

# Building Blocks



**A Newsletter for Triple C Nursery School**

**February, 2018**

## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

Hello, Parents.

Welcome to February! We are one month closer to warmer temperatures. Yay!!

I usually like to try to find something about love for this month since it is the month of February. This time I am going to share with you some quotes and wisdom from Mother Teresa. She sacrificed and lived her life showing those around her love and compassion.

Here are a few quotes from her to show us a great picture of what it looks like to love, just as God first loved us.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Just think about what your day would look like if you remember that love can be an action word. I'm including the following about life because how you view your life affects how you view and treat others.

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it."

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." This one is my favorite quote from Mother Teresa because it is so easy but can make a difference in someone's life.

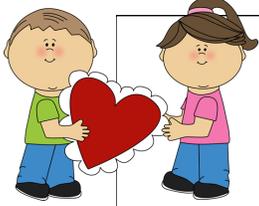
I hope this month of love and these quotes from Mother Teresa will spark something in you to spread God's love to others. Sometimes that might mean sacrificing your time and/or money, but I know it will be a blessing to someone who may need it at the right moment you choose to show you care.

Please share with me your favorite quote from Mother Teresa or someone else that affected you and made you think differently. You can catch me in the office, hallway, or [EMAIL](#) me anytime!

Have a Happy Valentine's Day with your precious little ones!

Mary Shaibley  
Director





**Valentines at Triple C:** Each class at Triple C will be having a small Valentine's Day party in their classroom. Each student will be given the opportunity to exchange Valentine's with his/her classmate. Please refer to your child's *Class News* for specifics regarding dates and other helpful information.

**Calendar Updates:** Triple C will be **CLOSED** on Friday, February 16 for a Teacher In-Service Day and on Monday, February 19 in observance of the President's Day Holiday. IF any snow days must be made up and changes in the calendar become necessary, you will be informed through email.

**Registrations:** We are now taking registrations for 2018-2019! **If you are planning on having your child return next year, you MUST complete a registration form in order to secure his/her enrollment. Your child is NOT automatically re-enrolled for next year with out the completion of the necessary paperwork.** Please stop by the office with any questions.



**Snack Day:** If your child is absent on the day he/she is assigned to have snack, we ask that you send in a non-perishable snack (bag of pretzels, box of graham crackers, etc.) when he/she returns to school. These items will be kept and used the next time another child is sick on snack day. If your child misses their birthday snack, please contact the classroom teacher to schedule another day. If each parent will do this, we will be sure to have snacks on hand when a child is absent on snack day. Thank you very much!

**Parking:** Parents, please do not park by the curb when dropping off or picking up your child. This is a fire lane and needs to be open at all times. Please park in the designated spaces. In addition, we would ask that the spots designated as "handicapped" be reserved for those individuals who truly need to utilize such a space. Please DO NOT leave any siblings unattended in the car at any time. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**3-AM Profiles:** The 3-AM teachers are hard at work preparing "profiles" for each child. These profiles, which will give you a picture of your child's current progress, will be distributed to parents in mid-February. Optional conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 28. Signups will be posted outside your child's classroom.

**Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?:** We will be having a Kindergarten Readiness program on Wednesday, March 7 (Snow Date: March 14), at 9:30am. Information and resources will be shared that will help you determine if your child is ready for kindergarten. Plan to attend this informative session led by Mrs. Shaibley. Childcare will be provided for siblings in the nursery. Watch your email for more information!



**Keeping Informed:** We strive to keep Triple C families informed about what is happening here at our school using a variety of means. Please keep an eye out for postings outside your child's classroom door and any handouts that might be distributed by your child's teacher. Our Building Blocks and Class News newsletters, along with other helpful information, will continue to be emailed to you each month but can also be found on our website [www.triplecnursery.org](http://www.triplecnursery.org). Please make sure to keep us up to date on any changes to your email or phone contact information. "Friend" us on Facebook as another way to stay informed of school closings and special events. We have also added a texting tool as another means of communication. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office, call us at 215-536-7280 or send us an email at [triplec@eastswamp.org](mailto:triplec@eastswamp.org).



**Safety for Your Child:** The safety of each Triple C child is of utmost importance to us. As such, we would ask that as you escort your child to and from school, you take the following steps:

- In the parking lot, please keep your children close and under constant supervision. There is a constant traffic flow at drop-off and pick-up times. If possible, holding your child's hand is the best way to protect your child.
- The teachers have worked with your child since the beginning of the school year to teach them to use their "walking feet" and "inside voices" once inside the building. We ask you to help us in this regard. Having these skills is wonderful preparation for their elementary school years. Again, we ask that your child be supervised at all times.



**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!**

### Learning at Home

Your home is your children's first learning environment. Develop their skills by using play, every-day items and daily household tasks.

- In the kitchen...children who help prepare dinner learn how to combine foods to make a final product, a science skill.
- In the bedroom...children who talk about their day before going to sleep build memory skills. Reading a book with your child is a wonderful addition to the bedtime routine.
- In the living room...children who talk with adults are learning vocabulary and other language skills.
- In the bathroom...children who practice pouring in the bathtub develop small muscles for writing.
- When doing laundry...children who count buttons or sort clothes by size, color or type are learning important math skills.
- In the hallway...children who count the steps as they walk upstairs are developing another important math skill.
- Outside...children who run, jump, and climb are building their large muscles for coordination.

