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Combining
Excellent
Academics
and
Discipline
with
Christian
Values



GRIT

G – Guts, moral
fiber, showing
courage

R – Resilience, keep
trying, bounce
back

I – Integrity – Doing
what is right

T – Tenacity – never
giving up

From the Desk of Michael Zientek

BRIDGE THE WORD GAP: SPEAK 21,000 WORDS TO YOUR PRE-SCHOOLER DAILY

Some children hear about 21,000 words a day, others hear 6,000 or fewer. By age 3, that difference becomes a substantial word gap that predicts future success. The idea of having a conversation with a toddler or preschooler may make some adults laugh. And it's true that "conversations" with young kids are different, since adults need to do most of the talking (at least at first). But research shows that carrying on a conversation — even with babies — is essential for a child's language development.

So what is meant by conversation? The very things that probably annoy you in adult conversations are exactly what your child needs to hear. Your conversation is going to state the obvious, be repetitive, and ask and answer your own questions. For example, if while walking down the street your child points out a truck, you can create the conversation by saying things like, "Yes, that's a truck. It's a big truck. It's a big red truck". This might seem silly, especially if your child doesn't respond verbally. But child development experts say it's crucial.

Research shows that young children need to hear about 21,000 words per day. The simple act of talking to kids helps them develop not just their vocabulary, but their language skills, including listening, memory, and speaking. And beyond short-term verbal skills, these early interactions increase a child's chances of completing both high school and college. Researchers from the University of Kansas, Betty Hart and Todd Risley, found that children's language skills at age 3 predict their language skills at age 9 or 10. And in turn, strong language and reading skills at age 9 sets your child up to perform better in high school, college, and beyond.

Unfortunately, not all children are hearing the same amount, or same quality, of words. Child psychologists Hart and Risley conducted a two-year study where they examined how parents of different socio-economic backgrounds spoke to their children. They found that by age 3, children in the poorer families heard roughly 30 million fewer words than their wealthier counterparts.

How do we bridge the word gap? Since Hart and Risley's study, other researchers have confirmed that the word gap exists. A recent study at Stanford found that by 18 months old, children in different socio-economic groups show dramatic differences in their vocabularies.

1. Ask your child open-ended questions.

Closed-ended questions can be answered with a simple yes or no, so they fail to promote language development. Instead of asking your child, "Do you want water?" try asking a question that gets your child using more specific words: "What would you like to drink: water, milk, or juice?"

2. Turn your child's words into sentences

If your child points to something, resist the urge to give it to her because you know she wants it. Let her use her words. When your young child says, "Wah wah" and points, say, "Oh you want some water?" as you hand her the water. Then, intentionally say, "Here's your water." By doing so, you're modeling using sentences for your child.

3. Include little ones in family discussions

Include your little one in dinnertime table conversations, family gatherings, and family talks. Family time is great for rich conversations. Your little one can keep in touch with family members who live far away using video chat or by talking on the phone. It may not be as great as face-to-face conversation, but it's conversation.

Source: <http://www.greatschools.org> ...Adizah Eghan

This and That

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS CHANGING...Parents please send a coat with your child to school. If they go outside during recess it gets rather cold sometimes at this time of the year. Also, if your child is ill (fever/flu etc.), please do not send them to school to spread the illness to the rest of us. :-)

Inclement Weather Notice...As a reminder, we use IRIS as our system for notifying you if school will be closed for inclement weather. If you did not get called last Thursday, please notify the office.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! Registration Packets for the 2016/2017 School Year will go home TODAY in Folders. The registration form and fee will be due in the office by Friday, February 12th!



Mark Your Calendar - Spring Festival - The Spring Festival is scheduled for the weekend of April 15, 2016. The proceeds from this year's festival will go toward retiring the school debt. We as a school are being asked by the Finance Council to take an active role. In a week we will be sharing how each of the families will be asked to help with the Spring Festival.

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL REGISTRATION TIME!!!

