



St. Luke Early Childhood Center
"Little Saint's Herald"
 CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS!!



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From the Director's Desk...

Dear Families and Friends,

We would like to thank our families that attended our January PALS Meeting. Jen Galligen did an awesome job talking about nutrition and ways to make eating fun by encouraging your child to "Eat a Rainbow" Jen will be visiting the classes this week to present "Eating a Rainbow" to the children. Additionally, Jen spoke about car seat safety and water safety— two really important topics in Florida as well. And of course the children came through and entertained us by sharing a prayer and a song, it was wonderful!

Catholic Schools Week was a hit!! The children always love this celebration of faith and fun! The children enjoyed a blessing from Fr. Paul our pastor, and an exciting event each day. In conjunction with each activity the children were asked to bring in a small item to share with the babies of the Kimberly Home. Thank you all so much for your generosity; your gifts will truly bless the young families of this wonderful organization. Research has shown that teaching children empathy in preschool is a great indicator of success later in life. So much of whom we become begins during these earliest years!

Registration started two weeks ago and is going very well. If you have not registered your child for next year please stop into the office and do so; some classes are already almost full. We want to say a special thank you to the families who have recommended our school to their friends and family. Word of mouth has always been our greatest form of advertising. As a thank you, next year these families will receive a \$100 credit on their January tuition. Please continue to pass the word; we love welcoming new families into our ECC community.

February is a very exciting month here at St. Luke ECC. We look forward to our Science Lab Exploring Our Healthy Bodies. In addition to our science lab, and "Eating a Rainbow" presentation, Dr. Kochenour will be coming in to talk with the children about their dental health. Dr. Kochenour engages the children in a fun hands-on presentation about their teeth and the importance of good oral hygiene.

Our Usborne Cards for a Cause will be in shortly. These beautiful embellished cards make staying in touch easy and they are so economical at just \$1 or less each. Thank you for your participation we sold 22 boxes and made \$286 for the school- every little bit helps!

Please save the date for our ECC Picnic on Saturday, April 25th from 11:30-1:45. We are planning a fun filled "Farm Experience" with a petting zoo for the children!!! More information will go home at the beginning of April. At this event we will auction off our Class Planters and other exciting local treats! All monetary donations and proceeds from this event will be used to help make up the deficit from the VPK program and provide security upgrades.

Blessings,
 Kathie Mitchell



Dates to Remember

- ☉ Feb. 14- Valentine's Day
- ☉ Feb. 17- Closed for President's Day
- ☉ Feb. 26- Ash Wednesday
- ☉ March 2- Graduation Pictures
- ☉ March 2-6th- Read Across America Week
- ☉ March 11- PALS Meeting
- ☉ March 16-17 Closed for Teacher In-service Training
- ☉ March 19-20 - Carpentry Creations with Dad- class specific please watch your Class Weekly Newsletter for details
- ☉ April 3- Easter Parade
- ☉ April 6-8- Holy Week Activities
- ☉ April 10-17- Closed for Easter Break
- ☉ April 25- ECC Picnic- Farm Experience

Easter Camp Survey

We will be sending home a survey in the near future to find out if you need care during our Easter Break. Please return it as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Thank you

Please check our website for updated

- Registration Information
- Amazon Smile Info
- School Calendar
- Safety Tips
- Snack Calendars
- New Photo Collages
- Skill Building Ideas

The mission of St. Luke Early Childhood Center is to provide the foundation for a lifelong love of learning by nurturing the whole child through exploration and creativity in a Catholic spirit.



It's FLU season! Please keep your child home if you feel they are catching something or are beginning to show symptoms. Remember your child must be fever, vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours before they can return to school. Please call the ECC office to let us know about your child's absence and what the doctor has said, if applicable. Taking these precautions will hopefully keep all of our students and teachers healthy. We continue to sanitize our classrooms daily and bleach the toys twice a week. Thank you for your cooperation!

TAX NUMBER

For those of you needing our income tax identification number for care providers, it is: **51-0561749**.

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Emma C. 2/6
Natalya Y. 2/8
Gavin L. 2/14
Joseph H. 2/17
Gianna M. 2/17



Sweet Songs for February

"Two little ears to hear God's word.,
Two little eyes to see God's love.
Two little hands to work each day.
Alleluia! Hear me pray.

"The more we love each other, each
other, each other,
The more we love each other, like Jesus
we'll be.
For Jesus is your friend,
and Jesus is my friend,
The more we love each other, like Jesus
we'll be."

"The more we help each other, each
other, each other,
The more we help each other, like Jesus
we'll be.
For Jesus is your friend,
and Jesus is my friend,
The more we help each other, like Jesus
we'll be."

Fun ways you can encourage your child's skills

- Go on a nature hike and let them collect items like:
 1. Feather
 2. Sticks
 3. Rocks
 4. Leaves
 5. Acorns
- Go on a shape hunt in your house or neighborhood and have them count how many :
 - Rectangles (doors)
 - Squares (windows)
 - Semi-circles (windows)
 - Pentagons (front elevation)
- Go to the grocery store and ask them to find a fruit or vegetable that starts with a certain letter:
 - A- (apple, asparagus)
 - B- (banana, broccoli)
 - C- (cranberries, cabbage)
 - Etc.



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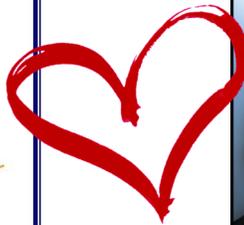


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