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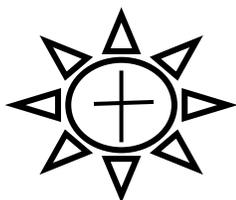
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Dear Parents:

Welcome to G.R.O.W. in the Son Summer Program! We are excited about the summer adventures that await your child(ren) and anticipate not only lots of fun, but enriching and educational opportunities as well. WELCOME BACK to those who are returning, and a BIG WELCOME to those who will be joining us for the very first time. If you want to know what we'll be doing on a daily basis, check out our weekly calendar of events attached.

Please review your Family Handbook for important information about our summer program. If you need another Handbook, please let us know and we'll be happy to provide one. For your convenience, additional information is listed below.

**Family Folders and Sign in/out**

Family folders are located in the blue plastic tub outside of the Right Side classroom in the hallway. Please check your folder weekly as it will contain important information such as weekly statements and more. Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. The sign-in sheet is located outside of the Right Side Classroom (the classroom to your right as you are in the GROW hallway).

**Van/Car Seats**

Trinity Lutheran Church has been blessed with a 15 passenger van, which means we'll be able to take frequent field trips off the premises. In addition, we will use the Trinity Lutheran G.R.O.W. in the Son bus for our longer field trips. Children under the age of 8 must be secured in an appropriate safety seat. Children weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the back seat of a motor vehicle while wearing a lap and shoulder belt system.

**Field Trips**

An activity fee will be included in your weekly tuition to cover the costs of summer field trips. Many of our field trips during the summer require a deposit, so this fee is based on the weeks your child is signed up at the beginning of the summer. We will provide a sack lunch (if needed) for each field trip.

**Special Field Trips**

**June 19, 2017** – All children **MUST** have tennis shoes. We will be doing Zumba so sandals and flip-flops are not allowed.

**June 22, 2017**- All Children will need a waiver signed so they can jump at Sky Zone; we will have the waivers out towards the end of May and beginning of June.

**July 28, 2017**- **ALL children will need to be at GROW no later than 8:00 a.m.** We need all children here by 8:00 so that we can have breakfast and be on the bus at 9:00.

## **Tuition Payments**

The summer weekly tuition is \$130. Tuition payments are due on the Monday of the week attending. As you know, you will not be charged tuition for the weeks you did not schedule your child on the enrollment form. If plans change and your child will be away a week you did not indicate, a two week notice must be given. If not, you will be charged for the week. Per your Family Handbook, weekly tuition payments are expected the first day of the week your child is in attendance unless other arrangements have been made with the director.

## **Dress Code**

Children need to wear the proper shoes for playing outside. There are several field trips that require tennis shoes, please have a pair in their cubbies, so that no matter what they have tennis shoes. We will be walking some places and playing in grassy areas. Flip flops have been a huge problem in the past. They break easily and children are then left without shoes for the remainder of the day. In addition, children are not allowed to wear flip flops in the grass of the front play area. We have had children experience bee stings, and it is not pleasant. To remedy this issue, I ask that no flip flops are worn this summer. For swim days, it is okay to send flip flops to go to the pool. This would help both your child and the teachers tremendously. Tank top straps must be thick, not spaghetti straps. If you have any questions or need to speak with me, my office is always open.

## **Swim Days**

Please send a towel and swim suit on each swim day. These items may be left in your child's cubbie during the week, but we ask that you take them home over the weekend. All of the days that a swim suit is needed are listed on the Summer Calendar.

## **Things to bring**

This summer, I am asking that families provide the following items for their child:

- Sunscreen with your child's name on it
- Bug spray with your child's name on it
- Children's Tylenol with your child's name on it.\*
- **Pair of tennis shoes (sneakers) to leave in cubbies**
- Extra pair of socks

This helps the staff and I know exactly what is to be used on each child.

\*G.R.O.W. in the Son will no longer be providing Tylenol. If you would like Tylenol provided to your child when needed, please send some with them.

## **Program Closed**

G.R.O.W. summer program begins during the week of May 29<sup>th</sup>; however, that Monday (May 29<sup>th</sup>) is Memorial Day, so we will be closed in observance of the holiday. We will be open Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM.

G.R.O.W. in the Son will be closed during the week of June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Trinity Lutheran Church will host its yearly VBS (Vacation Bible School) during that week. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. You will not be charged any tuition during this week.

We will also be closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

Thank you for choosing G.R.O.W. in the Son Summer Program! We look forward to meeting your child care needs while having a fun-filled summer. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have questions. See you this summer on May 30<sup>th</sup>!

God's blessings,

Tess Richardson, G.R.O.W. in the Son Beyond-School Program Director