

Special Friends Lance and Andrew at kickball.



Travis building with big blocks.

## Leadership Training

There are many fine educational reasons why we devote time each month to special friends' activities. However, one of the primary benefits we enjoy seeing over the course of the year is the leadership qualities that become evident among kids which are the "older" of each set of friends.

The older buddies seem to embrace their leadership roles to direct and to take by the hand, many times literally, their little friend through experiences together. By the end of the year, their relationship really is special to them!

This model is not unlike Jesus' leadership training program for us. Sometimes we are spiritual mentors. We take by the hand those who need to hear about Jesus and His work of salvation for them. Other times, we are the ones being led by the Holy Spirit as He provides us with the encouragement we need to face our challenges. Thank God for His leadership in our lives and for providing us with so many special friends!

## Cirque Amongus Day!

We are pleased to announce our end of year all school activity for the last full day of school on June 3<sup>rd</sup>! We will be hosting a Cirque Amongus event which has the following schedule of events for the day:

8:15-11am Circus Training Stations (12 in all)

11:15-12:15 Lunch

12:15-1:45 Costumes and Final Preparations

1:45-3pm SHOWTIME! (Preschool Welcome)

Kids must be wearing tennis shoes for this day. Absolutely no sandals or flip flops can be worn due to safety requirements.

We **must have 22 volunteers** who can spend the whole day as group leaders and "Station Bosses". Training will take place for these leaders on June 2 from 6-8pm.

## For Your Information...(FYI)

- **Pick Up Pattern "Test Drive"...** We will be testing out a CHANGE with regard to the end of day pick up pattern **starting this Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. If it improves traffic flow, we will implement it in the fall. Please inform those who pick up kids of the new procedure outlined below.

We intend to dismiss Kinder kids at 2:55. In order to take advantage of this early release to buckle kids and help thin the line we will "reserve" sidewalk pickup for Kinder rides until 3pm. Only Kinder drivers should park along the sidewalk area until regular release time at 3pm. At that point, the line will move up as usual. Any Kinder rides arriving after 3pm will have to fill in at the end of the line.

## Upcoming Events

- May 17=Track 3-5pm
- May 18=Bookmobile
- May 18=Tball Games  
SJA1=Away, SJA2=Home
- May 19=Last Math Games 3-4
- May 19=SJA library books due
- May 19=Track 3-5pm
- May 20=Last Art Club 3-4:30pm
- May 20=Track 3-5pm
- May 20=Tball Games-both SJA teams 1 & 2 play away
- May 21=Music Electives sheets due from kids in grades 4-7.
- May 21=**Fine Arts & Awards**  
**6-6:25pm Art Gallery Open**  
**6:30pm program begins**
- May 22=Track Regionals
- May 23=Coffee Hour hosted by families of grades 5&6
- May 23=Last Sunday School

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Grow in Faith,  
Knowledge and  
Service."**

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Mission Statement

Lexie and Lauren with their special Zhu-Zhu pets for "Z" week!



**Bible Trivia** Who was the father of King David?

**Last Week's Q&A:** For how many churches was the Book of Revelation written? **Seven**