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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM OUR

Pastor

Ready or Not, Here He Comes!

Nativity Family and Friends,

Advent is just around the corner. Unless I haven't been paying attention, this is the first year I witnessed Christmas retail out even before Halloween. Does that drive you a little bonkers? It does me. For the most part we humans like some amount of order in our lives. Seeing Christmas creep onto the scene well in advance of its season might even be a little more confusing for us church people. I wonder if John Shepherd will have us sing Christmas songs during Advent? Hmmm.

Speaking of order of operations, on Sundays we have been chronologically working our way through the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible). We have heard numerous stories of God's love, deliverance from oppression, call for repentance and promises of forgiveness. In Advent we shift gears and hear the biblical prophecy that builds our anticipation and hope of the savior to come. We have only dabbled with Jesus thus far this fall. Are you ready for some Jesus? Ready or not, here He comes! I hope you are looking forward to Advent and Christmas with great anticipation and hope. Here is something else you can look forward to...

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Wednesday Advent Services from 6:30-7:30

Picture this...gathered together over an easy supper, we share the high and low points of our week, we read a bible verse or story, sing a song or two, talk about how the reading might relate to our highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and send ourselves with a blessing. This is not going to be your typical Advent service. This will be quality family time. All ages and all stages of life together, exploring and sharing faith interactively and joyfully. Let us create a space together where the wisdom of the elder and wonder of the child can feed one another's faith. I know how precious your time is during the week. This will be well worth your time. Together lets set aside busy, and give our attention and thanks to God together this December. I hope to see you at church during Wednesdays in Advent, December 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Check out my blog at <https://stevewinsor.blogspot.com>

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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**God's work...
...Our hands**

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Prayer Chain: Sandy McClellan

S.O.A.P. (kids' group):
Mark & Sharon Glazener

Women's Ministry: Ceil Thomas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

11/2	John Steffen	11/27	Paul Stone
11/4	Marcie Anderson	11/28	Carole Rajan
11/4	Nancy Steffen	11/30	Michael Keith
11/12	Suzanne Zivot		
11/13	Chad Smith		
11/17	Lois Esselstrom		
11/17	Julius Roehl		
11/21	Daniel Gonzalez		
11/21	Emerson Moran		
11/25	Anthony Greenall		
11/25	Richard Turner		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 11/6 Kevin Stone & Rachel Rossmessl-Stone
- 11/8 John & Breanne Johnsen
- 11/10 Paul & Pia Heiser

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jim and Leigh Clark as they welcomed their 4th grandchild to their family on September 13. Graham Robert was born to Steve and Katie Clark and weighed 7lb, 22 ounces.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Doris Karlik as her granddaughter Kimberly Lynch will be married on November 3, 2018 to Jovy Dedaj in Jupiter.

Doris' granddaughter Ashley Robert won the Golden Touch Award at FSU, award for 4.0 GPA in a sport.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

It is time to turn the clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 3rd before you go to bed.

THANKSGIVING FOOD APPEAL

From Sunday, November 4th through November 18th, we will be gathering food to share with our less privileged neighbors in Lake Park. Recently the Community Food and Clothes Pantry at Bethlehem Church had an electrical fire. Now, they are in dire need of food to share during the Holidays more than ever. We can help! Please share your nonperishable foods such as: canned fruits and vegetables; pastas & sauces; condiment-pickles, catsup, & mustard. Checks made out to Nativity will help purchase more food items. Thanks for sharing!

WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING

Sunday, November 11 will be our annual Women's ThankOffering Service. This tradition dates back to the 1800s when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund missions. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do on Sunday to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise.

When Women of the ELCA was formed nearly 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Women's Love Circle will be taking an extra offering collection after the service to send to the Women of the ELCA.

BLOOD DRIVE

November 11th The Big Red Bus will be in our parking lot from 8:30 until 11:15 a.m. Please consider donating to help save a life.

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 25th, please stay after worship if you are able to help decorate the church for Christmas. John Shepherd will be organizing this and all hands are needed!

