

It is my pleasure to welcome you, our new parents and students, to Step by Step Christian Preschool. I am proud to be a teacher at the preschool and am delighted you have chosen to join us. We have a wonderful school, filled with many exciting and innovative programs for our children and their families, as well as a caring and creative staff. Your early involvement with your child's education will promote future success in your child's growth and development. There are many ways for you to be involved at the preschool and your input is appreciated and encouraged at every level. I encourage you to volunteer in our classroom by reading a story, organizing a craft, participating in parties. We are excited to begin this new school year, and your participation and enthusiasm will help guarantee its success.

This month's activities include:

"Welcome to School" A time to make new friends and explore a new environment. We will concentrate on making connections within the classroom, sharing our thoughts, and familiarizing ourselves with the classroom schedule. Stories include <u>God Knows All About Me</u> by Kate Toms. Our songs include, "I Am Special'. Our Bible lesson is the story of God's Creation. Our color for the next three weeks is RED. We will be Prewriting holding crayons and finger painting to strengthen our hand muscles. Artist of the month is Kandinsky and his RED circles.

"I Am Special" Our story, <u>Red is a Fire Engine</u>, helps us connect concept with language. Red watercolors, paint, chalk, crayons and markers are great fun to use together. We say our "Thank You God" prayer before snack. The CATCH program introduces us to Limbo.

<u>Clifford's First Day of School</u> follows our activities in the classroom each day. We learn cooperative building skills in the block and housekeeping areas. Before exploring God's world outdoors we learn the Flip Trick to put our jacket on. Please have your child attempt to put their own jacket on before school.

We begin exploring Premath concepts discovering the Circle. We play the Boy or Girl game. Boys stand up. Girls jump up and down. We count our friends for snack. We finish September with <u>Designed by God So I Must Be Special</u> by Sose. We say our "Keep Us Safe" Goodbye prayer before we leave each day.

September is an exciting month filled with discovery and adventure God Made Everything, Mrs. Craft, Mrs. Craney, and Mrs. Woltjen

***Our community outreach project for October is RICE SOCKS for kittens and puppies, so please donate TUBE socks and dry RICE so we can make and send these to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. They are also in need of towels and animal food. Please drop supplies in Room 12 -2.5 year old class.