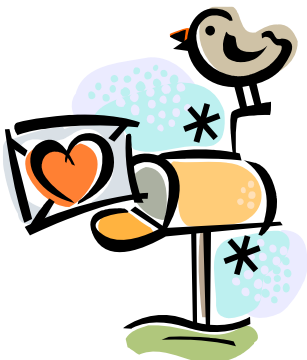


February 2010



St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Events:

2/3, 4 & 5: Two's Chapel Time Songs with Ms. Pat

2/6: St. James' Nursery School Public Registration Day!

2/9 & 10: Chapel Times for 3's and 4's

2/10-12: Valentine's Day Events!

2/12: Main Street MWF Bookmobile Visit

2/15: **Closed: President's Day Holiday**

2/16, 18 & 19: 3's Skyview Gym Fieldtrips

2/17, 18 & 19: Cuddle-up and Read Book Selection Day!!

2/22: Annex 4's Bookmobile Visit

2/22: PM Classes Only Closed and Full Day 4's Class Early Dismissal at 12:00 - Staff In-Service

2/23: T/Th 3's and 4's classes Bookmobile Visit

2/23-26: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!!

Also... Dental Health Awareness Month
Dr. Hasson's Dental Office
will visit with all 3's and 4's classes



From the Director's Desk

As I am writing this insert for the February newsletter we are excited to have our NAEYC assessor here to visit our program. She will be observing in nine of our classroom and in all age groups. It is a stormy day today and I pray the electricity stays on and that all goes smoothly!! I will inform you of their decision whenever we are notified. Thank you so much for your continued support of our school and its staff.

I just wanted to let all of you know that the monthly newsletters are available on our website, www.stjamesmtairy.org/nursery_school. Beginning next year we will be moving to sending our newsletter via e-mail. On that note, if you are not receiving e-mails from the school, please call me to update your e-mail. Thank you so much.

It is hard to believe that we will be having the Book Fair this month. If you are able to volunteer at the book fair please contact Melissa Hess at tobyandmelissa@comcast.net. Thank you to the many parents that will be helping with the Book Fair this year.

Another way we are encouraging a love of reading (and future success in learning to read) is by having our Cuddle-up and Read Program. Children will be selecting a book as a reward for participating on the 17, 18 and 19 of February. Over 200 brand new books were selected by St. James' students in January for December!! Make sure to send in those January calendars.

Have a safe February, think snow and enjoy a loving Valentine's Day with your family,

**Kindergarten Registration
Dates for 2010-2011
school year!
Please register right away –
this is very important!!**

Twin Ridge Elementary School

Please come the first two days!
Beginning on March 1st from 1:00-8:00
March 2nd (and thereafter) from 8:30-4:00

Parrs Ridge Elementary School

Kindergarten registration will be held at Parr's Ridge Elementary School the week of March 22-26, 2010. Times for registration are 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. daily. An evening registration will be held on March 25th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Parents will need to present the following at the time of registration:

- Identification of parent/legal guardian (driver's license or court document indicating guardianship)
- a copy of their child's birth certificate or other legal document to verify their child's legal name and birth date
- verification of residence such as a public utility bill or a lease agreement
- specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.

If you have questions about kindergarten, kindergarten orientation, or alternatives to kindergarten, please contact the principal of the elementary school in your attendance area.

Please make sure to register on these dates. It is very important for the schools to know how many children they will have. They rely on these numbers for assignment of kindergarten staff.

Preschoolers in the Kitchen

Valentine's Wreath



Coat bottom of bundt pan with non-stick spray, sprinkle candy hearts all over the bottom of bundt pan. Follow recipe for mixing Rice Krispy Treats, except add a little red food coloring to butter mixture to make it pink and mix and press into Bundt pan. Flip out and you have a beautiful wreath with hearts on it!!

February Chapel Schedule

Annex

2/9 at 1:30 & 2/10 at 10:00

Main Street

2/9 at 11 and 2:45

2/20 and 2/21: at 11:00 and 2:30

Please feel free to join us!

Registration for Fall 2010

Our registration for the public will be on Saturday, February 6th. Thank you for referring parents to St. James'. You are our best advertisements!!



The Legend of The Valentine

The legend says St. Valentine
Was in a prison cell
Thinking of his little flock
He had always loved so well
And wanting to assure them
Of his friendship and his love
He picked a bunch of violets
And sent them by a dove.

And on the violets' leaves
He pierced these lines divine
That simply said, "I Love You"
And "I'm your Valentine"
So through the years that followed
From that day unto this
Folks still send messages of love
And seal them with a kiss.

Because a Saint in prison
Reached through prison bars one
day
And picked a bunch of violets
And sent them out to say
That faith and love can triumph
No matter where you are
For faith and love are greater
Than the strongest prison bar.

Author Unknown

Scholastic Book Fair!!



Classes will be going to the Book Fair, located at 1307 North Main Street (our Main Street location) on **February 23-26**. This year's theme is ***Book Fair Diner – All you can Read!*** ” and it uses rainforest animals to get the children excited about books and reading. There will be surprises for the children at the fair. The fair will be open from 9-3 everyday for browsing – children and siblings are welcome.

Exiting news!! Again this year, we will three drawings for special theme book baskets (science, math and language). Tickets for these baskets will be given for purchases made (the number of tickets you receive is based on the amount of your purchase).

When you come to the fair look for a “Teachers Wish List Display” that will have names of books the teachers would like to have for classroom use. If you would like to buy one for the class, you will be given a label to place in the front of the book stating that it is from your child.

We look forward to seeing you anytime during Book Fair hours and thank you in advance for supporting this important reading event to get books in the hands of students. The proceeds of this book fair will go towards books and equipment for our classrooms.

