



Mission Statement

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit Discovery Day School is a unique part of God's family, encompassing many types and ages of children. We seek to create an affordable family environment in which to learn what it means to be God's children. We will encourage all children to love God and love learning.

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Church Worship Hours

8:00am & 10:00am
Sundays
Christmas Eve 5:00pm

Help Your Preschooler Gain Self-Control



When asked about school readiness skills, many teachers say children who succeed in kindergarten know when and how to control their impulses. They can follow through when a task is difficult and listen to directions for a few minutes. These skills are linked to self-control. Children can develop them at preschool and at home. Here are a few ways to help children learn self-control.

Change the rules of a game to make it an opposite game.

For example, instead of playing the familiar version of Simon Says, play Simon Doesn't Say. Explain the new rule in words and actions: "Do the opposite of what Simon asks you to do. If Simon Says 'Touch your head,' you should touch your toes." Be sure to demonstrate how this works. Keep directions simple. Take turns being Simon.

Finish what you are doing, then respond to requests for attention.

For example, if you are on the phone and your child asks for something (and it's not an emergency), let her know you need to take time to complete your conversation. This is a good way to let your child practice waiting for a short time.

Do activities together that require following directions.

For example, put together a model, play follow the leader, or cook or bake: "I'm going to read the recipe aloud. Listen carefully so we will both know what to do. I'll read them again as we do each step."

Help children understand how long they will have to wait for something and suggest activities to do while they wait.

Say to your child, "Grammy and Grampy are coming over before dinner. Would you like to draw some pictures to give them?" or "As soon as I put your sister to bed, I will read you some stories. You can choose three books for us to read together."

Work with your child to complete a puzzle that has a few more pieces than he or she is used to.

Set up the puzzle in a place where you can work on it for several days, if needed. Celebrate together when one of you puts the last piece in place.

Plant some easy-to-grow marigold seeds in a pot or in a garden.

Check together every day until the plants pop up. Over time, watch the plant grow leaves and flowers.

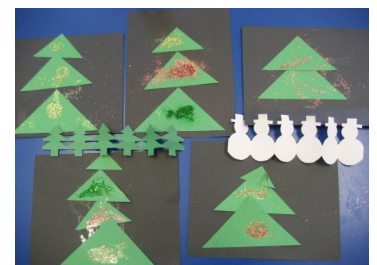
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Fashion buddies



Following directions to draw a Christmas Tree



Blooms artwork

Staff Spotlight

Jenny Lee
2year Buds teacher

I am so excited to be at Discovery Day School. I love working with the incredible Two Year Class. My goal is to provide the children with a variety of fun learning experiences so they can continue to grow and develop. I want this to be a safe and exciting introduction into school.

I've lived in Dripping Springs with my incredible husband for over 10 years. We met in Austin when I had just graduated from UT with a Bachelor of Journalism. I have three wonderful, active children that attend school in our community and are very active in sports and church. I am very involved in my children's school serving on various committees, the PTA, and as an active volunteer in the classroom. DDS is a great pre-school and I'm so excited to be a part of this nurturing staff!

Parents, have a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoy your family. Please remember to also read lots to your tots. It's been said that "Reading to young children is proven to be the single most important thing a parent can do to ensure their child's success in school."

Not only does it improve a child's language development, but it also brings you closer to your child. Even if they want to hear the same story, over and over, this is a good thing. Many children first learn to read through memorization. They start to recognize words in the story. So remember the positives of repetition and rhyme through reading and singing! Watch as your child begins to participate with you. These are the awareness of sounds and the beginning of literacy. Jenny Lee



DECEMBER TOPICS

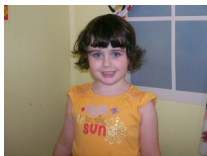
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Themes: Christmas Nativity and Outreach
Trait: Giving



Happy Birthday

Dec 1 Daniel Alpatov
Dec 3 Jenny Aston
Dec 6 CJ McIlvain
Dec. 7 Case Hubbard
Dec 15 Melissa Milligan
Dec 18 Colton Moore

Kidz Korner



Charlotte Doragh
(4 yr. class)

What time does your mom wake up? 2:30
What does your mom do while you're at pre-school? The laundry
What do you like best about your mom? Sleeping with her.
How old is your dad? 100
What's your favorite thing to do with your Dad? Play soccer with him.
What do you like best about your Dad? He hugs me.
What's your favorite toy? A dumptruck
What do you want to be when you grow up? A doctor for dogs.
What does God look like? Like Autumn, with brown curly hair.
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? To Nanny's house.
What's one new thing you'd like to try this year? painting
What do you want for Christmas? A new car, a real one that's red.



Autumn Pape
(4 yr. class)

What time does your mom wake up?
I wake her up when I get up.
What does your mom do while you're at school? She works out and goes to stores.
What do you like best about your mom? She loves me.
What's your favorite thing to do with your dad? The game "the caterpillar ate too much"
What do you like best about your dad? He loves me, too.
What's your favorite thing to do? Go to school
What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher
What does God look like? He has a brown beard
What is one new thing you'd like to try this year? Go to a new toy store
What do you want for Christmas? Angelina doll, Cat in the Hat doll, and something to race your cars on with grass on the side.



Special events

Dec 9 Christmas Program
Dec 14 Fire Drill
Dec 16 Staff Meeting
Dec 20-Jan 3 Christmas Break
Jan 4 Classes resume

