



# The Early Childhood Corner

## From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

The year seems to be moving along so quickly. We now turn our thoughts to February and Valentines Day. In class we will be doing various Valentine projects and making a Valentine bag for our party.

On Thursday, February 12 or Wednesday, February 13, to celebrate Valentines Day, your child may bring valentines for all of his/her classmates.

Preschool, 4K and Child Care are asking that you **do not** put names on the envelopes or address cards to anyone in particular.



Since the children cannot read all of the names, it takes too much time for a teacher to read and help distribute them with every child. It will be good practice if your child signs the cards though.

To help you prepare the cards; here is a reminder of the number

of children in each class (this does not include your child).

3AM - 15  
3PM - 4  
4K - 12

If your child is in Child Care, you will receive a list of all the children who attend and further instructions.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask one of us.

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### Special points of Interest:

- Enrollment Information for 2026-27 school year
- Upcoming 4K field trips
- Other special dates



## Child Care News



We hope that you have been able to find ways to stay warm on all these very frigid days! Unfortunately, the children haven't been able to get outside much in January due to all the weather conditions that we have had. Thankfully, we have our gym area where we can get some of the "wiggles" out.

Our themes in January were Space and Winter. During our space theme, the children learned about planets, the sun and the moon, stars and constellations and day vs. night. They also learned about what an astronaut does and were able to dress up as one.

During our Winter theme, the children participated in many different activities. They included playing in snow, making snowflakes, building with ice blocks, reading "The Mitten", building snowmen from clay, ice cube painting and singing several winter songs.

Jesus' time was spent learning how He was dedicated in the temple, when the wise-men visited Jesus bearing gifts, boy Jesus in the temple and Jesus' baptism.

As February begins, we think of Valentines Day. A letter will be sent home to explain the process for your child in sharing valentines with friends in Child Care. Please read carefully.

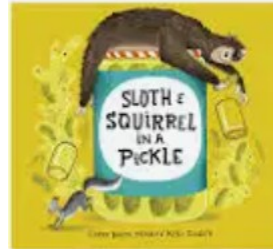
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# Library

On January 8, Miss Britt came to visit Preschool & Child Care and 4K went to the library on January 7. We heard a variety of books that made us laugh. 4K heard "Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle", "I Say Ooh, You Say

Aah" and "I Spy in the Sky." Preschool heard the Sloth book, "bunny slopes" and "Pretend".



4K will go to the library on February 11 and Miss Britt will be at school on February 12 for the Preschool and Child Care. 4K will need drivers.

## 3 Year Old Preschool in February

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
February 2-6	Jesus Calls His Disciples	Valentines heart
February 9-13	Jesus Heals 10 Lepers	Valentines & Mail Carriers rectangle
February 16-20	Jesus Feeds 5000	Food & Healthy Practices purple
February 23-27	Jesus Stops a Storm	Food & Healthy Practices #8

The Preschool Valentine Party is Thursday, Feb. 12.

**Life Skill:** Use scissors, hold crayons correctly, clean up when finished with projects.

## 2026-27 Enrollment

Our Open House was Thursday, January 29. The center was open and teachers were available so families could take a look, ask questions and enroll their child for the next school year. There are still openings in some of the classes. If you have friends or relatives who might be interested, please mention our program to

them. We thank all of you who have spoken highly of our program to others in the community. Word of mouth is the best publicity there is! You receive \$25 off your tuition for each person who enrolls because of you.



# Looking Ahead

Here are some dates and events coming up in the next few months.

**Red/Pink/Purple Day** will be on Thurs. & Fri., Feb. 12 & 13.



**No school** - Monday, Feb. 16 for a Teacher Work Day. Child Care is open.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on March 10-12 after school and into the evening as well as during the day Friday, March 13 (**No 4K this day. Child Care is open**)

**Spring Break** is March 23-27.

**Graduation/Spring School pictures** will be taken on Fri., April 10.

**Grandparents' Days** will be April 22 & 23

**Family Fun Event** - There will be entertainment or an activity on Saturday, May 2 at 4 pm followed by pizza for supper.

## 4K in February

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
February 2-6	Jesus Blesses the Children Zacchaeus	Valentines Hh - heart      purple, heart
February 9-13	Zacchaeus Jesus Feeds 5000	Valentines & Mail Carriers Mm - mail      rectangle
February 16-20	Jesus Heals a Blind Man	Food & Healthy Living #8
February 23-27	Jesus Heals 10 Lepers Jesus Stops a Storm	Food & Healthy Living Xx - Xray      #9

The 4K Valentine party is Friday, February 13.

No school Monday, February 16.

**Faith Development:** Pray at bedtime. Use a memorized prayer. Pray for sick friends, tell Jesus about your day.

## Field Trips

The 4K class is scheduled to do the following trips yet this year.

- Library/Post Office on Feb. 11
- Bullard Children's Dentistry on February 25
- Library on March 11
- Library on April 8
- Maywood Field Trip on April 17
- The park and Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 6. Meeting at the library at 8:30 am and getting picked up there at 11:30.
- Bookworm Gardens on May 15

Thank you to everyone who has driven for us this year.



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Sunglasses Day

Mitten Day

Crazy Hair Day

All 1 Color Day

Silly Socks Day

Chapel

Shape Family Event

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## WEMLS Standards

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### Knowledge and Skills

#### Mathematical Thinking

- 1. Demonstrates an understanding of numbers and counting.**
- 2. Understands number operations and relationships.**
  - Everyday we use the calendar to count numbers, identify numerals out of order and determine how many days until an upcoming activity or event.
  - We focus on one number over the course of a week, counting objects and creating a piece of art work for a number book that requires each child to count the correct amount.
- 3. Explores, recognizes and describes shapes and spatial relationships.**
- 4. Uses the attributes of objects for comparison and patterning.**
  - Preschoolers do an art project for our shape book that incorporates the shape of the week.
  - We look for shapes in our surroundings.
  - We play games that require comparison of shapes and sizes.
  - Children in 4K play patterning games and learn to copy and create patterns.