

From the Director

Sociologist John Hutchinson, Columbia University, has written, "By the time word reaches the fourth person, a message is likely to contain no more than five percent of the whole story."

Truth was terribly distorted at the trial of Jesus, where His accusers claimed He wanted to destroy the holy temple in Jerusalem, because He said, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days" (John 2:19), Jesus of course, was speaking of the resurrection of His body.

Many false rumors start when a statement is misunderstood or wrongly interpreted. The upshot is an untruth or a half-truth. Sometimes no malicious intent is involved. We have to reckon with human imperfection in speaking and hearing. That's why the English courts distinguish between truth as it is written and truth that is heard.

Because we are all fallible human beings, we need to speak plainly and to listen carefully when the good name and reputation of another is at stake, lest we do someone an injustice. God's commandment tells us not to bear false witness against our neighbor, and St. Paul writes this: "Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body." (Ephesians 4:25)

As we, in love, refrain from uttering untruth, so we in the same love also speak the truth – the truth of correction – when the situation requires it.

Jesus is the truth personified. He not only spoke the truth but also did the truth, fulfilling the work the heavenly Father had given Him to do. He is our Exemplar and our Enabler of truth-speaking, giving us willingness and power to speak the truth in love.

Teachers' Corner

The teachers would like to remind you of a few helpful and important requests.

- **GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – The preschool is continuing to collect General Mills Box Tips. These box tops go for educational programs and materials for the classrooms. All you need to do is clip the box top logo from the participating General Mills products and put them in the designated box in your child's class. The preschool gets 10 cents for each box top.
- **CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN** – Each child needs to have a complete change of clothing in his/her cubbie. Please be sure to label the clothing with your child's name and put them in a large zip-lock bag. This extra set of clothes is in case of a potty accident or maybe spilling milk or water on clothes.

- **IDENTIFYING YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING** – It is recommended that you mark your child's clothing with a marker to identify the article of clothing if it becomes lost. Children sometimes have the same type and color of clothing and when the jacket or sweater is taken off it can sometimes be laid with another that is a match. With a child's name or even initials on the clothing tag it makes identification much easier for teachers and parents alike. The same should be done with change of clothing articles in the child's zip-lock bag.

Office Reminders

- **NEW FLAT SCREEN TV MONITOR IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY** – If you have not already noticed the preschool now has a flat screen TV monitor in the lobby. This is not for staff to be able to watch Soap Operas on their breaks, even though that question was asked. The flat screen was installed to keep parents better informed about CPCC happenings and coming events. Coupled with your emails the flat screen will keep you up-to-date on what is taking place at CrossPoint.
- **CHECKING CHILDREN IN AND OUT** – Please be sure that you are checking your child in and out each day. If you do not complete the process we are not sure your child attended that particular day or if and when they were picked up.
- **PRESCHOOL OFFICE HOURS** – CrossPoint's office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Office and administrative staff is usually available before and after normal office hours. The front doors will be open during normal school hours, 6:00 am to 6:30 pm.
- **CHECKING YOUR EMAIL** – The most efficient way the preschool communicates with its parents is via email. If you provided the office with your email address you will receive weekly news from your child's teachers and the school office. This is an excellent way to keep informed about what's happening and events at CrossPoint Children's Center.

School Calendar of Events

March	<p>1 Registration opens for the 2012-2013 school year – CPCC Students</p> <p>5-9 Parent Appreciation Week</p> <p>16 St. Patrick's Day – Parties in classrooms</p> <p>19-30 Parent-Teacher Conferences if needed – Kindergarten only</p>
April	<p>2 Registration opens for the 2012-2103 school year – Public</p> <p>2-13 Parent-Teacher Conferences if needed – Preschool only</p> <p>5 Easter Parties in classrooms – 10:00 am</p> <p>9-13 Spring Break – Kindergarten only – Special Daycare available</p> <p>16-18 Graduation Pictures – 4 & 5 year old classrooms</p> <p>16-27 Scholastic Book Fairs</p> <p>19 Open House – 7:00 and 7:30 pm</p>

FROM A CHILD TO GOD:

Dear God,

Are you really invisible or is that just a trick.

Lucy