It is time to register for baseball and softball with Incarnation. The program is limited to boys and girls in grades 5-8 only. For players in grades 1-4, please contact Ted Bacon (ted.bacon@comcast.net or (901) 246-7205) for options.

Teams will be playing in the PAA (Parochial Athletic Association) League. The games will begin in Mid-March and run thru Early-May. Games will be played in the Memphis Metro Area at participating league schools.

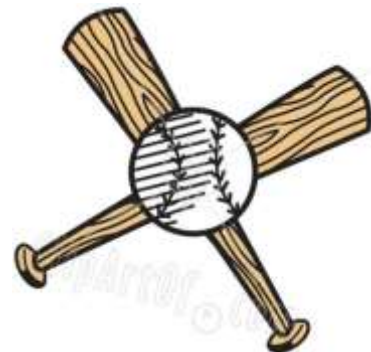
Baseball teams can be Coed. Softball teams are girls only. If a girl registers for softball and we are not able to fill a team, parents will be given the option to consider allowing their daughter to play on a baseball team. It is the intent of the program to allow all those interested a chance to participate.

Registration is now open. The deadline to register is 10 pm on Friday, February 12, 2016. Go to www.bluesombrero.com/incarnation to register.

Please email the Athletic Director, Ted Bacon, at ted.bacon@comcast.net if you have questions regarding registration or programs in general.

Thank you.

Ted Bacon
Athletic Director
Phone: (901) 246-7205
<http://incarnationchurch.com/athletics>





PRESCHOOL

OPEN ENROLLMENT

2016/2017

In the Preschool Office



After care will be offered
for Preschool students for
the 2016/2017 school year.

*(provided we have a minimum of 5
children enrolled)*

From the Desk of Mrs. Malerie Young

January has been such a busy month at the Preschool. As you see from all the wonderful work your children bring home, our teachers are truly the best. As I walked down the hall this week, I saw the three year olds building a snowman, the two year olds working on the letter O with orange stickers and paper everywhere, the ones painting snowflakes while learning the color white, the Jr Kindergarten class reading their letter people books all by themselves and who could miss the PJ wearing pizza eaters in the four year old room. Each of these ideas was dreamed up by our awesome teachers. Next time you see your teacher, join me in thanking them for all they do daily to make learning fun and exciting for our children.

Open registration is going on in the Preschool office for the 2016-2017 school year. See our flyer near the end of the newsletter or go to www.goics.org/registration for more information.

Calendar

JANUARY

Friday, January 29

January 31 – February 6

Jeans Day—Dorothy Day House
Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 3

Friday, February 5

February 4th & 5th

February 8th & 9th

Friday, February 12

Monday, February 15

Wednesday, February 17

February 18th & 19th

Saturday, February 20

February 25th & 26th

ERW

12:00 Dismissal –Student Appreciation Day

Preschool Chapel Lesson

Preschool Mardi Gras Celebration

Muffins with Mom &

H&S Meeting

President's Day – NO SCHOOL

ERW

Preschool Fire Safety

Trivia Night

Preschool Dinning with Dads

MARCH

Wednesday, March 2

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, March 17

Wednesday, March 16

March 21 – March 28

ERW

End of 3rd Quarter

3rd Quarter Awards Mass

ERW

Spring Break, Easter Break– NO SCHOOL

Do you love ICS!?! Do you believe your child is receiving a wonderful education in a loving, Christian environment!?! Then share that with your friends! Open Enrollment begins next week and you can earn a \$750 tuition credit if you refer a new family for the upcoming school year! A referral form must be signed by both families and submitted at the time of their application. The credit will be issued to the existing family in March & April of the 2016/2017 school year. Referral forms are included in new family information packets and can also be picked up in the school office.

ICS Prayer Box

Please keep our ICS families in your prayers.

For the homeless in Memphis.

For Jennifer Easton who is home recovering from surgery.

For the Christians in world who are suffering from the attacks by terrorists.





