

February 2012

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Birthdays

- Alison Rice 1
- Biaggio Morella 6
- Joe Lauinger 8
- Elijah Wagner 8
- Noah Britten 10
- Ricky Garcia 12
- Ruby Skelton 18
- Erik Manousaridis 18
- Nolan Manola 21
- Samantha Farrington 21
- Preston Toy 22
- Samantha Farrington 21



Dear parents and Friends,

February is a special month as we celebrate Valentine's Day and focus on love! One of our goals at the preschool is to make sure your children realize how much they are loved by their Creator. Each child – each one of us – has been created in love by God to experience a relationship with Him. By reflecting on God's love at this time of year, we may be inspired to love our friends and family a bit more.

It's been so exciting watching the registration forms come in for the next school year! I'm thrilled as God brings each new student into our lives and wonderful preschool. Please let your friends and neighbors know there are still openings for every age. Remind them that, once our morning classes have filled, the waitlist or PM class are the available options. If you have any questions regarding the registration process or placement, feel free to stop by the office. Melody and I are here for you!

All our preschool classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day! You'll find each teacher's guidelines for treats and valentines on their calendar or in a cubbie notice. This is a special time for the children to learn more about God's love and enjoy their classroom friendships.

We're pleased to announce the addition of a regular preschool music program! The twice monthly classes will be taught by Alana Hammer, who has degrees in Music Education and taught elementary school music for seven years!

As we observe Presidents' Day and the Highline School District mid-winter break there will be no school February 20th-21st. I hope you take this opportunity to enjoy precious time with family and friends.

It's good to remember that every day is a day to show the love of God towards all; the same unconditional love that Jesus showed us. Let us be mindful this month about how we can reach out in love to our neighbors.

May the love of Christ surround you, your family, and loved ones.

Love in Christ,

Susan Snyder, Preschool Director

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not Perish but have eternal life...♥ John 3:16 ♥



Upcoming Dates:

- 1 Tuition Due
- 1 Dad's Night (6:00-7:30)
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6-9 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27-3/1 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10-14 St. Valentine's Day Celebrations
- 20 President's Day-NO SCHOOL
- 21 Mid-winter Break-NO SCHOOL



Looking Ahead

March 9

Ash Wednesday

March 17

St. Patrick's Day



New Parent Meetup

Practical parenting tips you can use today!

"How to Be Spot-on When Kids Put You On the Spot!"

Wednesday, February 8th

Coffee, snacks, and conversation at 9:15AM, speaker starts at 9:30AM

Room 9 (downstairs)

Look for new topics in the coming months...



With Love From the Teachers



Dear Parents of the Curious Twos, Playful Pandas, Turtle Doves and Little Bears



We hope you all had a great time in the snow, and eagerly look forward to the coming month. February is a month of love; God's love for us and others. I will be teaching on different ways we can love those around us. This includes parents, grandparents, friends, and even strangers, (we will be making Valentines cards for the service men and women overseas).

Please join Teacher Mao Mao and I as we help teach and encourage our students to be loving towards others. Take some time to talk to them this month about what loving others looks like in your family, and even give them examples of how to love others.

Our memory verse will be Matthew 22:37-39, feel free to read it to them at mealtime or bedtime, or anytime really! We are having a Valentines Party for the Playful Pandas and Turtle Doves, so please note the dates from your monthly calendar! Parents and siblings are welcome, and a sign up sheet will be out soon for treats! We appreciate your help in celebrating!

Teacher Colleen, Mao Mao & Jesse

Parents of the Wee Waddlers,

The Wee Waddlers were busy during the month of January -- marshmallow snowmen, painting with ice cubes and creating snowy skies are just a few of the fun things we have enjoyed together.

In February the Wee Waddler parents will write love letters to their children, as well as spend time discussing sibling relationships. The kiddos will make Valentines and learn the signs for "love" and "friends".

Some of our older Waddlers have also joined the Friday Two's class, the Little Bears --we are so proud of them!

The Little Bears class will start again next January, so if you have, or your friends have children who miss the cut off to start in September, keep the Friday class in mind. It's on the new registration form!

Love from Teachers Haley & Jesse



Dear Parents of Dazzling Diamonds and Shining Stars Threes classes;

What a crazy January we had! I hope you were able to get out and enjoy the snow, sounds like a lot of snowmen were built!! It was perfect timing since the next week was all about snowmen!

