



## February 2018 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 gave everyone a class list attached to your calendar so you will have all of 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](http://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 7 and 8 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 17 at 1:00.

Registration begins February 3. (All attendees need to register) [kids.carr.org](http://kids.carr.org) 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 THANK YOU!!**

Since last Fall, we have become involved with the Cold Weather Shelter and Safe Haven which are two programs in the Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. I have been volunteering at both of these facilities.

During the recent cold snap, we reached out to our church & pre-

school families for items which were desperately needed by the guests of the Cold Weather Shelter. Due to your great response, the needs were filled & HSLC is now a familiar name at the CWS.

We also collected mittens, hats, & gloves for Shepherd's Staff. We have given to this faith based charity for many years. It is a great feeling to take a SUV packed with donations & watch the smiles on people's faces

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting these great programs.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with these Human Service Programs, please contact me at 301-401-1398 or

[uncmiltie@comcast.net](mailto:uncmiltie@comcast.net).

Volunteering is of great benefit to the receiver & giver.

God bless,

Milt Taylor

**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*