

The Potter's House

Child Development Center

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From the director

Fall is here! The season's familiar chill is in the air, and the scent of burning leaves and nature's easing into cooler weather stirs so many memories. We tend to think of pumpkins and hayrides, of bonfires and roasted marshmallows, of raking leaves and jumping into the piles.

Center Events:

Harvest Parties will be held on 2 different days: Monday, 10/30 for Ms. Pam's, Ms. Cassie's MWF friends at 11:45. T/TH classes will be held on 10.31 at 11:45. All full time classes will celebrate on Tuesday 10/31 at 9:00! Sign up sheets for party food/supplies will be posted later in the month.

*Our half day preschool program will participate in a **field trip to Barn 'n' Bunk this month! Details and permission slips will go home soon! Field trip is rain or shine. WE ARE IN NEED OF 2 pair of MEN'S JEAN PANTS (L/XL) AND 2 PLAID LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS (L/XL) FOR THIS FIELD TRIP. DONATIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO THE OFFICE. Our students will create a couple of scarecrows with these items!**

*Our full day program families will meet at Barn N Bunk on October 14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. More info to come as the time draws near. Hope to see you there!

Night comes sooner, an extra blanket is appreciated, and snuggling with the family is the thing to do. Suddenly a thick, rich chili or a homemade soup sounds scrumptious! Whatever your thought about autumn, we pray you enjoy the season with your family. Make some memories, take some pictures, live in the moment!

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Harvest Parties...

Your child can "dress up" for the party day, but please, nothing scary or age inappropriate. This year there will be a ban on clowns as well. You can sign up to participate with yummy contributions on posters as the time draws near.



Bible Theme

This month's theme is: **The Life of Moses**

- 9/25 God Products Baby Moses (Ex 2:1-10)
- 10/2 God Sends Frogs (Ex 8:1-13)
- 10/9 God Leads Moses (Ex 12-15:1)
- 10/16 God Provides Food (Ex 16:1-26)
- 10/23 God Gives the 10 Commands (Ex 19/20)

Memory Verse:

"My help comes from the Lord."

Psalm 121:2

Home Extension

God the Creator—The psalmist asks, "When I observe Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You set in place, what is man that You remember him, the son of man that You look after him?" We can show children the Truth in the Scriptures and assure them that the God who made space with all of its vastness cares for the tiniest of His creatures, and especially them.

God the Protector—Jesus said, "Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent." (Matthew 10:29). We can teach children that God is in control. Even amidst uncertainty, tragedy, and pain, God is there.

God the Savior—Paul writes, "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:8-10) God's message is one of hope and redemption!

This Month's Focus...Problem Solving is a Skill!

What an exciting time we are experiencing here as we begin a new school year. During each newsletter, we will focus on some of the key aspects of our curriculum and learning activities here at the center. This month's topic revolves around the important skill of problem solving. It is a fact of life that people are faced with daily situations that require the ability to think of solutions to dilemmas. An adult may face the problem of how to afford an unexpected car repair, while an infant may face the problem of how to retrieve a toy from inside a container. The complexity of these two examples may differ a great deal, but the cognitive processes involved for both are dependent on the ability of the brain to figure out a solution.

The ability to problem solve is a vital life skill, and we invite you to partner with our staff as we provide many opportunities for children to do so. When we exercise our muscles, we build strength and agility. In much the same way, we exercise our brain when we engage in deep thinking to solve problems. Neural connections occur that build the cognitive abilities!

Many nurturing parents want to do everything in their power to protect and provide for their children. Hooray, we support that! However, we also want to encourage you to recognize opportunities to allow your child to participate in problem solving and independence. For example, not too long ago, a 2 ½ year old child was sitting at the snack table, and his napkin dropped to the floor. "Teacher, my napkin fell." The teacher could have easily rushed to his side to pick it up for him, and it was obvious that he may have been expecting her to do just that. Instead, she asked, "What can we do about that?" For a brief moment, he looked a bit startled, but after thinking, he reached down and picked up his napkin. "What do we do with snack things that fall on the floor," she asked him. He stopped to think, then stood up, and threw his napkin away by himself. I noted as I watched him that he had a small smile on his face and his teacher remarked, "I see you solved your own problem."

In order to be successful in school and life, your child will need to use the skills of problem solving every day. Look for opportunities that will extend your child's knowledge and thinking during your conversations.

*Have clearly defined boundaries and be consistent in implementing them. This will allow the child the freedom to understand where he can explore and be creative.

*Use words to guide him, and model how to do it, but allow him to struggle a bit while trying to put on his own shoes or don a pair of gloves. Let him know you believe he can do it! Provide assistance, only as needed.

*Ask thoughtful, open ended questions, as opposed to questions that demand one correct answer.

*Ask how she thinks a character in the story felt when something dramatic occurred. When she presents a dilemma, ask her how she thinks we can fix that.

*If he is upset about a disagreement with a friend, ask him what he thinks should be his next steps. Help your child to understand his own emotions, and the emotions of others, and to respect them.

*Provide guidance by asking leading questions, so that she can 'discover' her own solutions, try them out, and see if they work.

*Help your child break a problem into small chunks.

*Allow children to make mistakes and learn from them.

Learning how to think and make connections prepares your child to be independent, creative, and divergent in his thinking processes. As we work together to develop problem solving skills, we are preparing your child for success in school and life.

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Happenings in the House

*You are cordially invited to join Princeton Pike Church of God for all the many worship and outreach opportunities made available!

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am (children's programs available)

Wednesday Nights 7:00 pm (children's programs available)
"Soul Salvation" sermon series for the month of October.

*Marriage Conference, Saturday October 14, 9:00-12:00. Register by October 3, \$20.00 per couple. For married and engaged couples. Lunch included!

*Water Baptism October 22, 10:30 a.m. Call to register! 513-867-1995

*Harvest Party at Princeton Pike! Theme: "Heroes" Fun maze, harvest games, costume parade, food and more. Saturday, October 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Games, fun, and fellowship for the whole family!



10/10 final day to turn in fundraiser forms/money from cookie dough fundraiser

10/14 Full Time Program Barn N' Bunk outing 1:00-3:00pm for fun/fellowship

10/19 & 10/20 Half Day Program field trip to Barn N' Bunk during class time

10/30 T/R and M-R Half Day Harvest Parties

10/31 MWF & Full Time Harvest Parties



11/4 Scholastic Book Fair kick off - Family Engagement Event (Saturday)

11/6-10 Scholastic Book Fair Room 214

11/16 Thanksgiving meal FULL TIME

11/20 Thanksgiving meal PART TIME
***MWF half day classes**

11/21 Thanksgiving meal Half Day
***all other half day classes**

11/22 Half Day preschool program CLOSED

11/23-24 All of PH Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday