September 3, 2007

Pioneer Clubs Parents,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Pioneer Clubs for the 2007-2008 year! We have a dedicated, caring staff that has been excitedly planning your child's year. It's wonderful to finally get started.

Pioneer Clubs might be new to you. It is new to most of us, although Westminster has been the host site of Pioneer Clubs in the past. Pioneer is PCA approved, but it is not a denominational program. Many different denominations utilize this amazing program all over the world. The program is Christ-centered and integrates spiritual and personal development; emphasizes evangelism and discipleship; and gives children opportunities to learn new skills, make friends, have fun, and develop Christian values that affect every area of their lives. The focus is Christ and we are humbly allowing ourselves to be used for His glory.

Now for a few items of business that must be addressed.

*Tell your friends and neighbors about Pioneer Clubs! Take registration forms to places where you encounter children. Pioneer Clubs will make a difference for eternity and you can help us by filling up our classrooms!

*While we do have room in most of our clubs, two are filled to capacity. What does this mean? It means that unless some people step forward to split these classes, we will be forced to turn children away. Talk to me about what being a leader in Pioneer means and how you can answer the call. Remember that asking questions does not mean you are committing to teach.

*Children should be dropped off and picked up at their classroom. Only those people who are on the registration form may pick up your child. If you need to add another adult, please see the teacher or myself. Until the teachers are comfortable with recognizing parents, please be prepared to **SHOW A PHOTO ID.**

*We have a child with a nut allergy. It will not be normal practice for parents to provide snacks, but if there is a rare occasion that this happens, please do not bring any food that has nuts or has been in contact with nut products.

*Please be prompt. Pioneer Clubs recommends time of 1 ½ to 2 hours and we chose the lesser. The time will be full, however, so we need everyone to arrive between 4:20-4:30 so we are ready to engage your children!

*On a similar note, please pick your child up between 6-6:05. If your child is participating in Children's Choir, we will transfer them to that activity.

*It takes a lot of people to make a program like this work. We still need volunteers! Can you pass out snack once a month? Can you make copies once a quarter? Can you pull supplies out of the supply closet for the teachers? Can you help clean up the room for 5-10 minutes after club time? Please be available to help in some way. Nothing is too small! WE NEED YOU!

*We will not be requiring the children to do much outside of club time unless they miss a meeting. You can help solidify the lessons by reviewing the sheets they bring home and discussing what they have learned! Also, please make sure to send your child in uniform.

*We will have ongoing lists of needs. There are lots of projects to be completed and crafts to be made! Please check this monthly letter for things to bring to help our teachers! For now, here is our list:

- cereal boxes
- pringle cans
- lids from 5 gallon buckets
- old tennis balls
- small plastic containers (Crystal Light type)

*Lastly, but most importantly, please be in prayer for this program. Cover the teachers in prayer. Cover the children we will encounter. Cover myself as I learn about this program. Let God have the glory as we serve Him by serving these children!

Thank you for reading this far and for entrusting your children to us. We take the responsibility seriously. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to see me.

Blessings!

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Pioneer Coordinator
(aka Tanya Robinson)

Be looking forward to next issue when I explain the Bird Names!