskala United Methodist Church. Our mural is located in the downstairs hallway of the church, outside of the Kindergarten Enrichment classroom. Please stop by and take a look. The children worked very hard on it during camp along with their other projects.



Contributing Artists were: Zack Robertson, Lexi Robertson, Nicole Harris, Maddie Harris, Audrey Mann, Kobe Moenter, Madison Denny, Kait-

Pataskala Street Fair

The Pataskala Street Fair is August 18-21. Please stop by our booth for some fun & games. If your family would like to help work the booth for a little while, please let Ms. Teresa know by e-mailing her at lgpcdc@yahoo.com.

We will also be having a float in the Parade. If you and your child would like to ride on the float or walk the parade route with us, please join us at Foundation Park at 10:30 (when all of

Come ride on the Learn♥Grow♥Play float with us during the parade!

the floats line up). The parade will start at noon. We will have a cooler of water and some snacks for the children.

If you have questions about the fair or anything before school starts, please call the school at 740-927-9795 before Saturday, stop by the booth or e-mail us at lgpcdc@yahoo.com.

King's Club Starting Up -September 8th

King's Club is a Wednesday night kid's club that is led by the church. All children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to come. King's Club is held every Wednesday evening during the school year (when SWL has school) from 6 to 7:30 pm.

A kid friendly dinner will be served starting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. From there the children will be divided into different classes by age, for a little bible lesson, crafts and

other activities; then, the children will come back to the Fellowship Hall for a closing to the evening. The children love this fun time with their friends.

If your child is interested in joining the church's children's choir, they meet for about a half an hour before King's Club.

School Day out Camp & SWL Snow Days

When SWL schools are closed we will not have preschool or prekindergarten classes.

We will however have School Day Out Camp for the latchkey students. For the elementary students, we will be open 7am-6pm and will have a full days worth of activities planned. The cost for this day camp is \$35 for the day. However on snow days please watch TV channels 4, 6 & 10 just in case we need to close for the day. We will also update voicemail in the event we need to close.



Latchkey Children Performing at Graduation

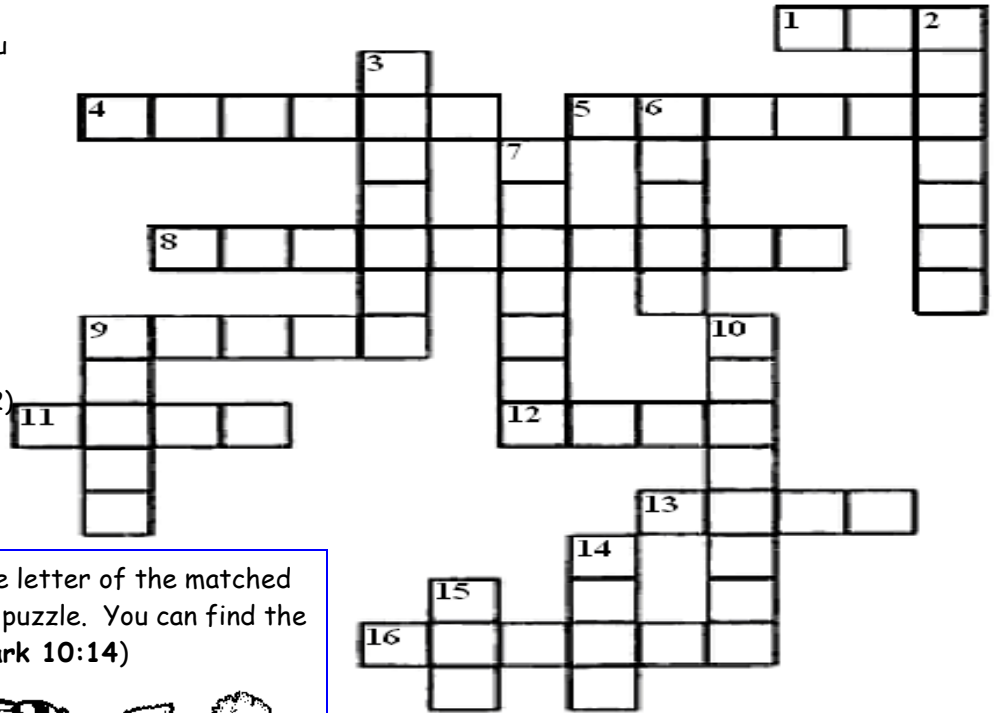
Puzzle Time

The Lord's Prayer Crossword Puzzle

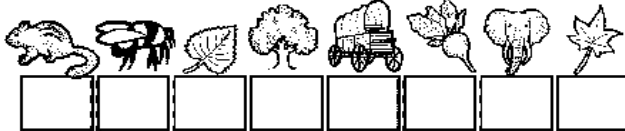
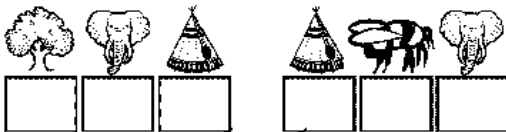
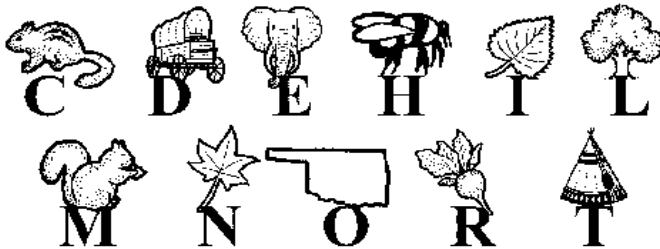
Jesus taught us how to pray. He wants our prayers to be humble, meaningful, and sincerely addressed to God in heaven. Pray a quiet prayer asking God to guide your life. Read Matthew 6:5-15 and do the crossword puzzle.

