

Building Blocks

A Newsletter of Triple C Nursery School

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A Note from Mrs. Shaibley.....

Hello, Parents.

Welcome to the Triple C's 46th year. We are so excited to spend the school year with you. The teachers have been working hard to get the classrooms ready for your precious little ones. I hope you enjoyed your summer activities and the few dry days that we have had and are ready to join our family. We are looking forward to hearing all about your summer adventures!



Here are a few housekeeping items that might help you plan for the school year. On the first day, please kiss your little one at the classroom door and go enjoy some freedom without a child. It will be best for everyone if you do not linger. We will have extra hands and will make sure that your child is enjoying their morning.

You will receive a newsletter once a month by email to the main email address that was included in your paperwork. If you do not participate in an email system, we have hard copies available, **BUT** you need to request one from our office. Also, if you would like to add anyone who would benefit from the monthly newsletter such as a grandparent or babysitter, you can stop in the office or email the addresses to triplec@eastswamp.org.

East Swamp Church will be celebrating Triple C this year with a special church service and festival on **Sunday October 28** so please mark your calendars and come enjoy the day with us. More details will be coming later this month.

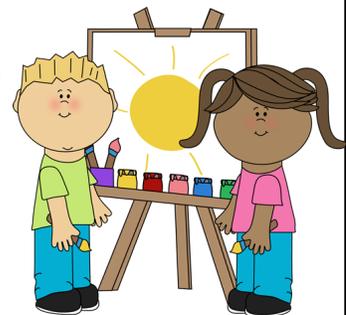
For your convenience, here is a list of our teachers:

- ◆ On My Own T/TH & W/F (2 year-olds) – Mrs. Lambing & Mrs. Rotenberger
- ◆ 2AM (3 year-olds) - Mrs. Bickel & Mrs. DiRenzo, Mrs. Landes & Mrs. Schaffer, and Mrs. Krochmal & Mrs. Derr
- ◆ 3AM (4 year-olds) – Mrs. Bickel & Mrs. DiRenzo, Mrs. Landes & Mrs. Schaffer, and Mrs. Krochmal & Mrs. Derr
- ◆ PreK (5 year-olds) – Mrs. Rice & Mrs. Carl

I want to thank you for choosing Triple C Nursery School. My hope and prayer will be that you will feel loved by everyone here. If there is anything that I can help you with, please do not hesitate to find me in the hallway or in the Triple C office. We try our best but if there is a problem, I can not fix it unless I am made aware.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,
Mary Shaibley, Director



A Day at Nursery School

Each day your child will participate in the following activities:

GROUP TIME:

Opening

Welcome song
Prayer
Pledge to Flag
Calendar/Weather
Helper Chart
Plan for day's activities
Introduce new toys

Circle Time

Finger plays
Songs
Musical Activities
Nursery Rhymes
Group games
Show and Tell
Classroom visitors

Group/Skills Time

Art projects
Quiet Reading
Skill Building Activities

Bible Time

Story books Pictures
Drama Bible verse
Puppets Videos
Flannel

Gym

Free play/play equipment
Planned activities to
develop large motor skills

Snack

Locate place at table
Manners
Set up and clean up

FREE CHOICE IN LEARNING CENTERS:

When the children “play” in the different learning centers in the classroom they are learning many things—from social skills to coordination to problem solving. They are also being creative and using their imaginations. Play is a form of learning!



PARENT HELPERS

Starting in October or November, parents will be invited to help out in the classroom during free choice time and for special projects.

PLEASE NOTE: All parent helpers must submit current background clearances to the office prior to volunteering. Please see the office staff with any questions.



Please watch for sign-up sheets on your teacher's bulletin board. One parent is invited daily, unless otherwise noted. If you work or carpool and cannot get into school, please call our office and we will sign up for you on the date of your choice.

Triple C Communications!

Triple C strives to keep the lines of communications open between school and family. In order to do so, our main form of communication will be EMAIL. However, we have also started using the REMIND APP which allows us to text our families to keep everyone informed of cancellations, special events, and emergencies. We also have a Facebook page for you, the parent, to connect with other parents of Triple C. Make sure to “like” us and watch our page for pictures and videos of what is happening here during the school day!



ADJUSTING TO SCHOOL

We will have teacher helpers on hand the first days of school to offer some extra TLC to those children who are having trouble with separation.

This can be a difficult time for both parents and children and we want to be sensitive to that. We ask, however, that you cooperate with the staff and follow their instructions. The teachers have a great deal of experience and loving patience and most children respond very quickly if we all work together.

Please do not linger at the door or come into the classroom—this only prolongs the separation process and upsets the other children.