**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
INCOME & EXPENSE
JUNE 2018 - September 2018 (4 MONTHS)**

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER

Friday, November 30th will be our turn to serve dinner to the needy at St. George's Episcopal Community Center. From 4:00-5:15 p.m. is food prep and set-up. From 5:15-6:30 p.m. is serving and clean-up. Sign up in the loggia or in Sign-up Genius (our new way to sign up). Questions, contact Linda or Julius Roehl at talkingturkey2@gmail.com or 561-632-0442 or 561-493-9973.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date for Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm as it is time for our annual Women's Christmas Party. Join us to start off the holiday season with fun, food and fellowship.

There will be a sign up sheet on Kari's desk starting on Nov. 11th. Adults are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$20 for our gift exchange. A buffet of finger foods will be enjoyed. If you are able to bring something to the buffet to share, thank you in advance.

MISSION POSSIBLE

Our youth kick off event Mission Possible went great on Oct. 21!

By the numbers:

77 Great ideas and encouraging words of support and love for the youth.

40 Plus people in attendance.

10 Youth serving lunch.

9 Family's signed up to provide meal for Sunday youth group/confirmation nights.

7 Adults signed up to share their faith story on a Sunday youth group/confirmation nights.

4 Scheduled youth events between now and end of year! (See church calendar)

3 Committed non-pastor youth helpers (yay!)

1 Great and awesome God responsible for it all!

0 Obstacles before us.

Cont.....

Church	4 Month Actual	4 Month Budget	Variance
<u>Income</u>			
Tithes and Offerings	66,797	67,894	(1,097)
Building Use Revenues	5,900	7,000	(1,100)
Other Revenues	641	1,760	(1,119)
Total Income	73,338	76,654	(3,316)
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expenses	48,826	47,757	1,069
Administration	12,881	12,426	455
Building & Grounds	10,704	11,900	(1,196)
Call Committee	204	2,400	(2,196)
Departments/Committees	3,553	3,427	126
Total Expenses	76,168	77,910	(1,742)
Excess Income (Expense)	(2,830)	(1,256)	(1,574)
School			
<u>Income</u>			
School Revenues	18,474	28,700	(10,226)
Total Income	18,474	28,700	(10,226)
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expense	32,958	32,709	249
Administration	2,890	2,423	466
Building & Grounds	2,717	2,450	267
School Expenses	2,828	2,129	699
Total Expenses	41,392	39,711	1,681
Excess Income (Expense)	(22,918)	(11,011)	(11,907)

Total Church & School			
Excess Income (Expense)	(28,198)	(13,130)	(15,068)

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT June 2018 through September 2018 (4 months)

Church: Expenses remain on budget, and revenues are behind budget by \$3,316.

School: Through September we expected a budget shortfall of \$11,011. Actual Revenue less Expenses created a shortfall of \$22,918, an unfavorable variance of \$11,907 compared to budget. Revenue shortfall of \$10,226 was due to The Office of Early Learning (VPK) being behind by two payments totaling \$8,128.71. These payments were received on October 16, 2018.

June/July/August Cash Flow Recap:

	June-August	September		YTD
Operating Cash-Beginning of Month	\$ 43,110	\$ 14,161		\$43,110
Cash Activity				
Church: Income less Expenses	(4,665)	1,833		(2,832)
School: Income less Expenses	(23,533)	616		(22,917)
Mission Inv Fund Loan-Princ Payment	(751)	(380)		(1,131)
Operating Cash-End of Month	\$ 14,161	\$ 16,230		\$ 16,230

CASH FLOW ANALYSIS:

The low balance in the Operating Cash Account (\$16,230) is a **CRITICAL PROBLEM**. Starting the fiscal year with \$43,110 in the bank with budgeted shortfalls thru the first 4 month of the fiscal year is not a favorable situation. To date all expenses have been paid on time, but we are very mindful of our low cash balance. We have payroll expenses of \$9,275 twice a month (and 3 payrolls in November this year). We are hoping for a successful Golf Benefit in November to help ease some of these cash concerns.

MISSION INVESTMENT LOAN:

Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance at September 30: \$32,800.

RESTRICTED FUNDS: \$6,148.

- \$1,105 Memorial Funds
- \$ 400 MIF Principal Pay-down
- \$1,178 Capital Fund
- \$1,628 Morrissey Fund
- \$1,837 Youth Mission Trip Fund

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn New, Treasurer

Many thanks to Kelly Hoekstra, Kelly Rogers, Shonda Staudt, and Ernadel Sioson for their combined efforts. Keep an ear out, and an eye peeled for how you can be part of, and contribute to the faith growth of the youth of Nativity Lutheran.



