

St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Nursery School Events

March 2010

3/2: No School Today—In-Service Day for Staff

3/3, 4 & 5: Picture Days! (Class Photos)

3/3: MW 2's and MWF 3's and Pre-K 4's

3/4: Tuesday/Thursday 2's, 3's and 4's

3/5: Friday 2's, Annex Full Day 4/5's

3/10: Chapel Time for MWF 3's and Pre-K 4's

3/10-12: Two's Chapel Sing-a-longs

3/15: Annex Bookmobile

3/16: Chapel Time for the T/TH Classes and 3's
Bookmobile Day

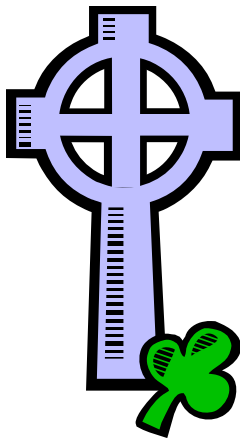
3/15-17: St. Patrick's Day Fun

3/17, 18 & 19: Cuddle-up and Target Reading Books
Selected

3/19: Bookmobile Visits Main Street

3/31: Make up Day for MWF 3's and 4's PM only

**3/31: Beginning of Easter Break for all other classes
(at this point!)**



Group Picture Dates!!



Each class will have their picture taken together on the following dates:

March 3: MW 2's, MWF 3's & 4's

March 4: TTH 2's, 3's & 4's

March 5: MWF Full Day 4's & Friday 2's

These photos make wonderful mementoes. The order form envelope with the payment enclosed is due prior to picture day. Thank you!

Community Lenten Lunches

Every Tuesday during Lent, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Community Lenten Lunches (including a speaker) are held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy. There is a free-will offering for the lunch.

Chili Cook-off March 27, 2010

Everyone is invited to attend the annual ICS Chili Cook-off, Saturday, March 27th, at the Firemen's Carnival Grounds, from 10 to 5. Presented by MAMSA and the 4 County Lions Club, the day will offer fun for the entire family. A free child ID service will be provided, as well as great food, dance and karate demonstrations, moon bounce, face painting, sand art, temporary tattoos, and lots more for kids, hot dog and wing eating contests,

music all day, and the opportunity to sample world class competition chili.

In addition to joining the fun of judging the best booth, the public will be invited to select their choice of the best chili.

Free parking is available all day. A Cruise-in will occur throughout the day, so come see the vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles on display. For this rain or shine event, cooks, vendors and volunteer judges are being sought – check the website www.mountairymainstreet.org for entry forms and further information.

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.

Easter Break Dates and Snow Day Make-Up Dates

St. James' Nursery School will be closed for Easter from March 31st through April 6th. The MWF PM classes at Main Street will make up a snow day on Wednesday, March 31st and begin their Easter Break on April 1st. All classes will resume on Wednesday, April 7th. Hopefully we will not have additional snow closing, but if we do, additional make-up days will be announced.

Have a blessed Easter!

eScript and Food Lion

If you haven't already done so, please register for eScrip on-line at escrip.com and choose St. James' Nursery School (group id# 155428931) to benefit from your purchases. Also, please register online at foodlion.com for the Food Lion Shop & Save program. Thank you!

Inclement Weather School Closing Procedures

- When Carroll County Schools are closed due to bad weather, St. James Nursery, **both locations**, will also be closed.
- When Carroll County Schools open one **or** two hours late: All AM classes will begin at 10:00 and dismiss at 11:30 and PM classes are held as scheduled.
- If Carroll County Schools dismiss early, we will not hold PM classes.
- As always, your child's safety comes first. If you are uncomfortable with the driving conditions, we will respect your decision to keep your child at home or pick them up early.
- If you are unsure of closings, please call the nursery office at 301-829-0014 to hear the recorded message.

Cuddle-up and Target Reading

For January, most of the children participated in the "Cuddle-up and Target Reading Program". They enjoyed choosing from a variety of books.

Calendars for February are due now. The children will be choosing books for February towards the middle of the month.

Ms. Karla's 2's

February was a very short and busy month. We enjoyed our Valentine's Day celebrations. We will continue to ask each child to use the bathroom at least once during their class time.

