

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S CENTER

The children's center had a productive and successful 2016.

Our Character Education program was well under way as the new year began. We are working with our children to provide them with positive traits to be children that Jesus would be proud of.

Teacher Appreciation week was very special for the staff at the center. Parents showed their appreciation throughout the week with special snack, a delicious lunch as well as other tokens of appreciation. We are blessed to have such wonderful staff here at the children's center.

Kirsten Seaford came to our Teacher Workday as our guest speaker. Kirsten was very inspirational to the staff.

During the Week of the Young Child we enjoyed special days with the children. Pajama day and Crazy Hat day were just a few of our favorites. Parents joined us on Crazy Hat day as the children paraded around the building. The parade ended on each class' playground where samples of artwork were on display. The event was well received by all.

During Lent the children learned the true meaning of Easter and as they do every week they spent time with the pastors of CLC. The children enjoyed egg hunts and class parties as well.

Our year end carnival is always a favorite. The children and families come together for favorite games, train rides, food and fellowship.

Graduation was exciting and melancholy all at the same time. It is wonderful to see who the children have become as we send them on their way to kindergarten; and at the same time, it is sad to see them leave.

Summer Camp brought new faces to the center. It is exciting to watch as the children truly enjoy the activities and waterdays. When summer camp ended our school year started back in full force.

Parents enjoyed our first CLCC Curriculum Night! Parents were able to visit their child's classroom to see the program and curriculum materials. It gave parents the opportunity to understand the development that takes place in their child's classroom. Parents were also given the opportunity to speak with our Music, Chapel, Spanish, Art, Science and Physical Education teachers.

Our annual Kindergarten Readiness workshop provided parents with information regarding school opportunities and getting their child ready for the transition.

In October the Whisper Hope Farm came to the center during Down on the Farm week so that our children could hold and pet baby animals.

We were fortunate to meet a neighbor living near the lake behind the church. Captain Howard came to visit the children on Veteran's Day. Captain Howard brought many remote control boats' replicas of World War II ships to the center. He shared the history of the ships with the children.

November brought many reasons to give thanks. Parents and children contributed many items to victims of flooding in Lumberton County. Donations were also made to Ronald McDonald house for temporary living facilities for families in Charlotte.

We were excited to wait for baby Jesus birth. Walt Roth, a church member of Christ Lutheran Church built a crèche for the children's center. Children filled the crèche with straw with a piece of straw for each act of kindness. Jesus came into the world with a nice fluffy, bed of kindness waiting for Him.