



## February 2020 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 and we use them for our birthday book gifts. The site to order is: [www.Scholasticbooks.com](http://www.Scholasticbooks.com) and our online code is LXD4C. If your child already has too many books feel free to order for the school. See Jennie for details.

**Class and Individual Pictures are scheduled for March 4 & 5 with Irving Simon. This is a fundraiser for the school a percentage of your purchases comes back to the school. They will also take sibling pictures too.**

**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 join us.

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.

If you not already changed out your child's extra clothes (SUMMER TO WINTER) at school please plan to do so soon.

Don't forget to check your child's pencil boxes to replace any markers, glue sticks or crayons.

The next in-service for our teachers will be February 6<sup>th</sup> there will be no school that day.

At this time our school has only 6 spaces open for the next school year. If you know anyone who is still looking for a school for the 2020-2021 school year have them call the office soon. 410-795-2287

**Soccer Shots will continue in the spring if you would like to join the class please watch for the next sign up.**

**Let me catch up to all of you who had a birthday and wish you the happiest day of all:**

**December Birthdays!!**

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Harper, CeCi, Jack and Isaac**

**January Birthdays!!**

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Oliver, Julie, Henry S, Sloane, Nicholas, and Henry K**

**February Birthdays!**

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Clare, Brooke, Kaiden, Ethan K, Evie, and Cassadee**

**A Shout Out To US:**

**Press Release:**

**Holy Spirit Childcare Learning Center Receives 2019 Best of Sykesville Award**

**SYKESVILLE December 11, 2019 - Holy Spirit Early Childcare Learning Center has been selected for the 2019 Best of Sykesville Award in the Child Care Centers category by the Sykesville Award Program.**

**Each year, the Sykesville Award Program identifies companies that**

**we believe have exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make Sykesville area a great place to live, work and play.**

**Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Sykesville Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Sykesville Award Program and data provided by third parties.**

**About Sykesville Award Program: The Sykesville Award Program is an annual program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Sykesville area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate complete advantages and long-term value. The Sykesville Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups,**

professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

**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*