

March 5, 2018

Classroom News

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Dear Parents,

February was a very busy month! Between Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras we were active enjoying all the festivities. The children seemed to enjoy our Valentine exchange and our Mardi Gras parade was a huge success! Thanks to all of our parents for making such outstanding floats and helping with the parade. We definitely couldn't have done it without you, and we are so grateful to have such wonderful and supportive parents at our preschool.

Since February was Dental Health Month, we studied our teeth. We enjoyed the presentation from Dr. Fruge' and Karen Fruge' about how to care for our teeth. We thank them for the packets of goodies to promote good dental health. In the art center, the children enjoyed placing teeth (large beans) on construction paper mouths. Perhaps we should have talked about orthodontists, too!

As usual, our Art Center was the center of attraction; the children enjoyed preparing for Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. We made the letter "Q" into a Queen and painted a heart with q-tips by mixing red and white to make pink. We hope you enjoyed your special valentine's; the roses were made with a celery stalk! To celebrate President's Day we made red, white and blue stamps and a penny with our own picture on it! Ending the month with Mardi Gras, we made small masks (gotta love glitter!) and large masks we painted purple, yellow and green. Next, we made king cakes, a mardi gras car and ended the month with our wonderful parade.

During March and April, many of our activities will help the children prepare for the joy and love of Easter. Because preschool children are too young to understand the "meaningful" extent of the concept of Christ's death and resurrection, we celebrate Easter with them as a time of new life. By emphasizing the new life of spring, we are building a foundation for the child's future belief in eternal life with Jesus. With this in mind, we have ordered caterpillars that will turn into butterflies. Once we receive them it will take about a week for the cocoons to develop from the caterpillars. Our butterflies will then "hatch" in about two weeks. We will release our butterflies before the Easter holidays. We will also

take a look at other insects on Thursday, March 22nd, the children can bring insects to school. Please send your insect to school in a PLASTIC container. We will also be looking at the flowers and trees that bloom in the spring.

Also in March we will take "trips" to Ireland and Italy. Since we have completed our unit of transportation by air, land, and water, we feel very comfortable flying, taking a train, or taking a cruise with our "experienced" airplane pilots, ship captains, train engineers and their efficient crews.

Our special activities in March will include; Thursday, March 15th, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day (don't forget to wear green!), and St. Joseph's Day we will celebrate on Monday, March 19th the preschool mothers are preparing an altar for that day. All fathers are invited to come with their children on this day (if they cannot come, someone else can, such as an Uncle or Grandfather...). Since we are not in school for Father's Day in June, we take advantage of the Feast of St. Joseph to celebrate our Daddies. The children will sing a few songs, and then join their Daddy to enjoy a sample from our traditional St. Joseph's Altar.

The end of February we sent home our paper hearts for our Lenten religious project. "God wants us to love one another". When you "catch" your little angel doing a kind deed, describe the deed on one of the hearts (include your child's name) and have your child bring it to school. We are providing a place at school for the children to display their "kind deeds". We hope that this activity will help the children understand the value of kindness during the Lenten season.

*** We are working on a project for the end of the year. Please send to school pictures of their home, family (with names on the back), pets (with names), and their favorite foods and toys. Please put them in an envelope or Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. The Pictures are due March 28, 2018.*

Happy Spring Time,

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