February will be about Valentine's Day and we will talk about God's love for us. We'll also learn about the mail carrier, the weather, polar bears and a new nursery rhyme. We continue working on classroom responsibilities like putting our glue, scissors, placemats and garbage away; *and* students will start to pour our own water at snack time! The class continues to work on writing letters and their names.

We will have "special treats" for Valentine's Day. The children will be exchanging valentines with a little twist this year, and you are welcome to come join us for the last half hour of class.

Remember to bring coats every day as it is always good to get out in the fresh air!!

A sign up sheet is posted for the Parent Teacher conferences the week of February 6th. We hope your children are sharing with you the things they are learning at preschool. It is fun to see the kids making friends and laughing together. They are a true joy!!

Blessings, Teachers Laurie & Christie

Dear Parents of Precious Gems and Sparklers,

I look forward to sharing your child's progress with you at Parent-Teacher conferences. Each child is growing in a special and unique way and I will share some stories and papers that your child has done.

In February I am asking each family to bring in a self addressed, STAMPED envelope for a special valentine surprise your child will make. The week before Valentine's day we will learn about the post office and "old fashioned" mail. Our Valentine party will be the 13th/14th and I will post a sign up for treats. Parents need not come for this, but are welcome the last 30 minutes of class as we pass out cards and eat treats. We will finish the week with a Queens, Kings and Fairy Tales theme--All those girls and boys who love to dress up and play with castles, this will be your week! Our class will learn some Nursery Rhymes and do Humpty Dumpty Egg experiments when we return from the holiday. Tammy and I are praying for good kite flying weather to go along with our week of Wind and Kites.

Please bring in a large cereal box the first week of February, which will be transformed into our Valentine mail boxes. On an ongoing basis we could also use baby food jars and clear plastic jars with lids: peanut butter jars, mayonnaise jars, etc.

In this month of Valentines I want to share with you the song "How He Loves Us" by the David Crowder Band. I encourage you to listen to it on You tube and know how much you are truly loved!!

Teacher Gayla and Teacher Tammy



Explorer Fours

Kingdom Kid's News,

January has been a fun month in our class, we talked about snow (a lot!) and made fleece scarves just in time for the snow! We learned about bears and what they do in the winter then had a hibernation party and all of us pretended to be bears!

Acting out and exploring fairy tales is how January ended. Some of the fairy tales we explored were the Princess and the Pea and The 3 Little Pigs. Storybook Theater did an amazing job for our fieldtrip to see The Frog Prince, the class LOVED it!

I know there is going to be a lot of excitement with Valentine's Day. We will have a post office set up in our classroom that will keep our mail boys and girls busy. Delivering Valentine's to each other in a mail truck will be fun to watch. I have several fun projects and stories to share with the class.

Right in the middle of the month I will be working on assessments for everyone. Student conferences are February 27th and 28th, please sign up for a time. The students continue to show great enthusiasm for learning and it is inspiring to see how far they have come.

Lastly, we will enjoy the colorful, rhyming, and wacky world of Dr. Seuss. His birthday is March 2nd and we are going to have cupcakes to celebrate.

Please remember to send in an item that starts with our Letter of the Week!



Teacher Kelly and Rebecca

Dear Joyful Journeys Parents,

February is one of my favorite months for teaching as the children have settled back into the school routine after the holidays and are eager to learn. We have some great themes this month.

Community helpers will begin with mail carriers. The students will write a letter at school and be amazed as it ends up in their very own mailbox at home. Students will deliver their own cards to their classroom friends during our Valentines party. Friends are an exciting part of school and we will learn how to be a good friend.

We will continue to discuss all the people that work in our communities; pizza makers, deliverers, and restaurant servers fall into that category. Pizza also gives us a good opportunity to look at and review shapes, as well as some math skills.

After a short mid-winter break, and the children return on Wednesday, our class will examine health. We will listen to our own hearts beating and discover that our hearts don't look like a heart shape at all!

This will be such a busy and fun month to include a field trip to Storybook theatre, Dad's night and Parent conferences!

Teacher Penny and Teacher Jocelyn



Families and friends of High Road Kids,

In our classroom we spent part of the month working on letter review. We also studied the weather as we learned more about snow, rain, hail, sun, freezing and fog. I think we have seen it all here in the Great Northwest these last few weeks.

