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Hello Immanuel Families!

It's almost time for school again, which means Sunday School will be starting soon. We have completely changed our program, and I thought you would be interested in hearing what we have planned. Our new Children's Ministry called the Zoo C.R.E.W. will be taking the place of Sunday school. **C**ome **R**eady to **E**njoy the **W**onder!!

This new program will be different from what we have done in previous years. First of all, we will start at 10:00am. This will give parents time to drop their kids off in the Children's Ministry room and sit and enjoy some refreshments before church...this is also something new at Immanuel. If you haven't been here lately, you will be surprised at some of the changes.

Each week we will have stories and lessons that will correspond with what Pastor is doing in church. In addition to this, we will have a monthly theme that our activities will revolve around. The disciples, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion, and the Ten Commandments are some examples of monthly themes. Also new this year will be the integration of technology into our Children's Ministry. We will have a TV that we will use to access lessons, music, and more online. The schedule will be child driven. We will have crafts, snacks, games, music, and more. We are going to be doing what they are interested in doing and learning along the way! We will finish our day by joining the rest of the congregation in church for the children's message and communion. We really think that this schedule will work the best for the kids...and we hope others enjoy it as well.

The Children's Ministry room is in the hallway where the previous Sunday school rooms were. We have opened them up into one room and completely redecorated. The children will be helping to make some decorations during our extravaganza on September 8th. The room will have stations set up for music and movement, crafts, snacks, worktables, and a reading and story area. We will be keeping the kids grouped by their ages, even though we will all be in the same space. We would love for you to come check it out at Extravaganza!! As with anytime we are working with kids, we will adjust as necessary!!

I'm excited, and I cannot wait for you to see all the changes we have made. I will be joining Kim Pepin, Heidi Mitchell, and Jim Franks in the teaching duties this year. We have some surprises up our sleeves and can't wait for you to see them. The Extravaganza will take place Sunday September 8th at 10:00am. Registration will happen from 10:00-10:30, and then when parents go into church we have plans for the kids. There will also be an animal themed meal after church that day.

Hope to see you there!!

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