



# Get Up and Grow

**FEBRUARY 2011**

## 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.

## Program Board

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*Parents Needed*

## Church Worship Hours

Sunday Worship *(no music)*

8:30am

Sunday Worship *(with music)*

10:30am

Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Noon

## Extra Practice With Fine Motor Skills



Hand skills are crucial to successful handwriting. Small movements of the hand are referred to as fine motor skills. If you feel your child is in need of extra activities to strengthen his hands or fine motor skills, here are a few suggestions. Always take care to avoid choking hazards.

- Cut pictures out of newspapers or magazines. You can take a large black marker and draw a line around the picture to give a guideline (bubble cut).
- Knead play dough or clay. Build objects with them.
- Hide objects in the play dough and have your child find them.
- Play pegboard games.
- Gather small objects from around the house (watch out for choking hazards). Place them in a container and have your child pick them up off the floor with a pair of plastic tweezers or tongs and place them back in the container.
- Let your child squirt a water bottle outdoors on the sidewalk. Colored water looks great in the snow!
- Use a meat baster and have a cotton ball race across the table with your child.
- Finger paint with Jell-O or Cocoa on a paper plate.
- Use small marshmallows and toothpicks to form letters.
- String popcorn or cereal to make necklaces.
- Using a hole punch, let your child create a design on a piece of paper.
- Have your child clip clothespins to a container.
- Have children lace cards.

## Picture Point



Arbon making popcorn words.



Asher making a caterpillar



Tyler's favorite accessories



Liam packing up lunch by himself



Case and Katie shaving balloons

# Staff Spotlight *Tamara Hernandez* 18mos Sprouts teacher

- What is your favorite children's book? *Sarah Plain and Tall, it's a wonderful love story for all ages.*
- What or who has helped you improve your teaching? *All of the wonderful teachers and staff at Discovery Day School.*
- What are you really proud of in our program? *When the children arrive in the morning their smiling faces tell me they enjoy being here, and that's a great thing!*
- What challenges do you face in your work? *Well, if I'm being completely honest...Patience!*
- How do you renew yourself? *Church!*
- What goals do you have for the future? *Working every day toward being a better Christian, mother, wife and friend.*



**FEBRUARY TOPICS**  
 Color: Red  
 Numbers: 1-15  
 Shape: Heart  
 Direction: Near / Far  
 Themes: Feelings, Friends, Valentines, Dental, Space, Texas  
 Trait: Love



## Happy Birthday

- Feb 5 Emma Montgomery
- Feb 9 Mrs. Longo
- Feb 11 Chloe Gallaher
- Feb 26 Ashlyn Longo



## Special events

- Feb 10 Valentine's Party
- Feb 11 MOPS
- Feb 14 Board Meeting, 9:30
- Feb 15 Dental Visit Here, 9am
- Feb 15 Severe Weather Drill
- Feb 21 No school (President's Day)
- Feb 22 Fire Drill
- Feb 24 Staff Meeting
- Mar 3 Cowboy Day (sign up to bring something and volunteer!)



## Register Now! ✓

Registration for Fall 2011 is now open to existing students, opens to church members beginning February 14th and opens publicly March 1st. Reserve your spot now to join in next year's fun!

# Kidz Korner

## Ashlyn Longo

4 yr. Jumpstart class



- What does your mom do while you're at preschool? *Works in her classroom.*
- What do you like best about your mom? *How I spell her name...Mamama*
- What's your Mom and Dad's favorite tv show? *Sponge Bob*
- What's your favorite thing to do with your Dad? *Play automatic bubble*
- What do you like best about your Dad? *He loves me.*
- What's your favorite toy? *Ariel*
- What do you want to be when you grow up? *A pretty ballerina*
- What does God look like? *He has a big beard*
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? *Grandma and Mawmaw and Poppy's house*
- What would you do with a \$100? *Buy a \$100 tea set.*

## Katie McIlvain

3 yr. Blooms class



- What time does your mom wake up? *2 o'clock*
- What's your mom's favorite color? *purple*
- What does your mom do while you're at school? *I don't know. She does chores when I go to sleep.*
- What's your brother's favorite food? *Buddy (CJ) doesn't eat food; he just plays with it and drops it on the floor.*
- What's dad's favorite tv show? *basketball*
- What's your favorite thing to do with your dad? *Play upstairs in my kitchen*
- What's your favorite food? *skeddy*
- What's your favorite thing to do at school? *Play in the kitchen with Shea*
- What's your favorite toy? *My blanket. I like to cuddle with it.*