INSTALLATION OF PASTOR STEVE 10/27/18



PRESCHOOL *Scoop*

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this month to:

- 11/15 Isabelle Proctor
- 11/20 Patrick Ryan
- 11/23 Bane Shaughnessy



EVENT DATES:

- 11/6 No School
- 11/14 9:30 a.m. Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Feast
- 11/19 through 11/23 No School– Thanksgiving Break

Pastor Steve spicing it up during preschool chapel time.



THE VALUE OF PLAY FOR CHILDREN

What is your child's favorite way to play? Play is actually a child's work. Through play, your child is building key life skills.

Here are five reasons to play today:

- 1) Children learn how to share and take turns.
- 2) When children play, they boost communication skills. They learn to express feelings, use appropriate language and build social relationships.
- 3) As children play, they encounter many opportunities to problem solve, practice conflict resolution skills and apply logical thinking skills.
- 4) Gross motor play that encourages safe risk-taking, such as climbing, running and jumping, helps enable children to feel more comfortable taking risks in the future.
- 5) When children participate in free play, they have the opportunity to make choices, plan their time and follow through with activities.

Community Garden: Carol Rajan provided Pastor Steve with permitting/zoning information from the City of Palm Beach Gardens. A committee of those interested in moving forward with this project needs to come together before this moves forward much further. Pastor Steve would like council to weigh in with their opinions and concerns before proceeding forward. Please read over PBG's rules and regs handout for November council mtg.

Council requests that Carol Rajan put together a proposal and a plan for council to approve going forward.

Staff Update: Nothing new to report

Visitation: Ongoing and current.

Staff Reports

Office Manager: Written report submitted by Kari Donnelly.

300 pens purchased and donated by Kari for the church to use for golf benefit and visitor gift bags.

Vacation days: 11/23 & 11/26, 1/30-31, 2/1, 7/1-5.

Golf Brochures and letters available on Kari's desk.

Newsletter items due 10/22.

Preschool Report: Written report submitted by Pia Heiser.

Covered at start of meeting while Pia present.

Other Business:

Nominating Committee: Need to call together to review the Council terms sheet and plan for their work before the Semi Annual Congregation Meeting. (Beverly Eubanks, Pat Guretzky, Stuart McClellan, Ernadel Sioson & Ceil Thomas)

Mutual Ministry Committee: Need to call together Mutual Ministry Committee for briefing, set plans for ongoing work with Pastor Steve. (Original 2 year terms and still appointed Denise Ellis, Earl Osborne, Carol Rajan. One year term and agreed to another year of service: Eric Hoecker, Kelly Hoekstra, Becky Mercer.

Next Council Meeting: Monday November 12, 6 PM

Adjourned 1:43 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary

and education ideas.

One Sunday a month Children's Church would take place in the sanctuary. The reading(s) and message would be engaging for both child and adult. Through the use of movement, music, interaction and props, the message would be delivered in a dynamic, and joyful manner. Think of it as a children's message but the whole congregation is invited to be a part of it. All ages and stages of life engaged together. Commit to this for 6 months. Evaluate congregation's opinion after Easter.

For midweek Advent services Pastor Steve would like to employ a multi-generational approach to doing worship together called Faith 5. Gathered together over a meal, we share our highs and lows, we read a bible verse or story, we talk about how the reading might relate to our highs and lows, we pray for one another's highs and lows, and we bless one another before we depart. Interspersed within is music. In need of guitarist and/or keyboard. Round tables in the Loggia, sitting with others from all ages and stages of life, and not necessarily all from your family. It's a mixing of peoples, a sharing of stories, resulting in the bolstering of faith. Evaluate as a possible format for Lent midweek services.

Within the Advent midweek program, Pastor Steve is encouraging Faith 5 (Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless) for families to use as a nightly devotion.

Hurricane Michael Relief Efforts: Pastor would like conversation on how Nativity is or is not to be involved with Hurricane Michael relief efforts, either monetarily or physically. Council secretary Breanne Johnsen's parents (Alan and Paula Hart) are members of Messiah Lutheran (ELCA) in Panama City.

Breanne has been in touch with the Panhandle Conference Dean, Pastor Tom Holdcraft, who sent her a list of needed items that could be collected and sent to Messiah Lutheran for distribution into the community.

