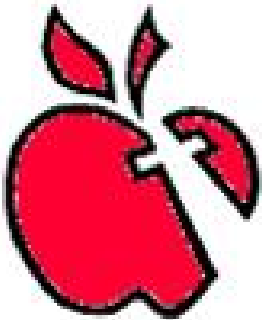


# TPC SCHOOL TABLETS

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Our last day of school is Friday, June 6.

We will dismiss at Noon on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5. If your child's end of the year program is on Tuesday, June 3, Thursday, June 5, or Friday, June 6, we will dismiss following the program.

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## *Debbie's Dialog:*

Your teacher has told you that your child is an observer:

Some children watch from the sidelines. If you are a parent of such a child you may worry that the child is not engaged in play or classroom activities. That is probably not the case.

Young children observe other children for many reasons. The observant child may just be temperamentally more cautious, or it is a developmental stage for him.

I believe that we must first work on our own adult attitudes and expectations. Our thoughts carry judgments and assumptions. We

see a child on the sidelines and tend to assume that this is a negative thing.

So you worry about how to engage your child in activities or small group participation, and then worry that your child will not have any friends throughout his life. Stop worrying, and stand beside your child, and become a neutral, and supportive presence.

Let's look at the child's perspective. Step back and look at what is happening near the child. What are the other children doing/using? Give your child the words and vocabulary for what you are both observing.

Often our direct adult approaches to the child who

is observing or who plays quietly near busy classroom activity merely results in the observer withdrawing or dissolving into tears. It can be seen as aggressive to a child; therefore, an indirect approach is less threatening.

Bottom line, accept your child for who he is. A special gift to you from God and no matter if he is too chatty or too quiet, he's yours and however his personality is, he should be accepted!!!

We have 74 VPK/KRP's that we will say goodbye to in a few weeks. Thank you for giving them to us for their preschool years, it has been a true honor to know you all.

# Announcements

Thank you to all whom attended Chik-Fil-A Spirit Night! It was so nice to see so many families enjoying each other's company!

Tom Marshall Photos must be returned or payment received by May 8. Please remember that all re-orders must be in by that date also. Sibling photos or retakes are on Saturday, May 10.

TPS children will be singing in church on Sunday, May 4, at 11am. Please bring your child to Fellowship Hall at 10:50-55am where our staff will greet you. We will take care of the children while you are in church, and bring

them in to sing during the Offertory.

TPC's VBS is the week of June 23-27, 9am-12Noon. This year's theme is Around the World in 5 Days: Living as Forgiven Children of God. Registration will take place May 6-8 at a sign-up table located in the breezeway. All children who have completed our 3's, 4's, and KRP are invited to sign-up. Moms, if you have a younger child he/she may attend IF you volunteer.

Mother's Day Teas will be held the week of May 5 (details from your teacher.) All teas will take place in classrooms, and we invite all of our moms to attend Chapel with us at

all moms to attend Chapel at 10am.

End of the Year Picnics are planned, and ready to go! Thank you to Tricia Carpenter for putting together the 4's picnic, and Mary Ryan, for putting together the 3's picnic. Everyone should look forward to these. They should be a lot of fun!

There is no school on Monday, May 26.

## End of the Year Programs

M/T 2's, M/T 3's, M/T/W 3's – Tuesday, June 3, at 9:30am.

All VPK, and KRP—Thursday, June 5, at 9:30am.

Th/F 2's, W/T/F 3's, and Th/F 3's—Friday, June 6, at 9:30am.

All programs will take place in the Church Sanctuary. Please remember.....no flash photography!

At this point in the year, we begin to realize that the school year will be ending very soon! A day will not go by between now and then that I, or another staff member will either say that we are not ready to say goodbye to it, or we will recall something memorable about a family...Thank you on behalf of our entire staff for a successful, fun-filled, and loving school year! We are humbled by your trust in us, and blessed to serve your family.

## 08-09 School Year

You can expect to hear from me regarding our Open House, first day of school, etc. in mid-to-late July.

You can expect to hear from your teacher in July or early August to schedule your home visit. Our 2's and 3's are filled, our VPK has

3 openings. If you hear of anyone needing a VPK spot, please send them our way; we may be able to accommodate them.

Bible Verse for May:

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."; Isaiah 66:13.

May-Christian Focus

Mommies of the Bible, Zaccheus, Pentecost, God Loves Our Country

## Thank You

Thank you to Kim Wells for coordinating Hot Lunch when she doesn't have a 4-year-old this year!!! We also appreciate all of our Hot Lunch volunteers!

Thank you to Brenda Weis for coordinating Staff Appreciation Week. ....what a nice week it is!

Thanks also the King Family for donating a week at the beach. With this donation the 4's will enjoy many extras at their picnic.

## Spiritual Food for the Soul:

Daily we journey in life with changes and with every human change always remember God remains the same. So look to God when we experience change in our lives. God's love for each individual is a unique love for each one of us.

## Classroom/Staff News

Our staff will enjoy a few weeks off and then it will be back to clean , and polish our school for next year. If you would like to join us in this huge undertaking that we do each year, please let me know. I will call you and let you know the dates, etc.

## Parenting Tip (Discipline Tool Box)

Peaceful Phone Conversations - the phone!

It is possible for you to have a peaceful phone conversation without interruptions.

Here's a suggestion.....create a Phone Toy Box that your child can only play with while you are on the phone.

Have the box handy so that before you make a call you can tell your child to play quietly with his special phone toys because you will be talking on the phone. Remind him that when you put your finger to your mouth, he's not to interrupt and he's to go and play quietly until you are off

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