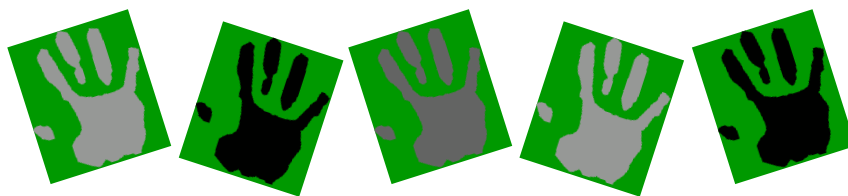


The Early Childhood Corner



From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

Parent/Teacher Conferences are March 10-13.

(No school on Friday, March 13 but Child Care will be open).

If you would like to meet with a teacher, please fill out the Google doc that was sent to you on Feb. 23.



A reminder of your scheduled time will be sent home March 9/10.

We will be going through the events of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, moving to Maundy Thursday when Jesus has his last meal with His disciples. Good Friday when He dies

on the cross and then Easter Sunday when He rises. The children feel the sadness and the joy during this time and praise God that our sins are forgiven.

In His service,
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Special points of Interest

- Openings are available for Preschool and 4K next year.
- Child Care is almost full for the summer.
- Spring Break: March 23-27

Child Care Corner

During February, the children engaged in many Valentine and heart activities, songs and projects. The highlight was sharing Valentines with all their friends. They also learned how to address a letter and where it goes before getting delivered.

The children learned about the different food groups and the variety of activities that promote healthy bodies through exercise. They learned the process and importance of taking care of their teeth. This included teeth brushing and eating healthy foods. They also were able to dress up as doctors and use doctor tools.

The children learned about the importance of saying, "Thank you", especially to God for all that He has done for us. They saw how Jesus used miracles to bring people closer to Him.

Just a reminder: 4K does not have school on March 13, but Child Care is open. We will also be open during spring break unless we have fewer than 5 children on any day.

Evaluations will be handed out to inform you as to how your child is progressing. If you wish to have a conference to talk about your child, please let one of the Child Care teachers know.

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Preschoolers

Last month, the children worked with hearts and learned about food groups, mail carriers and other community helpers like the doctor and dentist.

Each child made a valentine for his/her parents. For our shape book, the children made a dog or cat out of hearts and a mailbox with rectangles.

For the number and color books, they counted 8 teeth for a mouth and fingerpainted a purple cat.

We continue to practice washing our hands, and taking off/putting on our coats.



We are also doing a lot of cutting with scissors, sorting things and working with shapes.

If you choose to work on writing a name, please Do Not teach it in all capital letters. This is a difficult habit for a child to break.

3 Year Old Preschool in March

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
March 2-6	Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem	Music & the Arts orange
March 9-13	The Last Supper & Garden of Gethsemane	Transportation black
March 16-20	Jesus Suffers and Dies	Transportation square

Parent/
Teacher
Conferences
March
10-13

Registration Update

Spaces are still available in the 3PM Preschool and 4K classes for next year. Tuition rates are \$110 per month for Preschool, \$170 for 4K. If you know of any interested families, please let them know spots are still available.



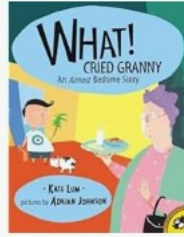
Child Care Update

Child Care will be open throughout the summer months with the exception of May 25 (Memorial Day), July 4, one day yet to be determined for a staff retreat and cleaning and Sept. 7 (Labor Day).

Working with the schedules you gave us in January, we still have limited space available. If your summer needs any change, just let us know.

Library Days

4K went to the library on February 11 and Miss Britt came to school for the Preschool/Child Care classes on February 12 .



Some of the books we heard were "Love Grows Everywhere", "Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups", and "What? Cried Granny."

The children thought this book was funny. A boy goes to Grandma's house to sleep over but he doesn't have a bed, blanket, teddy bear, etc. So each time Grandma

makes it for him. By the time he finally has what he needs, it is morning.

Miss Britt is looking forward to warmer weather, so we also did a fingerplay about mermaids.

Our next Library Days are March 11 & 12. Drivers will be needed for the 4K class.

4K in March

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
March 2-6	Jesus Forgives Zacchaeus	Music and the Arts Yy - yellow, yarn
March 10-14	One Man Says Thank You	Transportation Bb - boat
March 17-21	Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem	Transportation Tt - train, truck

No School
March 13
Parent/
Teacher
Conferences

Spring
Break
March
23-27

Family Events

We had fun at our second Family Event at the end of Lutheran Schools Week. 52 people attended and tried 4 Shape activities.

The last Family Event is Saturday, May 2 here in the Fellowship Hall from 4 - 6pm. We will enjoy some entertainment. After that we will enjoy pizza from

Theos. Watch for a sign up & more information in April.



Picture Day

Lifetouch will be here on Friday, April 10 to take graduation (for 4K) and spring pictures (anyone else).

An electronic sign-up sheet will be sent home at the end of March for anyone not in attendance that day who wants a picture taken.

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Valentine Parties

Thank you to the parents who helped with the Valentine parties. The children made a mailbox (Valentine bag) earlier in the month and used it to hold the Valentines delivered to them by their friends.

The 3AM Preschool class made a foam animal (elephant, butterfly, cat or dog). There was hopscotch and a heart scavenger hunt.



The 3PM Preschool class made a picture of flowers made out of hearts, They took turns putting down hearts to make a path toward treasure boxes and carried heart candies on spoons..

The 4K class made a Valentine flower in a pot, There were balloon races, as well as trying to keep the balloons up in the air.

Every class, played Musical Hearts (like Hot Potato) and when they were out, they could get their full mailbag to take home.

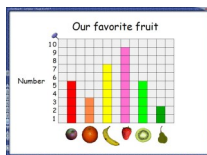
Thank you to all the moms who help plan and run these parties, as well as the parents who come to have fun with their children.

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)

Knowledge and Skills

Mathematical Thinking

1. **Understands the concept of measurement.**
2. **Collects, describes and records information using all senses.**
 - We use balances to measure things that are heavy and light.
 - We use links that hook together, actual feet and measuring tapes to determine the length or height of something.
 - Objects are touched and put next to each other for comparison. Children stand in rows to make a living graph as we measure how many different pets they have, etc.
 - Magnets are used on a magnet board to create graphs that allow for visual measurement of our favorite foods, etc.



Scientific Thinking

1. **Uses observation to gather information.**
2. **Uses tools to gather information, compare observed objects and seek answers to questions through active investigation.**
 - The children who are special for the day look outside and make a weather report. They also determine the correct clothing to wear for the weather.
 - Magnifying glasses are used to look at nature objects.
 - A microscope with slides allows children to look at very small things.