Across

1. God the Father knows what you need before you ____ Him. (verse 8)
4. Pray to God our heavenly _____. (verse 6)
5. Our Father is in _____. (verse 9)
8. We should not be like the _____. (verse 5)
9. Forgive us our _____. (verse 12)
11. Pray that God's ____ be done. (verse 10)



Match the picture and put the letter of the matched picture in the box to solve the puzzle. You can find the answer here (Mark 10:14)



12. Deliver us from _____. (verse 13)
13. When praying, go into your room and shut the _____. (verse 6)
16. God the Father will ____ you. (verse 6)

Down

2. God's ____ come. (verse 10)
3. We need to forgive our _____. (verse 12)
6. On _____ as it is in heaven. (verse 10)
7. If you do not ____ people, God the Father will not forgive your sins. (verse 15)
9. Give us our _____ bread (verse 11)
10. God's name should be revered and _____. (verse 9)
14. Do not repeat useless phrases and words when you _____. (verse 7)
15. Forgive _____ when they do wrong. (verse 14)

Back to School Family Devotional

It's easy, during the back to school rush, to get lost in the shopping, enrollment, and activity of school and miss out on asking God's presence and guidance for a child's education.

This back-to-school devotion with prayer and scripture invites the entire family to focus on God's role in educating a child.

Gathering the Family Together For Prayer.

Plan the back to school devotion in the evening, or another time when the whole family is present and relaxed. Time the devotion activity the day before school starts up after a break of some kind, to ease the family's transition.

Invite the family to be seated around a table, in the living room, or in some other comfortable family space for about twenty minutes. Select one member of the family to be the designated leader, and instruct members of the family that they may be asked to contribute specific prayers throughout the



Last year's PreK students rode the bus to visit the Kindergarten Center and tour their new school

devotion.

Prayer Asking God to Bless Family Throughout Coming School Year

During this exercise, the designated leader begins with the following prayer:

"Loving God, thank you for the gift of vacation we have all enjoyed, especially (list family members going to school). We ask Your guidance as we begin a new school year (or semester) as a family. Help us to listen to each other, be patient when others are stressed, be helpful when others are struggling, and be kind when others are frustrated. Guide us all to be better students in Your word and ways, O God, and help us to listen to ourselves, each other, and You." Amen.

Invitation to Share Thanksgivings from Vacation and Hopes for the School Year

The leader then invites everyone at the table to share something they give thanks for over the following break. For example, Sydnee, age 5, gives thanks for going swimming with Grandma, while Mom gives thanks for Tawnya, age 14, babysitting her younger siblings during the day.

When everyone has shared a thanksgiving, encourage the family to share a hope for the coming school year or term. For example, Sydnee may desire to make friends at her new school, while Mom hopes that all the children will clean up

after themselves when they come home from school.

Sharing the Word, Jesus in the Temple

For the next step, the leader can read Luke 2:45-47, and 52 to the group gathered.

"When Jesus' parents" could not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among his teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers... And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor."

How to Close in Prayer

To conclude, the participants can invite everyone at the table to hold hands and join together in the following prayer:

"Loving God, You brought Your Beloved Son to the temple to learn from His teachers, and You guided Him to increase in wisdom and divine favor. Guide those of us attending school to listen to our teachers and ask them questions, as Jesus did. Encourage us all to learn and grow as much as possible in the image of Your Son, Jesus, that our family might live in the light of Your love. Amen."

The family can conclude the back to school devotion by saying the "Lord's Prayer" together as a family.

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Pataskala United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Times
9 am Tradition Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
11 am Contemporary Worship Service

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Calendar of Events—LGP & Fun Family Activities

Aug 1	All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast @PUMC 7:30-9 to benefit LGP	Aug 23	Dime-A-Dog Night with Columbus Clippers
Aug 1	Orientation for LGP 2-3	Aug 30	1st Day of School for LGP PreK
Aug 4,5,6	Weathervane Playhouse—"Hairspray" 8pm	Aug 31	1st Day of School for LGP Preschoolers
Aug 4-14	"Ugly Ducking: A Hip Hop Dramety" Columbus Children's Theater	Sept 1	SWL Kindergarteners meet their teacher
Aug 13	Fusion Fest @ Wexner Center 5-7pm	Sept 5	1st day of SWL Kindergarten & LGP Kindergarten Enrichment
Aug 18-21	Pataskala Street Fair Come visit or help out at our fair booth	Sept 6	All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast @PUMC 7:30-9 to benefit LGP
Aug 18	1st Day of School for Licking Heights	Sept 8	Happy Labor Day! LGP will be closed.
Aug 21	10:30 Parade line up at Foundation Park Noon Parade	Sept 8	King's Club in PUMC Fellowship Hall 6-7:30
Aug 25	1st day of school for SWL (grades 1-12) & LGP Latchkey	Sept 14	Tentative Picture Day for LGP Preschool
Aug 25-27	Kindergarten Screening for SWL LGP Kindergarten Enrichment Students are invited to stay full day at LGP.	Sept 15	Tentative Picture Day for LGP PreK Class
		Sept 16-Oct 3	King's Club in PUMC Fellowship Hall 6-7:30
		Sept 22	"Click, Clack, Moo Cows that Type" Columbus Children's Theater
		Sept 29	King's Club in PUMC Fellowship Hall 6-7:30
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