National Catholic Schools Week

January 31- February 6, 2016

Sunday, January 31, 2016

10:30 am Mass— Incarnation students will join parishioners for the 10:30 Mass. Students and ICS families will be involved in all aspects of the Mass (altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir, gift bearers, etc.).

OPEN HOUSE— Immediately following Mass until 1:30 pm —School Library

We invite our existing families and potential families to join us to see what sets Catholic Education apart from the rest. Coffee and doughnuts will be served and families can visit with teachers in the classrooms and see students' class work and art.

Monday, February 1, 2016

Teacher/Classroom Appreciation Day— Parents are encouraged to show their appreciation to our teachers for all they do to support Catholic Education by fulfilling a Wish List of items for the classroom.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Service Day! Each class has planned a service project to help those in our community. Our school wide service project will be to gather needed items for the Dorothy Day House. Each class will be asked to donate a specific item.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Community/Parish Appreciation Luncheon 11:00 am—12:15 pm

Members of the Collierville community, the parish council, finance council and the parish office staff are treated to lunch with our students!

Thursday, February 4, 2016

School Spirit Day/Basketball Game

The 8th Grade Class will play Teachers/Parents/Alumni in the traditional basketball game—1:45 pm.

All are welcome to join us for the basketball game!

Friday, February 5, 2016 (We dismiss at Noon)

Regular School Mass at 8:15 am /Student Appreciation Day & Balloon Rosary

A few students will be selected to read their thank you letters to parents at Mass. To conclude CSW, the students and faculty of ICS will gather in the gym to recite a decade of the rosary and then release a balloon rosary to the heavens outside. The H & S Association will sponsor bowling for ICS students!

Friday will be a jeans day for students. All are welcome to join us for Mass!

HOME AND SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE! ICS TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th FROM 6 – 11PM



This popular annual event is once again coming to Incarnation! Start forming your teams now for some friendly adult competition amongst our Incarnation community. Consider emailing the parents in your child's class to see who might want to join you at a table. A full table is 8, however, smaller tables are always welcome. We can also pull groups together the night of the event to complete tables. So do not hesitate to come on your own, as a couple or a girl's night out.

Doors open at 6PM to begin table decorating. Questions will begin at 7:00PM

Plan to bring your own food, drinks and table decorations. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated table and top teams!

Tables are \$100 or a single ticket for \$15 and couples for \$30. Mulligans will be available to purchase and we will have a *Split the Pot*. All proceeds benefit ICS. Contact Amber Vandersommen at ambervanders@yahoo.com for further details or to reserve your table.

MONTHLY TEACHER'S LUNCHEON

The date for this month's Chili and Salad luncheon is Thursday January 28th. We have a group size of (approximately) 30 adults. Please have your items in the lunch room by 10:30 so our Teacher Appreciation team can set everything up. Label your items "For Teachers Luncheon" and put your name on items you wish to have returned (bowls, trays, spoons etc..).



Go to sign up genius to see what slots are still available: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094aafa622a13-2016>

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE (WFC) World's Finest Chocolate sale is going strong! Looking for an opportunity to sell your World's Finest Chocolate? There are still some slots available on the SignUpGenius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044da8a922a64-worlds2>. Prizes for the most boxes sold are \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, and \$100 for 3rd. In addition, the class that sells the most will win a pizza party! If you would like to sell additional boxes, go to the school office and pick one up!



Just a reminder, money from WFC is due on February 8th. If you are selling 3 boxes, please submit \$180 in check, made payable to ICS, by this date. Please add \$60 for each additional box that you are selling. For those that chose the Buy-Out option your check for \$90 is due by no later than February 8th to the school office. Please write the check out to Incarnation Catholic School with WFC in the memo section. Thanks again to everyone for their dedication and hard work in fundraising for our children's school!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY As part of Catholic Schools Week, Student Appreciation Day will be Friday, February 5th and the Home and School Association will once again be hosting bowling at FunQuest that day from 1:00 - 3:15pm. It was a very big hit last year and we are looking forward to this great community building event for our school again. We hope you will join us!



