

Dear Families,

GREETING CIRCLE

Every morning we gather during Greeting Circle and move through a familiar routine to help children unite, calm, connect, and commit. During this unit, children will practice creative calming strategies. One day they might take deep breaths like a bird as they lift their arms when they inhale and lower their arms as they exhale. Another day, they might become elephants and raise their trunks (one arm) with each breath. If you or your child become upset or stressed at home, help each other by practice a calming strategy. Take deep breaths as you become a butterfly, an elevator in a skyscraper, or a hot-air balloon.

MATH

In this unit, we will continue to focus on one-to-one correspondence. Children will be matching sets of objects to determine if the sets are equal. They will match children to paintbrushes, bubble blowers to bubbles, puppets to fingers, and cookies to milk. We will be using comparative language to tell about the matches we make: There are more children than paintbrushes. The number of children is greater than the number of paintbrushes. There are fewer blowers than bubbles. The number of blowers is less than the number of bubbles. There are equal amounts of cookies and glasses of milk. Continue to compare groups of objects at home and take the opportunity to reinforce the important math concepts of greater than and less than.



Bible Study:

Memory Verse : "Be kind and loving to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

Key Questions: Who does Jesus love?

Bottom Line: Jesus loves everyone. .

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever. .

Week 1: Things Kids Do

Word of the Week: creative

Focus Letters: N, n, M, m, H, h, X, x, V, v

Read-Aloud: Things Kids Do Shelby's Rainy Day Fun

Week 2: Recycled Treasures

Word of the Week: recycle

Focus Letters: N, n, M, m, H, h, X, x, V, v

Read-Aloud Time: It Started as a Sock Things Kids Do

Week 3: Experimenting

Word of the Week: predict

Focus Letters: E, e, G, g, A, a, P, p, I, i

Read-Aloud Time: Soapy Scientists It's Gravity

Week 4: : Designing and Building

Word of the Week: architect

Focus Letters: F, f, O, o, U, u, R, r, L, l

Read-Aloud Time: Better Things to Do Colette's Cookies

Focus: Color: Purple, Pink **Shape:** Heart **Numbers:** 1-10

Gloria Dei will be hosting Rodeo Sunday on February 18. This is an excellent opportunity for families to come together and celebrate our Texan culture. This year, there will also be a Chili Cook-Off! See gdlc.org for more details.

February 5	2024-2025 Open Enrollment Begins
February 8	Valentine Party/ Exchange
February 14	Parent Chapel @ 11:00 & Lunch
February 16	Joy the Comfort Dog Visit
February 16	Original Artworks Orders Begin
February 22	Program closed Parent/Teacher Conference
February 23	Original Artworks Orders Due
February 28	Rodeo Round Up 9-12 pm

God's Blessing,
Mrs. Judy