

Little Sprouts Nursery & Preschool Report March 2017

As the new nursery director, as of October 2016, I have had the privilege of teaching and caring for our youngest members. I'm grateful and honored to have served our church and our families these past few months. The children bring such joy and it's such a privilege to see them grow in their knowledge and love for God.

I am pleased to report that we have had three new volunteers since October. I have developed a new, in-depth volunteer application that was completed by all of our volunteers. As well, all of our volunteers have completed Ministry Safe Training in Sexual Abuse Awareness. These two things assure that we are in compliance with our liability insurance coverage.

In February, Pastor Karisa and I discussed the ages of the children in our care and we came to the conclusion that it would be best to keep all preschool aged children in Little Sprouts. Because of this, the name has changed from Little Sprouts Nursery to Little Sprouts Nursery & Preschool. We will now follow the school year age requirements. In order to move up to the Children's Sunday School class, our children will need to be five years old by September 1st and we will have a "Graduation Sunday" on the first Sunday of September every year.

We're continuing to use the "Growing in God" curriculum for the three to five year olds. It is an excellent resource and I believe that our teaching volunteers are happy with the ease of use and message of God's love. We're still looking at ways to implement material for our children who are under three.

This year we also received a computer donation. It is now being used in the preschool area for short bible videos and music. This has been a really useful tool for enhancing the preschool lesson. As well, I reorganized the entire preschool area and put everything in labeled bins so now items are more accessible and easier to find for our teachers. New toys and learning material were also purchased.

The average attendance since the beginning of October 2016 through present is 10 children each Sunday, which has been fairly steady since the beginning of 2016. We're trusting that God has big plans as we anticipate a new head pastor and all the excitement that will bring.

It's been a blessing and an honor to serve our church and share God's love with our "little sprouts."

Respectfully,
Summer Johnson
Nursery Director