



Early Childhood Connection

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Witty Words

Mind Over Matter

"It had been a long day with my 5-year-old son, a constant battle of wills, which left us drained. That night, after he said his prayers and I tucked him in, he gave me a big hug, paused a moment, then whispered, "Mommy, I love you more than I think I do!"

- Suasn W., Lisle, IL

Happy
Spring!

Troy Christian Early Childhood Education Center

Childcare Director: Debbie Camp

Preschool Director: Barbara Ruland

OUR MISSION: Troy Christian Schools exist to uphold God's truth as we assist parents in the education of their children's minds and the transformation of their hearts in a Christ-centered learning environment.

The heart of education is the education of the heart. Luke 6:45

Dear Parents,

Greetings, my name is Debbie Camp and I have been blessed with the responsibility of Childcare Director. I wanted to take just a minute of your time to introduce myself and my family to you.

My husband, Doug, works at Emerson Climate Technologies in Sidney, Ohio as a Director. He has been employed with Emerson for over 25 years. Our youngest daughter is an elementary student at TCE, and our "additional" daughter, an exchange student from Norway, attends school at TCHS. We also have a son who lives in North Carolina. We have a very huggable Bernese Mountain Dog, named Max; we live in Troy and attend services at Grace Baptist Church in Troy.

Our first introduction to TCS occurred while we were living overseas in Hong Kong. A friend of ours had told us of a great school in Troy that we "just had to send our daughter to!" Upon our return to the US, we immediately visited Troy Christian, where we met a wonderful woman by the name of Leona Robinette.

Leona rapidly embraced Lauren into the program, where she bloomed under the guidance of her ECEC teachers. This connection led me to wanting to be part of the ministry at TCS, so I applied for a position as a substitute teacher.

Subsequent to my employment as a substitute teacher, I had the privilege of working in the Elementary school as a

first-grade teacher's assistant. With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, Leona and Barb Ruland hired me to be their assistant, and that brings us to where we are today.

A little background information...I hold a degree in Secondary Education and I am currently completing another degree in Christian Studies with a minor in Youth Ministry at Grand Canyon University. I am the Awana Sparky Director at Grace, and I am also my daughter's Brownie Troop Leader. I have held these roles for the past three years. In my spare time, I work with international students, placing them in American homes and monitoring their progress over the academic year.

While I have had the pleasure of coming to know many of you over the past few years, there are a few families that I have yet to meet. To that end, should you have the time, I encourage you to stop by my office and introduce yourself, so that we may become better acquainted.

Thank you for the warm reception and for your thoughtful words of encouragement. I treasure each one of you and your children as well, and it is my desire to be of service to you.

In His Service,

Debbie Camp

Childcare Director

Parenting in Love

We've just passed through the month of Valentine love, but we can never be reminded too often how important LOVE is! As parents, we are faced with the awesome responsibility of molding our children into spiritually dynamic, well-adjusted adults that will bring joy to God's heart and to ours. How are we going to do it? Books are filled with the "how to's," but one thing stands above all else. It represents what may be our children's greatest need, and one that parents can fulfill better than anyone else. Children need to be loved un-

conditionally by their parents. That's the way God deals with us. "For the Father himself loves you dearly..." John 16:27. His love, like our love, is to be a tender, merciful and compassionate love. You may be asking, "Why should I be reminded of that? Isn't it natural for parents to love their children?" But it is also true that they can be exasperating and irritating. That's when we yield our wills to Christ and let his Spirit express his love through us. The natural product of that Spirit-filled life will be God's kind of love. Then we will be able to

communicate our love to our children even when they are "acting like children." And then they will be able to relax in our love and get down to the business of growing up instead of expending their energies trying to get our attention or establish their importance by one unacceptable means after another. The result- we will begin to experience the joy God intends us to have in our children.

Thoughts taken from the book, How to Raise Confident Children by Richard L. Stauss

Preschool Conferences

Conferences are a very important time of communication with your child's teacher. If you felt rushed in the 15 minute time period and would like to further conference with the teacher, please ask to have another meeting time. If you have any concerns, please call me at 339.5692, x108.

Barbara Ruland

Preschool Director

Early Childhood Registration for 2010-11 School Year

Troy Christian's Early Childhood Program began open registration for the 2010-2011 school year on Friday, January 22. To download a registration packet go to our website > 2010-2011 Registration and Re-Enrollment > Childcare or Preschool, or you can pick up a packet in the Elementary Office.

Scrip Information

Due to Spring break schedules, there will be an interruption of the Scrip schedule as follows:

- No Scrip March 29 (TCS Spring break)
- No Scrip April 6 (Scrip Spring break)

If you plan to use Scrip cards for your Spring Break trip, place your orders the next two Mondays (March 15 and 22) to make sure you are stocked up. This is a great time to save tuition dollars!

Also, Meijer gift cards are now available! You can order Meijer cards in \$25 and \$100 denominations. Download a current order form from the TCS website by going to News and Events > Scrip > Order Form, or pick up a current order form in the TCS office.

Important Note: The monthly Early Childhood News does not take the place of the TCS bi-monthly Parent Page. Please continue to read the Parent Page for changes in school schedules, news from our nurse, etc. Thank you!