Here's what you need to know:

What: Bowling!

Where: FunQuest located at 440 U.S. 72 in Collierville

When: Friday, February 5th from 1:00 to 3:15

Home and School is covering the cost of all bowlers! This includes shoes and bowling from 1:00 to 3:00.

There will be pizza and drinks available for sale.

The bowling will be set up by grade with specific lanes per grade and the kids will bowl with their classes. Parents are needed to help out with the younger grades.

Hope you are as excited as we are about this year's Student Appreciation Event! Look forward to seeing you all there!

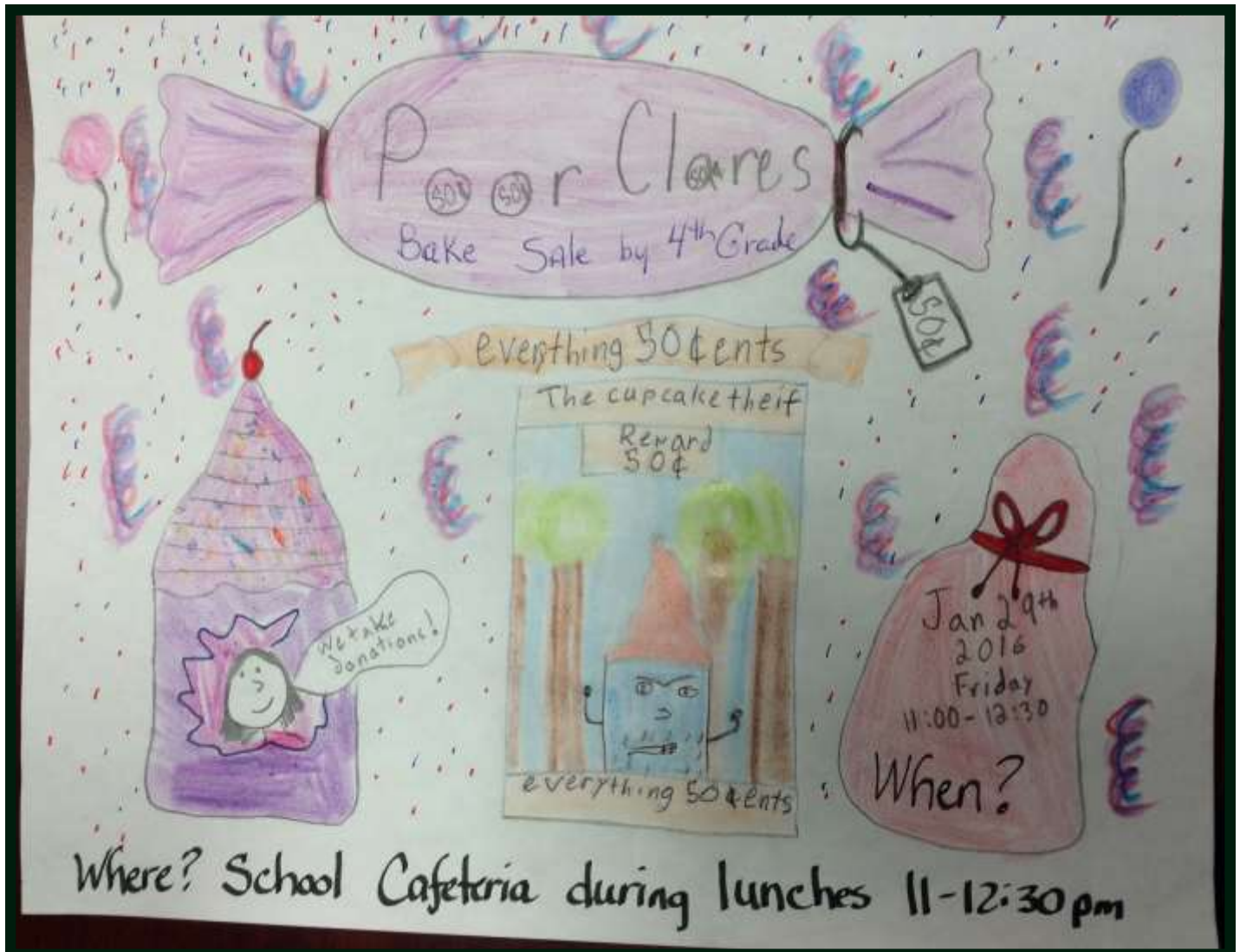
HOME AND SCHOOL—CON'T




KROGER CARD RE-ENROLLMENT TIME It's annual enrollment time for the Kroger Community Rewards program! Each January, Kroger asks its customers to re-designate the organization they want their rewards to benefit. So please take just a moment to sign onto your Kroger rewards account at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com> and designate Incarnation School (ID# 80285) as your organization of choice. Until you re-enroll, your purchases after Jan. 1st will not benefit ICS even if you have previously enrolled in the program.

If you're a newcomer to the program, it's simple to get started. Just visit the same website above to first create an account, and from there you can designate ICS as your school of choice. Once selected, ICS will benefit each time your Plus card is swiped while shopping at Kroger. A quick glance at your cash register receipt will show Incarnation School as your designated school of choice. This is such an easy and free way to support ICS! Thanks to your generosity, ICS receives a quarterly rebate averaging \$750-\$800.

Thanks for supporting our school!
Michelle Mundy and Sherrie Goodwin
2015-2016 Home and School Association co-presidents



ICS February Menu 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Community/Prunk Luncheon			
	1 Hot Dog Chips Veggie & Fruit	2 Chicken Tenders Mac N Cheese Veggie & Fruit	3 Cheese Ravioli Garlic Bread Salad Fruit	4 Cheese Burger Tater Tots Veggie & Fruit	5 NO Lunch 1/2 DAY	6	