Group pictures will be March 3rd-5th.

Our nursery rhyme is Hickory, Dickory, Dock and the theme is "Mice are Nice". We will introduce the color green, the circle shape and the number 2. We will also be talking about families and who is in our family!

Hickory, Dickory, Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down
Hickory, Dickory, Dock

As always, trained volunteers are always welcome in the classroom.

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

Ms. Deb's Green Room 3's

Here comes spring in the Green Room! With February being so fierce, hopefully March will come in like a lamb and stay that way all month long!

We start our month with Fairy Tales. Reading, dramatic play and puppets will be some of the ways we will tell the stories of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", "The Little Red Hen", and the "Tale of Peter Rabbit".

For the second half of the month we will be getting ready for Easter. Making baskets, bunnies, and decorating eggs will be some of the activities we will do as we learn about the true meaning of Easter.

Make sure you check the parent board and your e-mail to keep updated on all special dates and any changes to the calendar.

Have a great month,
Ms. Deb and Ms. Jenny

Ms. Dona's Green Room 3's

Welcome to March in the Green Room! Along with spring come many fun activities.

Our themes include fairy tales and Easter. We'll also watch out for windy weather and St. Patrick's Day.

The skills this month will be: a review of colors, the number 8 and 9, the rectangle shape, and sorting objects by one attribute.

Group pictures will be taken on March 3 and Chapel Time will be on March 10. The AM class starts their Easter Break on March 31. For the PM class, March 31 is to make-up a snow day (and then their Easter Break will begin).

Have a lovely Easter,
*Ms. Dona, Ms. Deb
and Ms. Tracy*

Ms. Susan's Red Room 3's

March is here and so is the "S" word. If you thought *spring*, you were right, not *snow*! We will begin our month by learning about fairy tales. We will review what fairy tales are by using the story The Three Bears. We will also read and do activities with the Three Pigs. Activities include cooking singing, and dramatizing the fairy tales.

During the second half of our month, we will be celebrating and learning about St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We will talk about Leprechauns and lacing shamrocks. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a green snack. Easter activities will include stories, making baskets, decorating eggs, and singing songs. Happy Easter!

Ms. Susan and Mrs. Calka

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

March is going to be a wonderful month to learn about the many changes in the weather. Will it be winter or spring like? Will the month come in like a lion and leave like a lamb? Those are some of the questions we will be answering throughout March by using our weather graph. Make sure to take a look at our graph in our circle area, we will be counting each day to find out if March has more lion weather or more lamb weather. I'm guessing more lion weather!

We will be smiling again as our class pictures will be taken on March 3rd for MWF 4's and March 4th for the 3's class and TTh 4's class.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a fun party. I hope that naughty leprechaun doesn't come in a play tricks on us, but I do hope he leaves his pot of gold.

We will end the month with Easter.
No More Snow please!!

Hoping for a warm and mild March,
*Ms. Kim, Ms. Linda,
and Mrs. Calka*



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

Will March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Our units this month will be Fairy Tales and Easter.

Our class picture will be taken on Wednesday, March 3 and chapel on March 10.

On March 5, we will have a sock hop. Wear fun socks to school and we will visit with Ms. Kim's class for a fun time dancing in our socks!

On March 17, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green and each child is asked to bring in a green snack to share with the class (nut free!).

Our Easter celebration will be on Monday, March 29. And for the PM class we will have a snow make-up day on March 31st.

Enjoy the month of March – Spring will be here soon and Easter will be a joyous celebration!

Mrs. Garnand and Mrs. Calka



**Mrs. Thomas' News
News from the Annex**

Snow! Snow! Snow! Hopefully in the month of March we will not be dealing with so much snow. We will have fun graphing how many days are like a lion and how many are like a lamb in the month of March. Let's hope there will be more days like a lamb.

Our units for this month will be Fairy Tales, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. At our St. Patrick's Day celebration, we will have fun looking for the wee little leprechaun and his pot of gold. Don't forget to wear green!

Easter is a time of celebration. We will dye Easter eggs and have an egg hunt at our Easter party.

March, with longer days and milder temperatures promises to be an exciting month.

Have a blessed Easter everyone!

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