Mrs. Shaibley or Mrs. Kineen will be happy to check on your child if you want to wait elsewhere in the building. You may also call in if you are concerned and we will keep you posted. Thank you for your cooperation!

"I HAVE A QUESTION!"

"What if my child cries?"

"How is my child doing in class?"

"How do you handle snack for children with allergies?"

"When is show and tell? Can I bring my dog?"



Please be assured that all of your questions and concerns are legitimate—we want you to ask and we hope for an opportunity to answer. We welcome that chance to talk to you, so please stop by the office or call 215-536-7280. You can also email us at triplec@eastswamp.org anytime and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You may reach the head teachers via email, as well.

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LET'S GET OUR DAY STARTED!



Teachers are ready to begin their classes by 9:15am. We kindly ask that you have your children in the classroom at 9:15am (9:30am for OMO) so that we can get the day started. Late arrivals disrupt the opening activities the teachers have planned and affect the focus of the children. If you do arrive late, please knock on the classroom door for a teacher to let your child join class. Remember, once class has begun the classroom doors are locked for safety. Thank you for your help!

A Word About Birthdays. . .

We celebrate birthdays at Triple C during snack time and every child will have a turn. Summer birthdays are usually celebrated in May, although a few August birthdays may be scheduled early in September.

When it is your child's turn to bring in birthday snack, please keep it simple. You can make the snack something special like brownies, homemade cookies, but please do not send in treat bags for the children. If you are bringing cupcakes for a birthday snack, we ask that you bring mini-muffin size for the treat. Regular size tend to be very messy, and the majority of them are not eaten. Triple C provides a favor for the birthday child.

If you are planning a party at home and will be inviting children from school, please do not distribute the invitations at school unless all of the children in the class are included.



Let Us Introduce Our Staff. . .

MIRANDA BICKEL-Head Teacher

Mrs. Bickel, a Triple C alumni, will be teaching a 2AM class and a 3AM Class once again. She has a B.S. degree in Elementary/Early Childhood Education from Shippensburg University. Mrs. Bickel attends Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church and resides in Allentown with her husband and their two children.

KIM CARL - Assistant Teacher

Mrs. Carl served as a substitute teacher at Triple C and childcare worker at East Swamp Church for several years. In 2003, she was hired as a long term substitute at Triple C. She assisted with our Parent/Tot and On My Own programs for three years. She spent the next 11 years assisting in our 3-AM program and 7 years in our 2-AM program. This year, she will continue assisting Mrs., Rice in our PreK program. Mrs. Carl's family is active at Moravian Church of Coopersburg. She teaches horseback riding at Flint Hill Farms in her spare time.

JESSICA DERR - Assistant Teacher

Mrs. Derr is returning for her 3rd year here at Triple C. She has been a part of our East Swamp Church family for many years and sings on our Praise team. Mrs. Derr comes to Triple C with over 10 years of previous daycare experience and has taken numerous classes in Early Education. Here at Triple C, she will serve along with Mrs. Krochmal for our 2AM and 3AM classes. Mrs. Derr and her husband, Steve, live in Pennsburg with their two children.

JOANNA DIRENZO - Assistant Teacher

Mrs. DiRenzo returns for her third year as an Assistant Teacher, serving along with Mrs. Bickel in our 2AM and 3AM program. Mrs. DiRenzo completed her Bachelor's of Science in Bible and Youth and Family Ministry. She and her new husband, Frank, East Swamp's Student Ministry Director, serve the youth of our church and community together.

SABINA KINEEN - Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Kineen began working for Triple C Nursery School as a substitute and then as a Head Teacher for one of our On My Own classes in January of 2011. Mrs. Kineen then took on the role of Administrative Assistant in March of 2011. She has a B.S. from Radford University in Virginia. She and her husband, Marty, and family live in Quakertown and are active members of East Swamp Church. Two of their three children are proud Triple C graduates.



BARBARA KROCHMAL - Head Teacher

Mrs. Krochmal was a Triple C mom who began serving as a substitute teacher and joined our staff 20 years ago. Barb holds an Associates Degree from Bucks County Community College, has her Paralegal certificate from Penn State University, and earned her Early Education Teacher Certificate from the Association of Christian Schools International. She serves as a Head Teacher for our 2AM, 3AM and Lunchtime Adventures programs. She and her husband live in Quakertown and have two grown children. The family attends Calvary Church of Souderton.

MELANIE LAMBING—Head Teacher

We welcome back Mrs. Lambing to our Triple C family for her second year! She will be serving as Head Teacher in both of our On My Own classes. Mrs. Lambing has a Bachelor's in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Kutztown University and over 5 years of childcare experience. Mrs. Lambing and her husband are active members of East Swamp Church and live in Quakertown with their three young children.

