

OSLS Preschool March Newsletter

Progressive Development

It is easy to say that we want our children to grow up happy, healthy, and successful (in more than more ways than one). We want our children to be the best that they can be and to display their greatness to the world. This time of year during the reflection and journey of Lent, the natural discussion leans towards growth. According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word "Growth" is defined as *Progressive Development*. What a great adjective to think of our young ones as progressively developing! Every moment that goes by with our children they are learning and making connections to further their understanding of the world around them. And how quickly this all happens! By the age of 5, your child's brain will have grown to 90% of its adult size. But even earlier than that, by age 3, it's already reached 82% of its size. Additionally by the time your child is 3, he or she will know or recognize about 1,000 words! How amazing is it that our God gave us these incredible minds and bodies that develop at such an impressive rate. To keep up with the quick growth of your child, try a simple challenge with your family to ask your child at least 20 questions a day. This gift of engagement and strong vocabulary that your child will encounter will only enhance their growth and development simply because of your remarkable presence. It is certain to say, during those moments of engagement, your child is feeling happy, healthy, and successful!

May you all see the power of growth this Lenten season. Be it with your family, in your spiritual journey, or even just simply in your questioning tactics!

Blessings to you and your family,

Katherine L. Yeakel, OSLS Preschool Director

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Chapel Offering for March
will be given to:
Second Harvest

Verse of the Month: Jonah 1:1-17
"God gives second chances"

Service Project of the month:
Pennies & Peanut Butter!
Please bring in your donations to your teacher!

Upcoming March Dates:

Dr. Seuss Week:

February 29th-March 4th

2016/2017 Acceptance letters begin:

March 1st

Lutheran Schools Week:

March 7th-11th

OSLS Preschool CLOSED:

March 11th

Speech and Hearing Testing:

March 15th & March 18th

OSLS Preschool CLOSED:

March 25th-28th



OSLS Preschool Annual Trike-A-Thon!

Join us for our biggest event of the year!

March 31st & April 1st

Permission slips and helmet required to participate! Please turn in all forms to your teacher accordingly. All money raised will go directly to

OSLS Preschool!

Interested in helping? Let us know!

A Note from your teachers:

Mrs. Hardison: March is a very busy month for us! We will begin the month celebrating Dr. Seuss & Lutheran School's Week. This is a very fun week which will include crazy hair day, crazy sock day, and Green Eggs and Ham! Dr. Seuss literature is all about beginning sounds, rhymes, tongue twisters, and nonsense words, all of which build phonemic awareness...helping children make sense of letters and sounds, which is so important for pre-readers. Spring is one of my favorite times of year as a teacher because it offers so many opportunities to learn about the world around us. We will be observing the natural world around us and investigate how and why things in nature change. We will explore life cycles of living things, such as birds, bugs, frogs and flowers, as well as changes in non-living things such as water, sand and soil. This exposure to new life leads us directly into the Easter Story toward the end of March, where we will learn about and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Mrs. Waugh: March will be a very busy month for us! We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss week the first week of March, learning many new rhymes and reading lots of Dr. Seuss books. Crazy sock day will be March 1 and 2, and crazy hair day is March 3 and 4. The second week of March is Lutheran Schools Week, where the children will be participating in special activities in the classroom. This will be followed by St. Patrick's Day activities and Easter celebrations. Incorporated into these activities will be the letters U, V, W, and X. Finally, we will also focus on concepts of measurement/weight and creating our own patterns.

Mrs. Micallef: We will be working on a unit about animals, where we will explore different types of animals; we will learn about land, air, and water animals. We will read a number of fiction and non-fiction books that teach us about the characteristics of different animals. For example, the book "Hello, Hello!" by Miriam Schlein, explains how different animals in the wild say hello to one another; lions bump heads, chimpanzees touch hands, beavers touch noses, and other animals have other ways of greeting each other. Children will learn that animals just like people, greet each other and show they care about each other. We will also work on sequencing of a story, where the students will cut out pictures related to a story we have just read and discussed, and then sort them accordingly, and then encouraged to retell the story in their own words. Lastly, we will talk about our very own pets, and the different ways we take care of them.

Encourage your child to ask questions about animals, and draw pictures of his/her favorite animals. Trips to the library are an enjoyable and effective way to enhance your child's interest in the topic and in learning; the librarian will be helpful in locating animal books for you and your child to read together. The students are also encouraged to bring to school books about animals and we will do our best to incorporate them into our day.

Mrs. Wohlfarth: In the month of March the outside classroom will be all about experiments! We will use the outside environment as inspiration for our inquiries. We will continue to observe and document the growth of our garden. In addition, we will try plenty of hands on messy experiments. Please feel free to sign-up volunteer and witness the fun. *At the end of the month (March 21st and 22nd) we will pick our favorite experiments and have a little outside science fair.*

Easter at Our Savior's!

Easter service on 3/27 at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11am
EGGstravanganza Egg Hunt between both services in the small playground area! Hunt donations needed-please see office for more details!

