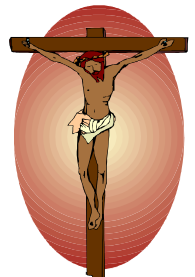




March Newsletter

Ms. Dulce



Dear Parents,
February was a busy month for us! The children worked very hard on their Creation books. I hope you enjoyed their work, and have taken the time to read them repeatedly with them.

We will try to write and illustrate our own class book before the end of the year. While these are simple books, the predictive, repetitive text helps the children increase their phonemic awareness, gain knowledge about text orientation, beginning punctuation and helps build confidence as emergent readers.

Beginning this month, we will be having "Mystery Readers" come into class on Wednesday's. If you would like to be a reader, pick your child's favorite book, and join us for the last 5 minutes of class **and shhh it's a surprise...** Sign up on the Calendar on our board outside the classroom.

We are also learning about Saint Patrick. You will be seeing a lot of clover activities coming home. We will be using the to reinforce his teaching of the Trinity, as well as using them to count, practice our cutting skills, learning the beginning sound and letter (for the children who show an interest).

For **St. Paddy's Day**, please send in **GREEN** snacks, and have the children wear **green**. We are not having a "party" but we will have some fun activities in class.

Important dates to Remember:

- *Wed. 7th 12:00 dismissal, NO LUNCH
- *Thurs 15th bring a can of food and **Wear Green**. Bring **GREEN SNACKS!** Saint Patrick's Day!
- *Sunday 18th 9:00 am School Mass Joseph's table
- *Thurs 22nd NO SCHOOL Parish staff retreat
- ***Wed 28th Donuts with Dad** 8:45 in hall, then come over to classroom for a while!

I love to have participators in class. If you would like to participate, just let me know.

March will be very busy as well. We will be preparing for Easter and the love that God the Father has for us, by talking about Lent and thinking of ways we can do charitable things for our friends, family and those in our community. Our Lenten journey will ultimately lead us to Easter. I sent an email home with the "sacrifices" the children chose for lent. PLEASE support, validate and honor those choices, by being an example for them. Remember, it is a small way we can show Jesus that we love Him more than _____. If their sacrifice is something that can be physically removed, you can place it, along with the sacrifices your family has all chosen to make in a box with a note that says something like "Family Sacrifice Box". You can put that box in a closet, and bring it out on Easter Sunday.

Our theme for March and continuing into April will be "New Life". We will talk about our New Life in Jesus, and how we can achieve it through the Resurrection. We will have butterflies class. We will discuss their life cycle. During this time we will be talking about our own "metamorphosis" and our growth.

We will also be preparing for Donuts with Dad! It is our way to celebrate and thank dad for everything he does for us! If Dad can't be here, Grandpa, an uncle or even Mom are invited to join us in the morning for donuts, and spend part of the day with us in class!

We continue visiting the Adoration Chapel. The children are learning an Adoration prayer. It is a very simple, beautiful and powerful prayer you can say very easily with your children. I am truly inspired and impressed with the reverence the children demonstrate at the church! We will also be starting to do a brief version of the Stations of the Cross, to help the children appreciate the true meaning of Easter...and no, it's not the Easter Bunny... ;)

As always, Thank You for all you do! Your children and I really appreciate your time and attention.
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