Pastor Tom also reports that Messiah is equipped with showers and when things are stable, they will be able to serve as host for groups wishing to do volunteer work in the Panama City community.

Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism: Off to a good start. The five students are Laurel Winsor, Steven Karlik, Grace Smith, Leila Johnson, and Sara Hoekstra. The students are encouraged to get involved in church activities beyond just class time. It is an important part of their education and faith growth. Starting 10/21 they will be in the Sunday worship service roles.

THIS MONTH'S THEME

This month your child will explore the fascinating world of transportation. They will design a road, traffic signal and bridge. Your child will explore flight in an airplane, a hot air balloon and a helicopter. Then, they will make a boat and test it in water. They count dollars and buy a ticket on the ferry. There are so many ways to go, which one is your family's favorite?

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters: Dd, Jj and Uu

Shape: Triangle

Numbers: 5 and 6

Color: Yellow

Character Trait: Generous



SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "Skip to My Lou"

Drive, drive, drive the car, drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car, to the supermarket.
Fly, fly, fly the plane, fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane, fly across the sky.

Create more verses together by replacing the action word and type of transportation then let your child decide where it is going.

CUDDLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

Amazing Airplanes by Tony Mitton & Ant Parker

If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen

Terrific Trains by Tony Mitton

Bicycle Book by Gail Gibbons

Freight Train by Donal Crews



Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

November 2018



Nativity Lutheran Church & School
Pia Heiser, Director

KID BITS

Marble painting

Here's an art project that will strengthen your youngster's hand-eye coordination. Place a sheet of white paper in a shallow box lid. Let her squirt different colors of paint onto the paper and add a marble. Then, she can tilt the lid in different directions to roll the marble and create a work of art.

Can you help, please!

Gently guide your child toward independence by encouraging him to help himself. If he says, "I don't have a bath towel," you could ask, "Do you remember where we keep the towels?" Or if he complains that the tip of his pencil broke, you might say, "Uh-oh. How can you fix it?"

Keep germs at bay

What's one thing all kids will share without being asked? Germs! Shield your child from the "generosity" of others by having her wash her hands frequently and to avoid sharing things that come in contact with someone else's mouth or face (cups, silverware, pillows).

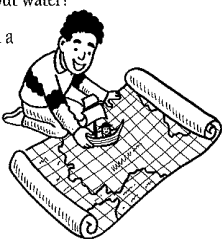
Worth quoting

"For children, play is serious learning. Play really is the work of childhood."
Fred Rogers

Just for fun

Q: Where can you find an ocean without water?

A: On a map!



Behavior tips that really work

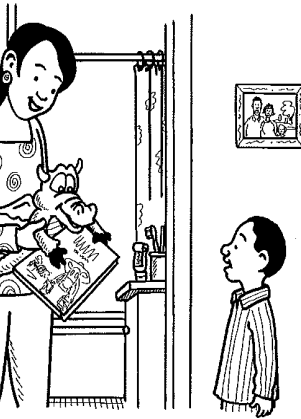
A sense of playfulness comes in handy when you're a parent—especially for getting your little one to behave. Using make-believe or playing games can encourage cooperation and help you build stronger bonds. Consider these clever strategies that have worked for other parents.

Use stuffed animals

"I found myself repeatedly asking my son Stephen to brush his teeth or put his plate in the dishwasher. One day, I picked up his stuffed dragon and made it say, 'I'm sad. I want to read our bedtime story, so please brush your teeth.' It worked! Now I frequently ask Stephen to choose a stuffed animal that will 'remind' him to follow directions."

Be silly

"Sometimes when my daughter Emma misbehaves, I pretend she's been bitten by a 'bug.' If she won't share, for example, I'll say, 'Oh, no, the no-sharing bug got you!' Then, we pretend to swat away a bug. Often, that's enough to change Emma's



attitude so she's more open to sharing or doing whatever she's supposed to do."

