



Friendship Company Newsletter 2016



Dear Parents,
We are having a great start to 2016! The kids are taking it all in stride and we are having a great time learning and playing together at The Friendship Company!



Lost & Found

We have a very full Lost & Found box! The box is located under the table in front of Miss Meagan's office window.

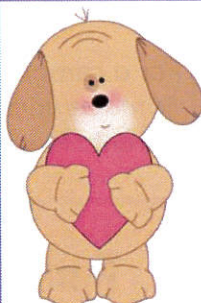
Please go through this box if you are missing anything. Items that go unclaimed for several months will be donated to Goodwill, so be sure to check the box as soon as possible for any items that might belong to your child.

As always, **PLEASE** put your child's name on ALL of their belongings!!!!!!



Reminder!

If you would like a print-out of your tuition payments for 2015 for your taxes, stop by the office and fill out the half sheet.



Valentine's Day Parties

Valentine's Day parties will be held on Monday, February 15th from 3-4 p.m.

Children who do not normally attend on Mondays are welcome to come to their party as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Family and friends who are helping with the party should come early enough to have everything set up by 3:00pm.

Your child is encouraged to bring Valentine cards for the children in his/her classroom.

Parents of children in the *Puddle Duck*, *Honey Bee* and *Busy Bear* classes should put their child's name on the back of the cards and leave the envelopes blank. That way, the children can drop one card in each Valentine's Day sack all by themselves.

If your child is a *Curious Monkey* or a *Leap Frog*, please have **them** write their own name on the back of their cards. Leave the 'To:' blank so that each preschooler can drop one card into each Valentine's Day sack.

The children need to bring in their **completed** Valentine cards by Friday, February 12th.

Please do not just send in a box of Valentine cards & expect your child's teacher to take care of them for you.

Class Counts

Cuddle Bugs

11 Children

Puddle Ducks

19 Children

Honey Bees

16 Children

Busy Bears

21 Children

Curious Monkeys

21 Children

Leap Frogs

22 Children



Winter Weather

Reminder



If we have to close due to a winter storm, we will notify KMOV Channel 4. You can either look for "The Friendship Company" on channel 4 on your TV, or you can go online to <http://www.kmov.com/weather/severe-weather/closings.com>. We will be listed as *The Friendship Company*, **NOT** Central Christian Church. We will also keep the church's website updated with closures, you can visit it at: <http://cchristian.org/>

We also recently created a Facebook page. Search 'The Friendship Company Christian Preschool.' We will post weather announcements, menus, newsletters, and reminders of upcoming events.



Vision & Hearing Screenings

According to Illinois State Law, all children ages 3 and up who are enrolled in a child care or preschool program must participate in a free annual hearing and vision screening. A vision and hearing screening will be done each school year at The Friendship Co. as mandated by Senate Bill 0805 Public Act 093-054.

Vision and hearing screenings are not a substitute for complete eye and vision evaluations by an eye doctor or audiologist. Your child is not required to undergo this vision and hearing screening IF an ophthalmologist and audiologist have completed and signed report forms indicating that evaluations have been administered within the previous 12 months **and** that the evaluations are on file at the school. Vision and hearing screenings are NOT an option. If a vision/hearing examination report is not on file at our center, your child will be screened as required by law.

This year, children who are 3 years and older will be screened March 8th and 9th from at 8am-11am.



IPM Plan

We have contracted with *Commercial Pest Control* to manage any unwanted pests. They will inspect and treat as needed on the 1st Friday of each month after the center has closed for the week.

This month our inspector will be here Friday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. to inspect for any signs of unwanted pests.

For a complete summary of our *Integrated Pest Management Plan*, please see page 17 in the Parent Handbook.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

This month, we are having a Pampered Chef fundraiser. We will place packets in cubbies on Monday, February 8th and we ask that you return them by Friday, February 19th. Our goal is \$3,000. Talk to Meagan for more information.

Worship Services

This month, we will have worship service on

- Friday, February 5th
- Thursday, February 11th
- Friday, February 19th
- Thursday, February 25th

Our focus will be on showing God's love, how to love others, and treating each other like we would want to be treated. Look for your children to come home and share our weekly message and songs.

Coming Events!

Fri, Feb. 5th
6:00p.m. Pest Inspection

Fri, Feb. 12th
Valentine Cards Due

Mon, Feb. 15th
3:00p.m. Valentine's Day Parties

Mon, Feb 8th—Fri, Feb. 19th
Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Tue and Wed, March 8th and 9th
Vision and Hearing Screening

