



February 2017 Newsletter

Blessing: "We come to you in prayer, Knowing you are always there."

Amen

From the Director:
As a school, we celebrate Valentine's Day. We ask that each child exchange Valentine's Day cards. I will give everyone class list so you will have all their classmates names. This is an opportunity for children to practice writing their names on the back of each Valentine card. Parents of children in the two year old classes do not need to address the envelopes to the other children. Leave the envelopes blank and the cards will be distributed during our Valentine's Day celebration.

The Pre-K classes are working on their letter recognition, matching and writing. To reinforce these skills please have your try to write the first names of their classmates on the envelopes. Try to do a few each day to make the activity fun rather than a chore. The children will distribute the cards by matching the names on the envelopes to the names on the bags.

Just a reminder when you order books from the Scholastic Book Club we receive free books from the company for our classrooms. The site to order is www.Scholasticbooks.com our online code is LXD4C. If your child already has too many books feel free to order for the school. See Jennie for details.

Just a reminder from our Parent Handbook: Our snow make up policy will be when five days are missed because of snow or ice the Holy Spirit Early Childhood Learning Centers Board of Directors will decide which days will be made up.

If anyone is on Facebook please search us as a group, Holy Spirit Early Childhood Learning Center and like us or write a testimonial about the school. Feel free to post on your page that we are registering for next year too. Registration is in full swing and classes are filling up fast.

A reminder: Tuition payments are due the first of the month for the next month. If your payment is late, as stated in your handbook, a \$10.00 late fee will be applied.

February Color: is pink. We encourage the children to look for the color of the month on a daily basis.

February Theme: "Love, President's Day, Dental Health and Nutrition" Our objective is to help the children experience God's gift of a wonderful body. We hope to focus on independence, recognizing parts of the body and healthy

habits.

The character trait we will be talking about this month is Empathy. Empathy is the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings and thoughts of others.

On February 21 and 22 I will be sharing the story of "Stone Soup" with the children and we will be making stone soup together in class for snack. Details will be coming home soon for the ingredients.

The Eldersburg Library is sponsoring a "Get ready for kindergarten" program on February 4 at 1:30.

Registration begins January 21. This celebrates the monumental milestone with stories, songs, and a bus ride! Parents will receive information on registration and how to ready children for school success. All attendees need to register.

Here is the recipe for the
sugar cookies:

2 cups soften butter

3 cups of sugar

3 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

Blend butter and sugar and
add eggs and vanilla.

Gradually add

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

5 cups flour

Dough should be slightly
sticky. Can add more flour to
roll cookies. Bake at 400* for
10 to 12 minutes (depends on
thickness).

My secret for rolling thin is
to use a rolling pin cover and
rolling cloth.

A Standing Invitation: If
you do not have a church
family, we would like to invite
you to attend our Sunday
services and/or Sunday
school.

*"The direction in which education
starts a man will determine his
future." Plato*