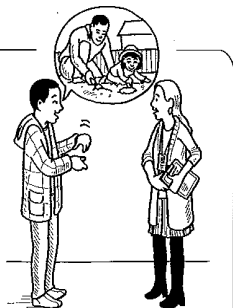
Hold a contest

"My son Ben loves contests and games. So when I'm struggling to get him to do something like put on his pajamas, I'll turn it into a game. I might say, 'I'm going to go put on my PJs. Let's see if you can get yours on first!' When Ben beats me, we're both winners."♥

Talking with the teacher

Regular communication with your youngster's teacher now will make it easier to connect later if you have a concern. Need something to talk about? Try these ideas:

- Ask for reading recommendations. The teacher is sure to know some great books you can read aloud to your child.
- Find out what the class will study next, perhaps winter weather or fairy tales.
- Tell the teacher about activities you and your youngster do at home together like planting bulbs in the garden, coloring, or telling knock-knock jokes.♥



School budget: Projected budget shows a loss, with expenses on budget, and revenues behind budget, explained by the difficulties with the state's payment system for VPK. Estimated payment date 10/15.

President's Report: Written report submitted by Kelly Rogers.

Installation and Reformation Celebration:

Will need volunteers the day before to setup and day of to serve and clean up.

Drink tickets and donations.

Budget spreadsheet available, Kelly has \$250 in Thrivent seed money and expect to make ~\$480 profit to fund the Live Nativity event in December.

Mission Possible 10/21: Food Budget from Youth Fund? Decorations provided by the Rogers family.

Cleanup Day: Good turnout, including the Girl Scouts who meet at Nativity. We had members and friends from Susannah Johnsen (4) to Pat Barnes (87) who all found jobs to do and make the church look better.

Violations: Health Department came back and cited 2 new warnings- 2 mini slides not being anchored in the ground and 2 students not having signed out signatures.

Sign up Genius: Complete and ready to go. Will begin roll out at the end of October with council's assistance.

Meeting with City: Pastor Steve, Eric and Kelly met with the City Manager on 9/27 and approached them with the estimated 60,000 sq ft. They will look at it, evaluate and get back to us.

Vice President's Report: Written report submitted by Earl Osborne.

Earl would like to recruit some members to help him start a CROP walk in Palm Beach County this spring. It could be an effort with other churches, but Nativity would be the leadership. Council approves and supports.

Earl also recommends that we have Sarah Davis from Thrivent give a Temple Talk and help more members join Thrivent. She is available November 4. We can get \$250 twice a year to give to various programs at Nativity.

All of our insurance is consolidated under one agent- J Eric Edleman of Insurance Services Agency. 561-626-5542.

Pastor's Report: Written report submitted by Pastor Steve.

Pastor Steve would like council to weigh in on the following worship

PENDING APPROVAL

October 14, 2018, Called to order at 11:27 a.m.

Present: Pastor Steve Winsor, Kelly Rogers, Earl Osborne, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Jenelle Smith, Special Guest Pia Heiser

Absent and Excused: Julius Roehl

Council Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2018 reviewed by council. Motion to approve, seconded, approved on voice vote.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Steve Winsor

A Preschool Conversation with Special Guest Pia Hieser, Preschool Director

School Advisory Board- better defined to assist Pia, create an environment of support and strategic advice. Clarified to have Carolyne review numbers/budget with Pia separately outside of the school board meeting.

Need advertising for the school, not budgeted this year, will need to consider for next year. Also, consider adding parent testimonials for facebook/website.

Care Pass- short term care for parents who need a day or a week, Care Pass handles the paperwork for the parents/students, Nativity sets the rates for the short-term care (we can set whatever rate we would like). We would not jeopardize our ratios. We can also choose to not continue our relationship with Care Pass at anytime if it is not a good fit.

Also reviewed Pia's report during this time with her present- one new student coming at the end of October when the family relocates from California. The payments from the state are still an issue- we have received one payment from August. Estimated date of 10/15 for receipt of these payments.

New teacher started October 1st, Ms. Teresa Saccone.

Council continues to support Pia and the preschool as a mission and outreach of Nativity.

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Carolyne New.

Church budget: Expenses remain on budget, revenues are behind budget by \$3316. Operating cash is at a critical low and our need for cash reserves continues. The summer and fall months are lean months revenue wise and cash reserves would make this easier.

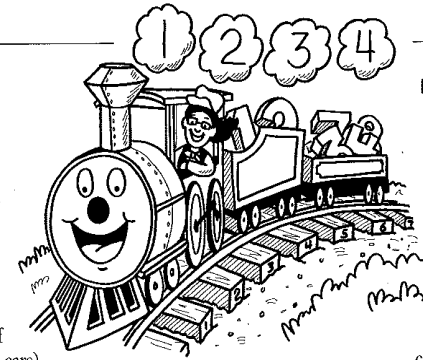
Early Years

All aboard the number train

Choo-choo! These train-themed activities let your child write and recognize numbers—and practice counting.

