



# 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 13 or Wednesday, February 14, 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 - 9  
4K - 11

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 2025-26 school year
- Upcoming 4K field trips
- Other special dates



## Child Care News

Happy winter to everyone! Since the Christmas holidays, the Child Care children have been engaged in themes relating to dinosaurs and the season of winter.

During the dinosaur theme, we learned the names of dinosaurs and the difference between meat and plant eaters. We also used vinegar and baking soda to make a volcano. The children enjoyed songs, crafts, books and sensory table play with dinosaurs. To finish our theme, we had a dinosaur hunt. The children had to listen to clues and look for the dinosaur. When they found him, he had left some small dinosaur eggs (jelly beans) for a treat!

During our winter theme, we couldn't go outside to play in the snow much, but we learned about snowflakes, snowmen and proper winter clothing. We read many winter related books and sang songs as we pretended to be snowflakes and snowmen. We did activities relating to winter including table top games, winter dress up, winter sensory table (with Styrofoam peanuts), shaving cream painting and "snowball fights" with yarn balls!

We are looking forward to our upcoming themes of community helpers and Valentines Day. A letter will be sent home regarding sharing valentines in the next week or two.

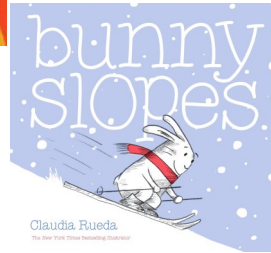
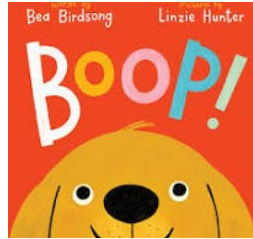
Finally, please remember that if it isn't too cold out, we will go outside. So it is very important to send your child to Child Care with the proper outside clothing, including hats and mittens. Thank you!

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## Library

On January 10, Miss Britt came to visit Preschool & Child Care and 4K went to the library on January 9. We heard a variety of books about animals and winter such as "Boop" and "Bunny Slopes."



4K will go to the library on February 12 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 3-7	Jesus Heals 10 Lepers	Valentines & Mail Carriers pink
February 10-14	Jesus Feeds 5000	Valentines heart
February 17-21	Jesus Stops a Storm	Community Helpers #8
February 24-28	Jesus Blesses the Children	Foreign Countries #9

The  
Preschool  
Valentine  
Party is  
Thursday,  
Feb. 13.

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

## 2025-26 Enrollment

Our Open House was Thursday, January 30. 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 Day** will be on Thurs. & Fri., Feb. 13 & 14.



**No school** - Monday, Feb. 17 for a Teacher Work Day. Child Care is open.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on March 11-13 after school and into the evening as well as during the day Friday, March 14 (**No 4K this day**)

**Spring Break** is March 22-30.

**Graduation/Spring School pictures** will be taken on Mon., April 7.

**Grandparents' Days** will be April 23 & 24

**Family Fun Event** - Magician Glen Gerard will present a magic show on Saturday, May 10 at 4pm followed by pizza for supper.



## 4K in February

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
February 3-7	Jesus Heals a Blind Man	Valentines & Mail Carriers Mm - mail #9
February 10-14	Jesus Feeds 5000	Valentines Hh - heart pink hearts
February 17-21	Jesus Blesses the Children	Community Helpers Dd - dentist #10
February 24-28	Jesus Visits Friends	Foreign Countries #6-10 review

The 4K Valentine party is Friday, February 14.

No school Monday, February 17.

**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.

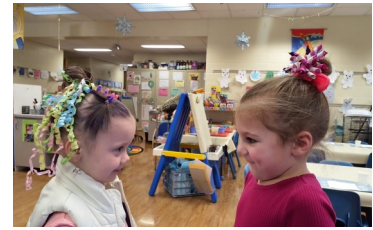
- Library/Post Office on Feb. 12
- Bullard Children's Dentistry on February 19
- Library on March 12
- John Michael Kohler Art Center on April 4
- Library on April 9
- Bookworm Gardens on May 14
- The park and Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 15. Meeting at the library at 8:30 am and getting picked

up there at 11:30 am. Thank you to everyone who has driven for us this year.



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Crazy Hair Day



Animal Family Event



Silly Socks

## WEMLS Standards

### 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, determine how many days until an upcoming activity or event.
  - We focus on one number over the course of a week, counting objects, 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.