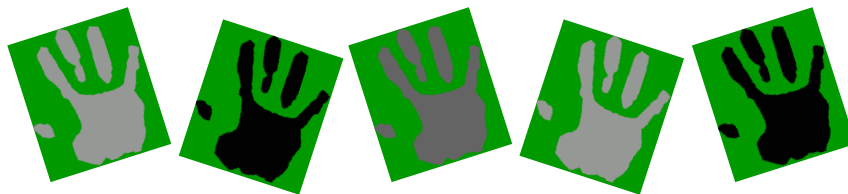


# The Early Childhood Corner



## From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

Parent/Teacher Conferences are March 11-14.

(No school on Friday, March 14 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. 20/21.



A reminder of your scheduled time will be sent home March 10/11.

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 24-28

## Child Care Corner

In February, our themes were: mail carriers, Valentines, medical community helpers and foreign countries.

For mail carriers, we set up a post office with clothing, envelopes and boxes. They could match stamps, size envelopes and count postal items too.

Valentine activities are always fun! The children wrote and sent Valentines, did heart patterning and cut out hearts for a heart tree. Of course, we celebrated the special day with songs, games and treats. The children enjoyed bringing their Valentines and "mailing" them in the special boxes they made.

Our medical community helpers were doctors, nurses and dentists. The children could study x-rays, brush and count teeth, and dress up as doctors. We made apple and marshmallow smiles for an added treat.

Our foreign countries theme took us to Russia, Mexico, Chili, Italy and Japan. We saw Russian nesting dolls, made Mexican sombreros and ate nachos, heard a Chilian folk song and made rain sticks, made mini pizza and a Japanese flying fish.

In March, Spring Break is March 24-28. Please let us know if your child will be attending or not. We need at least 5 children on every day to be open.

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## Preschoolers

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

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

For the number book, they counted 8 teeth for a mouth and 9 toppings for a pizza.

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 3-7	The Widow's Mite	Transportation square
March 10-14	Jesus Eats with Zacchaeus	Transportation black
March 17-21	Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem	Spring diamond

Parent/  
Teacher  
Conferences  
March  
11-14

## Registration Update

Spaces are still available in the 3AM & 3PM classes for next year.

Tuition rates are \$110 per month for

Preschool, \$175 for

4K. If you know of any interested families, please let them know spots are still available.



## Child Care Update

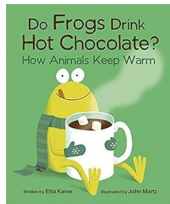
Child Care will be open throughout the summer months with the exception of May 26 (Memorial Day), July 4, one day yet to be determined for a staff retreat and cleaning, Aug. 29 and Sept. 1.

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

# Library Days

4K went to the library on February 12 and Miss Britt came to school for the Preschool/Child Care classes on February 13 .

The 4K class heard "The Book That Almost Rhymed", "Construction" and Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate?" The

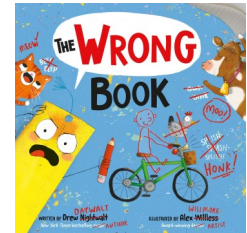


children really enjoyed the frog book because it told us the ways different animals stay warm when it is cold.

Preschool heard "There Was an Old Lady That Swallowed Some Snow", "Construction" and "The Wrong Book". The children thought the last book was hilarious as we would see a picture of a dog and the

narrator would call it a cow or tell us a flower says, "Chugga, Chugga, Choo, Choo, etc.

Our next Library Days are March 12 & 13. Drivers will be needed for the 4K class.



## 4K in March

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
March 3-7	Jesus Forgives Zacchaeus	Transportation Xx—marks the spot, diamond
March 10-14	One Man Says Thank You	Transportation Tt—train #11
March 17-21	Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem	Spring Kk—kites #12

No School  
March 14  
Parent/  
Teacher  
Conferences

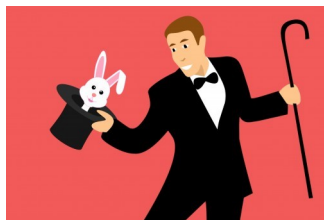
Spring  
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March  
24-28

## Family Events

We had fun at our second Family Event at the end of Lutheran Schools Week. 40 people attended and tried 4 Animal activities.

The last Family Event is Saturday, May 10 here in the Fellowship Hall from 4 - 6pm. We will see a magic show performed by Magician Glen Gerard. After that we

will enjoy pizza from Theos. Watch for a sign up & more information in April.



## Picture Day

Lifetouch will be here on Monday, April 7 to take graduation (for 4K) and spring pictures (anyone else).

An electronic sign-up sheet will be sent home mid-March for anyone not in attendance that day but wants a picture.

Everyone interested should fill out the attached form.

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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 them to hold the Valentines delivered to them by their friends.

The 3AM Preschool class painted a cross with Q-tips, played a game of collecting Valentine things (cards, flowers, etc.) and had a candy heart relay race.



The 3PM Preschool class sponge painted a heart plaque, made a heart wand with a pipe cleaner and beads, sorted hearts by color, played Valentine bingo on the wall and (the favorite) played with heart balloons.

The 4K class made a Valentine ladybug, played hopscotch and heart Bingo, raced to match hearts and bags as well as had a candy heart relay.

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.

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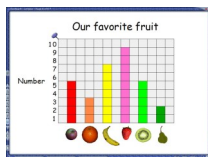
## Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)

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### 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.