Roll a railroad. Each player draws a railroad track on her own paper. Take turns rolling a die and drawing that number of train cars on your track (roll a 2, draw 2 cars).

Play until everyone has at least 10 cars, then number your cars in order. Now color and cut out your cars. Mix them up, and put them back in the correct sequence.



car with 4 dolls, for example. Let her pretend she's driving the train to the station to deliver the passengers. Then, rearrange the numbers, and have her reload for another "trip."♥

Load passengers. Form an imaginary train by lining up laundry baskets or empty boxes. Together, write numbers (1–10) on separate sticky notes, and have your child put one note on each car. She should use the numbers to determine how many passengers each car gets. She would fill the "4"



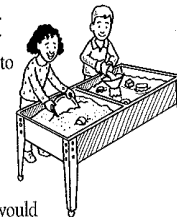
Q & A Asking to stay home

Q: *My preschooler was excited about starting school, but now she sometimes asks to stay home with me. Her teacher said she seems to love school once she's there. What should I do?*

A: Since your child is happy in school, it sounds like she simply wants to be with you—which is perfectly normal. Try to set aside one-on-one time when you can, without distractions like siblings or electronics.

When your daughter asks to stay home, be matter of fact, and avoid giving in. Instead, point out what she would miss, such as singing songs, playing in the sand and water table, and seeing her friends. Then, give her something to look forward to when she gets home. You might say, "You can help me bake banana bread for dessert" or "I can't wait to snuggle up and hear all about your day."

If the problem continues, follow up with her teacher.♥



PARENT TO PARENT How to handle the news

My son Harry had nightmares after he saw news on TV about a volcanic eruption. I mentioned this to our pediatrician, and she said that while it's important for kids to learn about their world, TV news isn't designed for them.

She pointed out that young children believe what they see on TV is happening right here, right now. What's more, if they see the same images repeatedly, they think the event is taking place over and over.

If Harry does view something upsetting, I can reassure him that he's safe. So I told Harry that we live far away from the volcano. I pointed out our town and its location on a map. It's been a week, and Harry's bad dreams seem to be gone. And now I watch the news after he goes to bed.♥



ACTIVITY CORNER I've got rhythm!

Your home is full of materials that can make music. Let your youngster create his own percussion instruments and experiment with rhythm and tempo.

Instruments

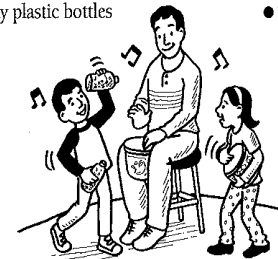
● **Maracas:** Have your child put dry rice or beans into clean, empty plastic bottles and replace the caps.

● **Drum:** Get an empty coffee canister with a lid. Your youngster could cover it with construction paper and draw designs. Suggest that he use two wooden spoons as drumsticks.

Activities

● **Rhythm:** Sing a familiar song, such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Encourage your child to shake his maracas or beat his drum to the rhythm. Then, play your own rhythms for each other to copy. *Example:* Tap, tap-tap, tap, tap-tap.

● **Tempo:** Take turns playing various tempos (speeds) for one another to march to. Can your youngster make his feet match the beat of each tempo?♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote school readiness, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00p 12-step FH	2 9:30a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	3
4 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal 6p Confirmation 7p Youth Group Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 5:30p 12-step FH 7p Boy Scouts Girl Scouts Pastor gone Fall Synod Conference	6 No School 6:30p Choir Practice 7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	7 8a Teacher Mtg. 10a Children's Chapel 6:30p Girl Scouts	8 7:00p 12-step FH	9 9:30a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	10 8:00a 15th Annual Golf Benefit 12:00p Golf Lunch
11 8:30-11:15a Blood Drive 9:30a Worship Wmn's Thank Offering 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30a Women's Love Circle 5:30p 12-step FH 6p Council Meeting 7p Boy Scouts Girl Scouts	13 12p Ignite Sports 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	14 9:30a Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Feast 6:30p Girl Scouts	15 7:00p 12-step FH	16 9:30a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	17 9:00a Sandwich Making
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