

La Tijera United Methodist Church and Center for Children

Center News

Mayola's Corner

Happy New Year!

I can't believe 2010 has gone. Here comes the 2011 school year. Wow! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and old friends to what I hope will be another outstanding year. We will start the New Year out with our first P4C meeting on January 20, 2011. During our last P4C meeting, we evaluated the year and discussed ways we could make our meetings more enjoyable and interesting for everyone who attends.

We have decided to restructure our meetings by developing a variety of topics for discussion. Each session will be centered on feeding, potty training, setting limits, sticking to schedules or

routines. These are just a few of the topics we will be discussing.

Hopefully the new format will encourage more people to stop in to share some of their helpful ideas. The topic for the next meeting is the role of the Room Parent.

The cold season is here:

It's that time of year when colds start. Children are at greater risk for contracting colds due to exposure to others in their surroundings. You can reduce the possibility of infection by keeping your child home when he/she is ill. Plenty of rest is essential to an ill child. Unfortunately schools aren't able to provide that type of environment to a sick child.

Colds are common with newborns. It takes a little while for your child to develop their immune system. Until then they become prone to many childhood viruses. Because children have close contact with their peers and teachers, colds are contracted much faster and have a snowball effect for most.

Prevention:

If you are giving cold medications, make sure you read the age limitations carefully and be aware of viral vs. bacterial when choosing the right medicine. Make sure the child gets plenty of rest, lots of liquids, practice good handwashing technique, and stay current on vaccinations. Don't forget the TLC.

Stage 1

*"For unto us, a child is given
For unto us, a babe is born
And He shall reign forever
and ever"*

*"King of Kings and Lord of
Lords" verses from "The
Messiah".*

*We wish everyone a joyful
Holiday season and a happy,
happy, happy New Year!*

Love,
Stage I

Transition

At this Holiday season, we are thankful to be amongst the lucky survivors during this difficult economic time around the world. We would like to thank all parents for being a part of our wonderful program and giving us the opportunity to teach all of your children. We hope the New Year will bring everyone a bright future filled with joy and happiness. We wish all parents a successful New Year!

- Ms. Mary & Ms. Jennifer

Stage 3

Happy Holidays from Stage 3!

This year has flown by quickly and we are amazed by how much the children have matured and how much they care about one another.

Circle Time will focus on developing language, following directions, identifying some colors, simple shapes, counting 123's, the ABC's in stories and learning to wait their turn to wash their hands. Thanks to all of our parents for your support and trust in our care of your wonderful children.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Ms. Lynnette & Ms. Claudia



Stage 2

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! It was a busy and fun holiday season. I hope that everyone had a beautiful Holiday with family and friends.

Thanks to all the parents for the beautiful gifts and treats that we received this Christmas. The staff really appreciates your generosity. Lastly, thanks to all the family and friends that attended our Christmas party. We hope you enjoyed it! Our curriculum for January is as follows: Phonics: M, N, O — Color: Blue — Shape: Diamond — Theme: Winter Season, Winter Animals — Numbers: 1, 2 — Holiday — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday — Arts & Crafts that pertain to our themes.

All the Best for 2011,

Ms. Rosy, Ms. Jessica,
Ms. Nancy & Ms. Chestina

Room 5

Welcome back parents! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break! It is amazing how the holidays went flying by. First I would like to thank all of you for your help and cooperation on our last Christmas lunch party—it was a complete success. I want to inform you of the changes that will be made this New Year. Beginning January 23rd, I will no longer be your child's permanent teacher as I will be a fulltime student at California State University Dominguez Hills pursuing my bachelors degree. The Room 5 academic schedule will not change. If you have any questions or concerns please let me or Mayola know. Although we will have changes this year, we will make 2011 the best. It has been such a joy to be able to teach your children. Thank you for the opportunity.

Ms. Lupe

Room 3

Season's Greetings Feliz Navidad
Happy Holidays Merry Christmas

To all of my wonderful families. In my time of reflection about this year, I think of all of the different events that have occurred. The one that really stands out in my mind is when I changed classrooms and started teaching a new age group. I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to teach an energetic group of young learners. Thank you to for your support and donations for my class. Thank you for your words and actions of love that have encouraged me.

I'm looking forward to the vacation time to spend with my family and friends. What a beautiful way to end the year and to rejoice and share the joy of the season!

♥♥♥Ms. Mal

Extended

It has been a fun-filled 2010. Thank you all for your support and we are looking forward to more fun and wonderful activities in 2011. We hope you all have a safe Holiday and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Sharon, Mrs. Suzy, Mrs. Bernice

Hot Lunch Praise

Dear parents and LTUMC4C community:

I'm the proud single full-time working parent of Charles Quetzal Voukitchevitch, and just wanted to share my experience with all of you regarding the new hot lunch offered by the Center for Children. Ever since I can remember my son has been a very picky eater. He was anemic for a while. I tried everything but he just didn't want to eat. I felt helpless.

Last month, when I saw the announcement and proposed menu that Miss Mayola had put in Charles' mailbox, I was surprised and happy. I was intrigued to see how Charles would do. Every day last month I asked Miss Mary, his teacher, how he did with his lunch and if he ate well. Then one day I asked Miss Bernice what they were having that day and she said french fries and oven baked chicken, two items that my son loves, the french fries being one of his favorite foods I knew he would eat them, and sure enough he did.

