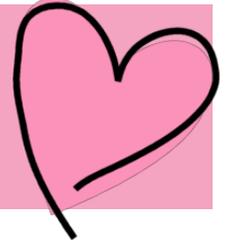




OSLS PRESCHOOL

2016 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Children are miraculous!

IMPORTANT DATES

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE:
2/8 @ 6PM

Chancy and Bruce Meeting:
2/8 @ 7pm

PTF Meeting:
2/9 @ 9am

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

Priority Re-Enrollment:
CLOSES: 2/19

Open Enrollment Begins:
2/19

OSLS Preschool **CLOSED:**
2/12-2/19
*Parent Teacher
Conferences*

Dr Suess Week Begins!
2/29-3/4

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?

The apostle Paul instructs us in Ephesians 4:1-2 "1 In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk - better yet, run! - on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. 2 And mark that you do this with humility and discipline - not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love." This piece of scripture is a beautiful reminder of the miraculous ability for us to love one another, including our family, and to never slow down in doing so. Loving our children is an experience that goes quickly. May you all see that love is not only scripturally given as instructions for us to live by, but when done simply 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, Katherine L. Yeakel OSLS Preschool Director



Chapel Offering for February
will be given to:
Evangelical Lutheran
School of Hope in Ramallah

Verse of the Month:

Luke 6:31

"Do for other people what you
want them to do for you."

Service Project of the month:
Lenten Backpack Project

Please have your child bring in \$2 to
help purchase school supplies for
children in Syria!

A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

Mrs. Hardison: Our theme this month is All Things Nature! We will be exploring the world around us, including rocks and stones, sand and dirt, changes in seasons and weather, and most importantly, what we can do to help the world that God gave to us! Children are naturally curious about the world around them, so it is a pleasure to provide activities that challenge their critical thinking skills, and to guide them in their explorations and discoveries. February also brings us Valentine's Day! To help celebrate, each child is asked to bring in valentines on Wed. Feb. 10th or Thurs. Feb. 11th. There are 18 students in our MWF program, and 12 students in our T-TH program. Please have your child's name on the inside of the card, and **leave the envelope blank**. Please also remember to bring in a large, empty oatmeal container, if you haven't already done so. I am excited to announce that our T-TH class will be joined by a new classmate, Mia, beginning March 1st! We have such a great group of students, that I know she will feel right at home with them. Also, please take note that we will now need snack for 13 kiddos on T-Th.

Mrs. Waugh: The month of February is going to be busy! We will learn about Chinese New Year, celebrate Valentines Day and prepare for Dr. Suess week at the end of the month. We will also be exploring Fairy Tales, to which we will incorporate the use of rhymes and dictation about the stories. We have been working hard on identifying numbers 1-20, and will continue to do activities which focus on that. The letters we will be focusing on and sharing are Q, R, and S; it's so nice to see the children get so excited about getting up in front of their classmates and sharing about their item! There will be no school February 12th-19th, however, we will be having parent conferences on the 18th and 19th, for which I will be providing a sign- up sheet 2 weeks prior.

Mrs. Micallef: Pre K February Theme: Helping Hands

During the month of February we will be learning about community helpers! We will be reading stories and poems about the jobs that people, such as police officers, mail carriers, firefighters, nurses, librarians, and other workers, do to help make our community a better place. We will be exploring the world of work, the responsibilities and tasks that community helpers perform, and the tools that enable the community helpers to successfully fulfill their duties. Encourage your children to tell you what are class is learning about community helpers; have them name some of the jobs that community helpers perform and to explain what might happen if we did not have these workers. As you go places with your children, discuss the jobs people do in your local community. Encourage your children to note the similarities and differences among these workers. Lastly, discuss with your children your own experiences and ideas about personal responsibility and the variety of ways you contribute to making your community a better place such as through work or volunteer activities. I encourage parents to come in and share their profession with us; this will help enhance the children's learning. Please let me know!

Mrs. Wohlfarth: This month we will be exploring ways to show our love to others. We will be making a kindness quilt, re-visiting our "peace chain", and creating friendship art. The outside classroom will be focusing on the Bible verse, "We love because he first loved us"-1 John 4:19. We will also continue to clean-up and re-plant our garden. I hope to see you on the playground soon!!

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Building a better world for children

Please help OSLC in collecting funds to assemble backpacks that will be sent to Syria for refugee children who wish to attend school. OSLC Preschool is asking every child to bring in \$2 that will allow for their class to assemble a backpack to be sent off full of school supplies! Please see your teacher for more details. www.worldvision.org



Welcome Baby Yeakel!
Thomas Lavoie Yeakel
Born 1/15/16
1:31am
Thank you everyone
for your love and
prayers!!!