

# NEWS FROM THE PURPLE CLASS

"Your hands made me and fashioned me." Psalms 119:73

## Important Dates in September, 2011

Tuesday, September 13 – Lunch Bunch begins

Monday, September 19 – Curbside begins

Thursday, September 29 – Devotion Worship 9:05 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

## Welcome, Welcome

We are very excited about the school year we have planned for your child. Our first unit is **God Made Me Special**. Throughout this first unit we hope to help the children see just how special they are. We plan to do this partly through the use of stories, games, class discussion and pictures of them as a baby and today. During the first week we will ease the children into the routine of our school day and familiarize them with the classroom and what each area has to offer. To begin the year, our House Area is outfitted to be an ongoing birthday party with many of the trimmings. Birthdays always make children feel special. If you have any extra invitations we would gladly accept them for the Writing Center. Each of the four areas of the classroom offers a variety of toys and supplies that are open ended allowing the children to explore the potential of each choice. It is through this process that much learning takes place.

**Fine Motor** skill and dexterity is developed when they draw, paint, use scissors, work puzzles, use Legos, button dress-ups, etc.

**Problem Solving** is honed when building in the Block Area. "It fell over! How can I make it stay up?" Deciding how to share a toy is another example of using this skill.

**Language and Imagination** are sparked when trying on different roles in the House Area or sharing a task like building a garage for the cars.

**Pre-math Skills** are practiced over and over when patterning, counting, and comparing the size of various items in the classroom.

This is just a sampling of what the children will be learning while having a good time. At this age, play is an invaluable source of learning. Knowing this we do our best to have enriching offerings available to the children.

## Important Reminders

1. Please be sure to include a Ziploc bag with an entire change of clothing (shoes included). Accidents of many different kinds do occur and children feel much better if they can change into their own clothes.
2. When writing your child's name, please use the upper/lower case form, not just capitals.

### **Purple Class September Birthdays**

These are the dates we will be acknowledging birthdays with these friends.

Kylie Cross (9/08) – Friday, September 9  
Evan Berg (18) – Friday, September 16  
Kaylen Guillen (24) – Friday, September 23

### **Contact Us**

Don't forget, we encourage you to contact your child's teachers anytime you have a question or comment. Catching us after class is not always the best time, however. If you'd like to drop in on Monday afternoons, we are always in our rooms for staff time and would love to talk. Leaving a message with the office or e-mailing us would also work. If it is something that we should know at the beginning of class please write the information down and put it in your child's Parent Pouch. We check those, not the backpacks, each day as the children enter the classroom.

### **Our Prayer For September**

Dear God,  
Thank you for loving us.  
Help us to remember to share that love with others.  
Amen