Well the good news is that we recently went for Charles' 2 year check-up and not only does Charles no longer have anemia, but he has put on weight in all the needed areas. I am very happy with the hot lunch program. I have asked other parents if they were happy with the meals and they have told me they are. Once again La Tijera United Methodist Center for Children has provided me with a very valuable and helpful service that I most certainly needed and couldn't provide all on my own.

I am so grateful to all the ladies at La Tijera United Methodist Center for Children and continue to pray and ask God to help me do well in my career so that I can continue to nourish Charles and provide him with an excellent education. Thank you Miss Mayola for introducing hot lunches! God Bless you all and happy holidays!

Nadia Voukitchevitch, Charles' Mom (Transition)

Hot Meal Sign Ups!!!!

Return this form with a check for the days you would like to order. \$3 a day.

January 3-7

- January 3: Franks & Beans, Green Salad, Rolls
- January 4: Spaghetti O's, Corn, Apple Wedges
- January 5: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Chocolate Pudding
- January 6: Corndogs, Jello, Apple/Carrot Salad
- January 7: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans

January 10-14

- January 10: Tacos, Refried Beans, Grapes
- January 11: Drumettes, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli
- January 12: Fish Sticks, Potato Wedges, Carrots with Ranch
- January 13: Steak Patty, Rice Pilaf
- January 14: Beef and Broccoli, Chow Mein

January 17-21

- January 17: Closed
- January 18: Barbeque Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob
- January 19: Pizza, Apple/Carrot Salad
- January 20: Chili Dogs, Fries, Pineapples
- January 21: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Rolls

January 24-28

- January 24: Sloppy Joes, Glazed Yams, Fries, Apples
- January 25: Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Veggies
- January 26: Red Beans & Rice with Sausage, Rolls, Jello
- January 27: Chili, Cornbread, Coleslaw
- January 28: Burritos, Spanish Rice, Oranges

January 30-31

- January 30: Grilled Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Jello
- January 31: Fish Sticks, Chocolate Pudding

Name

January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year!!
2 Candle-light Service 6:30	3 Classes Resume	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 6:30 pm All Church Conference	12	13	14	15
Rachel on Vacation						
16 Lyda Preaches	17 Center Closed	18	19	20 P4C Meeting	21	22 District Training \$ Due
Rachel on Vacation through the 24th						
23 Lyda Preaches	24	25	26	27	28	29
Rachel on Vacation						
30	31					

January 2: Begins our monthly Prayer Service with candles, music, and prayer. Come and join us in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm for a time of preparation for the week and month ahead.

January 3: Welcome back to our Teachers and Students!

January 11, 6:30 pm: All Church Conference with our District Superintendent, Cedrick Bridgeforth. All members of the church are invited to this meeting to talk about the current state of our church, as well as our future.

January 17: The Center will be closed in observance of Martin Luther

King, Jr. Day.

January 20: P4C meeting at 6 pm in the Center Office. We need one representative from each classroom to join us for the meeting.

January 22nd: Registrations are due for the discounted rates for the District Training of February 5th.

Music & Spirit . . . music-memories

Music can tickle our memory, help us recall a particular moment or capture an emotion. As this new year is beginning, I thought about my music memories this past year . . . songs sung with children playing drums and rhythm instruments . . . songs played on the harp while vis-

iting with my friend Jessica (a former student of our Center for Children) who faces her health challenges with quiet strength . . . a song written by a friend for his daughter that he sang to her on the day she was born and after 18 short months, sang to her again on the day she

—Lyda Eddington

died . . . silly songs that made me laugh . . . songs that made me dance . . . I pray that the music in our lives and in our worship continue to lift us up, give us strength and fill us with beauty. I wish you all the magic of God's wondrous gift of music this new year.

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Rachel's Ramblings

Happy New Year! Okay, so I know that many of you are actually receiving this before Christmas, but this is the January newsletter. With everything that may be swarming through your head at the moment, thinking about the New Year may be something that you want to put off. But it will be here (or possibly is here) before you know it.

I hope your holidays were (will be) blessed and that you have had the opportunity to experience joy, hope, peace, and love this season.

Warren and I were at a local hardware store picking up the Church's tree when I had one of those God moments this Christmas. Warren was singing carols while

waiting for me to pull the car around. His lyrical refrains caught the attention of another person picking out their tree. We struck up a conversation when I returned. I learned about our new friend's career working with children and adults with autism and the blessings and pitfalls that she was experiencing along the way. She had been devastated when her donor, who promised presents for her clients, backed out last minute (because they were too tired.) As our friend was prayerfully trying to figure out how she was going to meet the needs of those she serves, a pastor from the Inland Empire drove up with a van full of presents. Her prayers were

answered. She said point blank, "How can you doubt God when something like this happens?"

We have a God who provides. Often not in the ways we expect, but what we need is given to us.

As we enter into our new calendar year, I hope we will take time to stop and reflect on the gifts that have been given to us, which of those gifts matter the most, and how we can express gratitude for those blessings. God moments similar to the one that I just mentioned happen all the time. We just need to allow ourselves to be open to seeing them.

*Blessings!
Pastor Rachel*