



# OSLS PRESCHOOL

## 2015 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



### Children are miraculous!

There is nothing more simple yet more complicated than love. Love can be joyous yet heartbreaking-all within the same breath! For most of us, we don't quite experience the kind of miraculous love that God has for us until we have children of our own-the all lasting, ever forgiving, consistently patient, astonishing love that only a parent can feel for a child.

The love you give your child during the preschool years is irreplaceable. Research confirms the first five years of a child's development is a crucial time period of their learning, growing and fostering opportunities to love their surroundings! So where in your day are you providing time for your family's love? Do you have a favorite way of showing love to your child? Are you able to see that you are loved as well? This quote that keeps popping up on social media seems to hit it home nice and simply on loving our children:

*“How to really love a child: BE THERE. SAY YES AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN. LET THEM BANG ON POTS AND PANS. IF THEY'RE CRABBY, PUT THEM IN WATER. READ BOOKS OUT LOUD WITH JOY. GO FIND ELEPHANTS AND KISS THEM. ENCOURAGE SILLY. GIGGLE ALOT. REMEMBER HOW REALLY SMALL THEY ARE. SEARCH OUT THE POSITIVE. KEEP THE GLEAM IN YOUR EYE. GO SEE A MOVIE IN YOUR PAJAMAS. TEACH FEELINGS. REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE A CHILD. PLAN TO BUILD A ROCKETSHIP. STOP YELLING. INVENT PLEASURES TOGETHER. SURPRISE THEM. EXPRESS YOUR LOVE...ALOT. REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN ARE MIRACULOUS.”*

May you all see that love is not only scripturally given as instructions for us to live by, but when done so simply that love can be a lifelong contagious mindset! Here's to a month of embracing the joy of true love and showing our children that they are miraculously loved and adored!

Blessings to you and your family, Mrs. Yeakel OSLS Preschool Director

### Help us love our neighbors: February starts the Pennies and Peanut Butter Drive...please bring donations to your child's classroom!



Chapel Offering for February will be given to:  
Second Harvest Food Bank

Verse of the Month:

Matthew 11:28-29 (NRSV)

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



Trait of the Month: Fairness

## IMPORTANT DATES

Chancy and Bruce Testing:  
2/3 & 2/4

PTF Meeting:  
8:45m on 2/10

Valentine's Day Class Party:  
2/11 & 2/12

Priority Re-Enrollment:  
Closes: 2/12

Open Enrollment Begins:  
2/13

School Closed:  
2/13 & 2/16

Chancy and Bruce Meeting:  
7pm on 2/24

For all the latest info & announcements make sure to check your RenWeb account!



## We LOVE our Garden!



### OSLS PRESCHOOL'S SECRET GARDEN

What better gift than to give our children the excitement and love of healthy eating and establishing lifelong habits! Our garden, tucked away in our playground, flourished after our winter rains. Seeing the lettuce, strawberries, basil, and more reach towards the sunshine the children became curious...insert taste test! The children were able to taste the fresh vegetables and herbs right off the stems. The following day the children got a special treat by creating their own fresh garden pizzas! The children cut, shredded, diced and sliced their veggies and created a one of a kind snack. What a wonderful surprise and reminder of the simple ways we can inspire each other to create lifelong enthusiasm for healthy culinary adventures and to appreciate God's gift of sprouting minds! If you are interested in a Spring Garden project contact us directly!

## A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

**Mrs. Hardison:** This month we will be exploring Colors, Shapes, and Sizes, as well as discovering how we use our Five Senses in God's world. We will be making a Friendship Fruit Salad for Valentine's Day with your special assigned ingredients as well as our Valentine exchange with all of our friends! Don't forget your large empty oatmeal container!

**Ms. Rysavy:** This month we will be exploring Community Helpers, Transportation and Love. We will have several special visits from some community helpers, which is always a special treat. We will be focusing on the letters N, O and P and the number 9 and 10. We will also be looking at the heart shape and the color pink! We will be making a Friendship Fruit Salad for our Valentine's Celebration so please keep an eye out for details including what item your child will be assigned to bring in. Don't forget your blank envelope for the Valentine exchange!

**Mrs. Wells:** This month the children will continue to learn about Community Helpers including our Post Office helpers! Our Valentine's celebration will include making a mailbox for our Valentines and a walking field trip to mail our Valentines home! This month will also include a lesson on our two February Presidents Birthdays and a focus on our name printing.