Moving into February, first and foremost is Dad's night with a Super-Fun Super Bowl theme! If dad can't make it, invite uncle, grandpa, or a male friend to bring your child. This is a night of fun and laughter; lots of food and games to play.

What would February be without Valentines? We will have a small party and show our appreciation of our friends by making and giving Valentine cards.



For our next theme, we will talk about the importance of nutrition, learn about the food pyramid and good food choices. Of course, along with good foods, come healthy teeth. It is National Dental Health month. I will have a small pretend dental office set up and talk about taking care of our teeth.

Blessings, Teachers Patty and Megan

Dear Creation Kids' Families,

January held promise of jumping into the New Year and picking up where we left off in December. At first that is what we were doing. And then there was whisper of a little word: s..n..o..w. What a wonderful little word it was. At snack time one of the children asked if we could pray for snow. And so we did. God answered that little prayer of his little children. So now the response has been, "what should we pray for next!" I love it!

The children have been singing a new song I wanted to share with you. I have had many requests to "please give this song to my mom." The song is an alphabet sounds song and goes through the alphabet and sounds out each letter. The children know that when they learn the sounds of the alphabet this will help with learning to read and they are very excited about that. The song is "Alphabet Sounds" by Barbara Milne and can be found on YouTube.

Dad's Night is Wednesday February 1st. This is a fun night for the children and a significant man in their life. There will be games and food and it's a great way to spend some quality time together. I encourage you to attend. You won't be disappointed!

Valentine's Day is coming soon and we will need a couple of parent volunteers to help out with the distribution of cards and take some pictures of our day for us. Also, we would love to have some yummy goodies. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet will be coming soon.

Parent/Teacher conferences are February 25th/26th. Sign up if you would like to sit down and chat about your child.



Teachers Janet & Carlissa

Sonshine Kids Parents,

We have been working hard learning letters and sounds and having fun with the "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" book. I want to welcome our new friend Jonathan to our class, it is a joy to see how easily the children make new friends and play with each other.

As we begin February we will finish up with Penguins and then learn about mail and the post office. We plan to work on writing our names and addresses so we can send a special card home. Please remember to bring in a stamped envelope to mail a valentine. There will be a sign-up for treats for the Valentine's Day party and I will send home a new class list for valentine cards. The rest of the week we will talk about dental health and the letter D. Our last theme of the month is kites and wind. Students will do science experiments blowing objects and making paper kites.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled the second week of February. This is a time to talk over your child's progress and show you some of the work they have done in class. Sign up sheets are posted outside the classroom to schedule your time with me. I look forward to meeting with all of you. Have a great month!

Teacher Gayla and Teacher Rebecca



Afternoon Enrichment

Our first week we will make some hats, count hats and match up hats. We will even dance the Mexican Hat Dance around a hat.

Next we will learn some new shapes. We all know our basic shapes, but we will tackle some we don't know as well. Shape bingo will help us to review the shapes we do know in a lively manner.

The following week we will read one of my favorite stories, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The class will act out the story too. We will discuss small, medium, and large, as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

After Mid-winter break will come back and explore the life of zoo animals.

Teachers Penny and Tammy



Our Amazing World

Your heart is about the size of your fist. It takes only about 23 seconds for the blood to leave the heart, travel through the body, and come back to the heart again.



Dad's Night

For four/five year olds
and their Dads

(or uncle, grandpa, other adult male)

Wed, February 1st

6:00-7:30PM



OPEN ENROLLMENT

We are very excited to open our enrollment for the 2012-13 school year on January 30th!

Questions regarding placement or other preschool topic? Stop by the office, we would be happy to chat with you.

Forms are available in the office and on-line.

What Are You Doing Thursday Mornings?

All moms are invited to join the JKPC Women's Life Groups (aka- Bible Study) on Thursday mornings from 9:15 to around 11:45. In the Atrium there are snacks, coffee and a time of fellowship with other moms before they split into groups and dig into The Word. Childcare is available for your little ones who are not enrolled in the Preschool.



This is a great way to meet other women, get inspired, have some grown-up time and bring God's word into meaningful perspective for today's busy world.

Please stop by the Preschool office or contact Marsha Baklund directly at gmbaklund@comcast.net for more information.

"B.E.A.R."

Be Excited About Reading!

Counting Kisses

By Karen Katz

Valentine Day Stories and Poems

By Caroline Feller-Bauer

Cranberry Valentines

By Wende & Harry Devlin

