

March 2011



**St. James' Nursery
School News**



**Calendar of Nursery
School Events**

3/2-3: 2's Mini-Chapel Times

3/4: **Main Street closed—Power Outage**

3/8: 3's Bookmobile Visit

3/8-11: Wolfgang Candy orders and payments due

3/9-11: Picture Days! (Class Photos)

3/10: Chapel Times for TTH 3's

3:11: Friday 2's Mini-Chapel

3/11: First Friday of New Lunch Bunch Session (rescheduled due to closing on the 4th)!!

3/15-18: Annual Scholastic Book Fair!!

3/26: Chapel Times for MWF students

3/17: St. Patrick's Day

3/28: Bookmobile Visits Annex

Next Month!!

Field Trips to the Maryland Zoo
in Baltimore!!

April 14 and 15

(MW 2's go on the 14th)

From the Director's Desk



March has arrived today and I think it is safe to say that most of us are looking forward to some consistently warm and sunny weather. Yesterday the staff attended a six-hour Medication Administration Training. We were most interested in the information that was covered concerning allergies and the development of action plans for meeting individual children needs in an allergy related emergency.

This month of March will mark each year the time for our yearly NAEYC accreditation annual report. Part of this process was the completion of the Family Survey. I am grateful for the 117 families that participated in the survey. Your time and thoughtful insights and comments will be reviewed by all staff at our March staff meeting. We are blessed to have received overwhelmingly positive responses and feedback. There were several comments concerning our registration process and the types of classes offered at St. James. We have already thought of ways to adjust our registration schedule to allow parents more time to consider their options for next year following our mid-year Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will strive to publicize more effectively the 'schedule of classes' for the next year. We wish that we could meet all of your requests for class times and schedules but have classroom, facility, and staffing limitations which make it impossible to do.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our program. Please help to spread the word – we have opening for the Fall in all age groups!!

Pat

My Fingers

(By Mary O'Neill)

My fingers are antennae.
Whatever they touch;
Bud, rose, apple,
Cellophane, crutch-
They race the feel
Into my brain,
Plant it there and
Begin again.
This is how I knew
Hot from cold
Before I was even
Two years old.
This is how I can tell,
Though years away,
That elephant hide
Feels leather grey.
My brain never loses
A touch I bring;
Frail of an eggshell,
Pull of a string,
Beat of the pulse
That tells me life
Thumps in a person
But not in a knife.
Signs that say:
"Please do not touch,"
Disappoint me
Very much.

Group Picture Dates!!



Each class will have their picture taken together on the following dates: March 9, 10 and 11. These photos make wonderful mementoes. The order form envelope with the payment enclosed is due on picture day. Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair!!



Classes will be going to the Book Fair, located at 1307 North Main Street (our Main Street location) on **March 15, 16, 17 and 18**. This year's theme is ***Book Fair Carnival - Your Ticket to Read!***

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

We would also like to invite you to our ***Evening Event*** being held on February 16th from 6:00 – 8:00 in the evening. **This year we will feature a free magic show by well-known magician Roger Lindsay beginning at 6:30!!** The event will include an opportunity for everyone in your family to shop at our Book Fair. Everyone in the community of Mount Airy is invited to this event, so tell your neighbors and friends!

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.

St. James' Nursery School's Scholastic Book Fair will be open on the above dates from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (closing at 1:00 on Friday). Please know that siblings are welcome to visit the book fair and to come along on your child's class "field trip" to the fair.

The proceeds of this book fair will go towards books and equipment for our classrooms.

Preschoolers in the Kitchen



Lots of activities in both the classroom and at home can be related to good children's literature! After reading Curious George, try a banana treat.

Banana Blast

1 banana

1 cup milk

Children can peel banana and measure milk. Whip banana and milk in blender for seconds. Banana will thicken mixture to a milk-shake consistency. Try slicing and freezing the banana before making to achieve a frozen consistency! Serve in cups. Serves 1-2.

Just Playing
Author Unknown

When I'm building in the block area,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play:
about balance and shapes.
Who knows, I may be an architect
someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
setting the table, caring for the
babies,
Don't get the idea I'm, "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play:
I may be a mother or a father
someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in
paint, or standing at an easel, or
molding
and shaping the clay,
Please don't let me hear you say,
"He's Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm expressing myself and being
creative.
I may be an artist or an inventor
someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair
"reading" to an imaginary audience,
Please don't laugh and think I'm "Just
Playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the
bushes for bugs, or packing my
pockets with
choice things I find,
Don't pass it off as "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a
puzzle or some plaything at my
school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in
"Play."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and
concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking to tasting
foods,
Please don't think that because I
enjoy it, it is "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to follow directions and
see differences.
I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip,
hop, run, and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, nurse, or an athlete
someday.

When you ask me what I've done at
school today, and I say, "I Just
Played,"
Please don't misunderstand me.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be
successful in my work,
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work IS
play