7	8 Ham, Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Tomato Soup Veggie & Fruit	9 Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Veggie & Fruit	10 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Veggie & Fruit	11 Baked Potato w/ Toppings Veggie & Fruit Surprise Dessert	12 Fish Sticks Mac N Cheese Veggie & Fruit	13	
14		15 NO SCHOOL	16 Meatball Sub Veggie & Fruit	17 Baked Potato w/ Toppings Chili w/ beans Veggie & Fruit	18 Tamales Veggie & Fruit Cookie	19 Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie & Fruit	20
21	22 Chicken Tenders Mac N Cheese Veggie & Fruit	23 Cheese Ravioli Garlic Bread Veggie & Fruit	24 Hot Dog Chips Veggie & Fruit	25 Baked Potato w/ Toppings Chili w/ Beans Veggie & Fruit	26 Fish Sticks Tomato Soup Veggie & Fruit	27	
28	29 Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Veggie & Fruit						

Valentine's Dance

at Incarnation Church Gym!

Saturday, Feb 6th, 2016
7:00pm - 11:30pm

Get your Tickets Now by Emailing or Calling Alan Montbriand
at alan.montbriand@gmail.com / (518)- 796-6883.

You can also reserve Tables for eight. Tickets and Tables are limited so
don't wait.

Music will be performed by:
Shane Dauberger from Perfection DJs

\$45 Couple
\$25 Single



There will be:

- Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
- Adult Beverages (Beer & Wine)
- Door Prizes

Dress is Casual.

**Open to all
Adults**

Hosted by: **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
Collierville Council 8826



Calling all Master Builders!!!

We are happy to announce that we will be offering Lego Club at Incarnation on Tuesday afternoons for 4 weeks, starting February 23rd-March 15th.

Registration will start soon, so be watching for more info. Classes are taught by a certified teacher, highly trained to understand how children learn and think. In Lego Club, your child will build simple machines, computer-controlled robotic Legos, motorized cars and so much more!!! Each week we will bring new and exciting challenges for the Lego Lover in your life. Lego Club combines Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and lots of creativity. We can't wait to explore the world of Lego with your child.

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