

# LEAPING LEARNERS

CENTERVILLE BAPTIST PRE-SCHOOL 2 DAY 2'S

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It was so nice to see those of you who were able to make it out to Open House. I am so excited about this upcoming school year - it promises to be a wonderful year and I am sure we will all learn a great deal together as the year progresses. Please know that I am here for you and your children and if you should have any questions I want you to feel free to express them to me at anytime. I want to partner with you as we help our children to grow as Jesus did -- in "wisdom and stature" and in "favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52) A child's growth should be viewed as a process -- and oh what a wonderful process it is!

Spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, and social development are equally important. I will be providing activities for your children which will encourage a balanced program of early childhood education. Thank you for choosing Centerville Baptist Preschool and allowing us to be a part of that process.



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We will work on learning classroom rules such as: learning to use inside voices, using kind words, walking in line, taking turns, walking while inside, etc.

Our Theme Units for the first two weeks of school weeks will be I Am Growing and I Am Learning to Help. Through these themes our some of our objectives will be:

- \* Help each child to build a positive self-image
- \* Help the children to feel secure in their classroom
- \* Encourage them to do what they can for themselves but to extend help when needed
- \* Let the children know that they are special and that God made them
- \* Provide them activities that will give them a sense of accomplishment
- \* I can do some things by myself, but some things I need help with
- \* I can be happy at school
- \* I am growing
- \* I can help my family, teacher and friends
- \* Jesus grew
- \* Rachel was a girl who helped her family

Books: Some of the book we will have in our book center will be: My Hands Can, One Two Three, My Go to Bed Book, I Play in My Room, Mam's Right Here, At the Playground, Kindness, My Friends, What do I Say, Gone Fishing

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We will have several group activities, games, finger plays and songs too. We will build our preschool with blocks and play with stand up figures with the children's pictures on them in the "block preschool." If they can play with themselves in their preschool, they may be more comfortable being at school. We will also play a color game with a bean bag. This will help with color recognition. We will play a taking turns game where we play a song on the CD player and 1/2 the children will play along with instruments. Then we will play it again and the other 1/2 will get to play along with the instruments. We will also play a game where I will describe children and they will sit accordingly...i.e. I see some children who are wearing a blue shirt...if you are wearing a blue shirt sit here. I see children who have blonde hair...if you have blonde hair sit here. Then we will count the children sitting in each group. This is a game that we can practice sorting a counting with.



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Blocks Center: We will guide activities and conversations around theme by helping children to stack blocks the size of a baby doll and then the size of the children - showing them how they are growing. "Susie, you are growing taller, God made you to grow." We will also encourage them to help each other as they build towers and sort blocks by size and color. "Mark, I like how you are helping your friend to build his tower. God likes it when we help each other."

Art Center: We will work on fine motor skills by tearing colored construction paper and then proceed to learn how to glue it on another piece of paper. Oh what beautiful works of art they will create!! As they create their artwork we will talk about the different colors of paper they are using and the different and interesting shapes they are creating as they tear. "Is that piece big or little?" "Where will you glue that piece?" They will have a wonderful sense of accomplishment as they make this artwork all by themselves. They are big enough to decide all by themselves where each piece of paper should go. They can also help each other and be good friends as they compliment each other's artwork. We will also be painting with gadgets such as potato mashers, plastic forks, cookie cutters. These are all items that you can use to "help" at home. We will have conversations around helping at home as we work on this art project. As our Bible story during the second week is about Rachel helping at home, we will have a sheep craft during the second week to help them remember that Rachel helped take care of her families sheep. I am sure the children will enjoy this.

Home Living: We will have real baby clothes in the Home Living center and show the children how small these clothes are and how they can no longer fit in them because they are growing bigger. We will also have a yardstick and measure them and show them how much bigger they are than when they were babies. During the second week, we will have a small plastic doll and a small plastic bin with a very little bit of water and let the children "help" to bathe the baby. They are big enough to help at home. They will also set our table and help in various ways in our kitchen. We will talk about how they can help out at home because they are growing bigger. We will encourage them to help each other in the home living center by passing a cup or plate, etc.

Bible Stories: During the week of Sept 6 our Bible Story will be Jesus Grew based on Luke 2:4-7, 40, 52; 13:55-56. In short this story talks about how Jesus grew just like we are growing. He probably played with his brothers and sisters. Mary and Joseph helped him learn about God. He helped Joseph in his carpenter shop. Jesus grew bigger and bigger and when he grew up and became a man he helped many people and that made God happy. Mary and Joseph thanked God for helping Jesus grow big and strong.

During the second week our story is about Rachel and how she helped her family by taking care of the sheep. (Genesis 29:1-9) She knew that the sheep needed grass to eat so she took them to a grassy field to eat. Then she took them to a well and she got them water to drink. Rachel was big enough to help her family by taking care of the sheep.

Remember to check our class webpage often.

<http://www.centervillebaptistpreschool.com/Yolanda.html>