Ms. Karla's 2's

It is hard to believe that we are a little over half way through the school year!

In February we start to review all of the shapes, colors and numbers that we introduced. We will be talking about using the potty and will encourage the children to use the bathroom at least once during their class time.

Our nursery rhyme for February is “The Queen of Hearts”, the shape is a heart and the color is red. We will have the children help prepare their own snack a few times in February. They are ready to take a little more responsibility in the classroom.

We encourage our parents that have taken the volunteer training to come in to help in the classroom.

*Ms. Karla, Ms. Jenny
and Ms. Robin*



Ms. Dona's Green Room 3's

Welcome to February!! It's all about Valentine's Day. The children receiving brightly colored cards. Valentine's Day is a warm, fuzzy spot in a cold, gray month. Another fun day is February 19, when we go the Skyview Gym as part of our fitness and healthy living lessons. After this our themes will include Valentine's Day and Jesus Loves Me, and our Five Senses.

Skills this month are: colors pink and purple, number 6 and 7, the heart shape, and counting objects from 1 to 5. We will also be dictating more stories, making class books, and listening for letter sounds.

There's a lot to do this month!

Happy February!

*Ms. Dona, Ms. Deb
and Ms. Tracy*

Ms. Deb's Green Room 3's

Happy Healthy Heart month!! February in the Green Room will be filled with finding ways to make our hearts happy - from exercising, to picking healthy food and taking care of ourselves. We will discover what makes us the happiest.

On February 16th we will be taking a trip to Skyview Gym to have an hour of heart healthy fun.

Our hearts will be extra happy on February 11th when we celebrate Valentine's Day.

This month we will learn how to take care of our teeth and keep our mouths happy when we get a visit from the dentist office. Sounds like February might just end up being the happiest month of the year!!

Have a great month,

Ms. Deb and Ms. Jenny



Ms. Susan's Red Room 3's

During January we learned about eating healthy foods and nutrition, so to continue this theme in February we will be learning about fitness and habits that encourage healthy living. We will be tracking our exercise in class and at home. We will also discuss habits like healthy eating, brushing teeth, exercising, and getting plenty of rest. A fieldtrip to Skyview Gym will also be included with this unit. The second half of February will be learning about and experiencing our five senses. This unit will include making Gingerbread Men art, sensory tray at the science table, and guessing games with different smells

and touch bags with different textures. Valentine's Day will also be celebrated in our room on February 11. We will decorate our own Valentine bags and do many other creative art projects to celebrate this special day. Make your prediction now - Will March come like a Lion or a Lamb?

Ms. Susan and Mrs. Calka



Ms. Kim's Yellow Room 3's and Pre-K 4's

Groundhog Day is a day for shadowy holiday fun. Will there be more winter or spring on the way? Only the groundhog knows for sure. Bring your flashlights to class for lots of shadowy fun.

We will be doing a unit on Valentine's Day with a party and lots of valentines for special friends. Happy Valentine's Day!

February will end with a fun book event! St. James' Nursery School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair during the last week of the month. I can't wait to see all the wonderful books you and your children will choose.

The four classes will be inviting their dad's to come in and visit our class on Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26th. The children will show their dads what they do here and enjoy a doughnut for snack.

Happy Valentine's Day!

*Ms. Kim, Ms. Linda
and Mrs. Calka*

Mrs. Garnand's Red Room Pre-K 4's

February will be a month of learning about the love of family, friends and Jesus' love for us. We will be talking about Groundhog's Day and shadows.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 12th. Each child may bring in valentines for their friends. There are 18 in the AM class and 12 in the PM class. Please do not address the valentine's to a specific child. Just have your child sign their name on their valentines.

Dads are invited in on February 26 for 'Donuts for Dad' - more info to follow.

We will be learning our birthdays. Please help your child learn the month and day of their birthday.

We will have a visit from a dental hygienist talking about good dental care and health.

We will also have a unit on the five senses, with fun activities on each sense. We will be closed on February 15 for President's Day. The PM class will be closed on Monday, February 22 for an in-service day.

Have a great month,

Mrs. Garnand and Mrs. Calka

Mrs. Thomas' News News from the Annex

The month of February will be an exciting one for us! We will start the month off by talking about shadows and Groundhog Day. Will we have six more weeks of Winter or will Spring be early?

Next, we will be talking about how to keep our bodies healthy and fit. In conjunction with our unit on fitness and healthy living, the 3's class will go to the Skyview Gym, which should be a lot of

fun! The Pre-K 4/5's class is looking forward to January 26th when their Dad's get to come to school for donuts. Yum!!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day at school with a party. Each child may bring in Valentine's for their classmates. Please have your child sign their valentine, but don't address them. As February ends, we will talk about our five senses and how important they are to us.

February is the shortest month of the year, but will be filled with a lot of fun and learning experiences. We can hardly wait.

*Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Susan
and Ms. Karen*

BUBBLE MAGIC

Bubbles are a lot of fun in the summer. Did you know they can be a lot of fun in the winter as well?

What you need

10 cups of water

1 cup of dishwashing detergent

1/4 cup glycerin (available at craft stores)

plastic bucket and plastic bubble wand

What you do

1. Mix the water, detergent, and glycerin in a bucket.

2. Take the bucket and bubble wand outside on a really cold day, when the thermometer is reading 0 degrees or below.

3. Dip your wand in the bucket and blow gently through the wand to create a bubble. What happened to your bubble? Did it freeze? What happens when you blow your bubbles out into the cold winter wind?

4. Try to keep your bubble on the wand. Allow the bubble to freeze. What happens to the bubble's color when it freezes? Experiment with your bubbles on different days. How does the temperature affect the bubbles?