BRIGITTE LANDES - Head Teacher

Mrs. Landes taught at Triple C before taking some time off to start a family. Nine years ago, she graciously accepted our invitation to come back on board to teach. She now teaches both 2AM and 3AM classes. Mrs. Landes earned an Associate of Arts degree from Bucks County Community College in early childhood education. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children who are Triple C graduates. Mrs. Landes is part of our praise team at East Swamp and loves to sing.

AMANDA ROTENBERGER—Assistant Teacher

Mrs. Rotenberger joined our family a few years ago and is returning as an Assistant Teacher in the On My Own classes. Mrs. Rotenberger has over 15 years of childcare and has been very involved with the Children's Ministry team here at East Swamp Church. She currently leads the Jr. Praise Team consisting of K-5th Graders with Mrs. Schaffer. Mrs. Rotenberger and her husband live in Quakertown with their two children.

CANDY RICE-Head Teacher

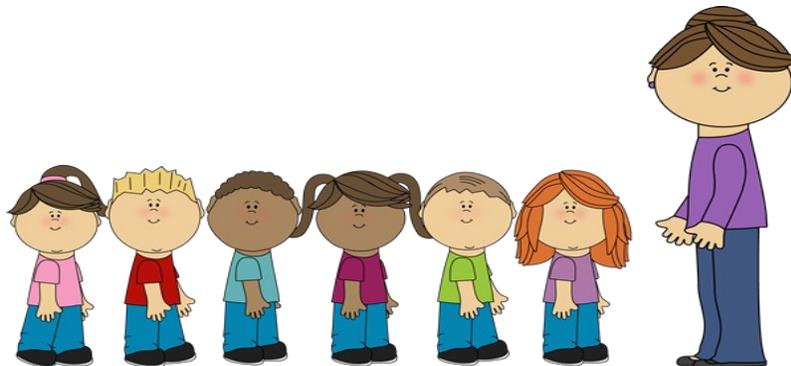
This is Mrs. Rice's 9th year teaching at Triple C, but she is certainly not a stranger to our program. Her children attended here and she is a Triple C alumni. She has a BA degree in Elementary Education from Messiah College and a Master's degree from Kutztown University. Mrs. Rice is an active member of East Swamp Church. Candy also served as a Triple C Board Member prior to coming onboard as an assistant teacher. This year, Candy will continue as Head Teacher for our PreK class. Mrs. Rice lives in Zionsville with her husband and five children.

BECKY SCHAFFER - Assistant Teacher

This is Mrs. Schaffer's third year teaching with us. She will be working alongside Mrs. Landes in our 3AM and 2AM programs. Mrs. Schaffer is a graduate of Upper Perkiomen High School and has lived in the area her whole life. She and her husband, Robert, have three beautiful daughters, one of which lives with ADHD and Sensory Processing Disorder. Mrs. Schaffer is very active here at East Swamp where she now leads the Jr. Praise Team along with Mrs. Rotenberger on Wednesday evenings.

MARY SHAIBLEY - Director

This is Mrs. Shaibley's 14th year at Triple C. Prior to being on staff, she served as Chair of the Triple C Board. An active member of East Swamp Church, Mrs. Shaibley has served in childcare, clubs, VBS, Sunday School and as a Triple C substitute teacher. Mrs. Shaibley has a B.A. in Elementary Education from Cedar Crest College and ran a family day care business in her homes in Kansas and Bath, PA. She lives in Coopersburg with her husband. Her two children, both Triple C graduates, are currently attending Liberty University in Virginia.



Why No Peanuts/Tree Nuts at Triple C?

Allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nut products are a serious health concern. People who are highly allergic are at risk for anaphylactic shock which is a medical emergency. Some people are so sensitive that even the smell of peanuts or second-hand contact with someone who has eaten a peanut product can produce a reaction. If your child is one of these individuals, please notify the Director immediately.



For health and safety reasons please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter or food items with peanuts or nuts as ingredients to school for snack or Lunchtime Adventures. We also ask that snacks be sent in their original packaging so that we may check the ingredients if necessary. **Items manufactured in a plant which processes peanuts or tree nuts or peanut or tree nut products will be permitted to be served to our students.** Therefore, if your child cannot tolerate foods manufactured in such a facility, please see your child's teacher immediately. If your child has a food allergy, we strongly recommend that you provide snacks for him/her.

A Child's Ten Commandments to Parents

By: Dr. Kevin Leman

1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture, or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as you have; please let me explore safely: don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm only little for a short time-please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs; don't nag me all day long. (You wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness.) Treat me as you would want to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement, but not your praise, to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.
7. Please give me freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.
8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts didn't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't try to compare me with my brother or sister.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from their parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very important.
10. Please take me to Sunday school and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.