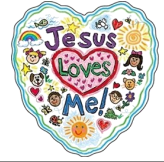




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**From the Director's Desk...**

Dear Families and Friends,

Catholic Schools Week was a hit!! The children always love this celebration of faith and fun! The children enjoyed 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!

February is a very exciting month here at St. Luke ECC. The 4-year-olds continue to enjoy listening to the PEACEMAKERS presentation where they learn ways to make friends, resolve conflict, and feel empowered to share in their own personal safety. All of the classes enjoyed rotating in to see Miss Lori from the Sheriff's Dept. Miss Lori talked with the students about when to call 911 for help. And next week the children will enjoy a presentation by Jen Galligan called "Eating a Rainbow". Jen explains nutrition in a very fun developmentally appropriate way, expressing how eating a rainbow of foods helps our bodies stay strong and healthy. She will also talk with the children about safety. Please note that these speakers have masks on, they are at least 10 feet away from the children, and they are in a large meeting room with good ventilation.

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.

We look forward to when we can again enjoy our family engagement activities. As a school we have always loved welcoming families in to share their heritage, share special holidays, share an informative parenting meeting, or share a story with their child's class; unfortunately we have not been able to do those things this year due to Covid-19 and the Health Dept. protocols. Until we are able to return to all of these activities we will continue to try and forward pictures to you via Remind, so you will have the opportunity to peek into your child's day!

Blessings,  
 Kathie Mitchell



**Dates to Remember**

- ☉ Feb. 14- Valentine's Day
- ☉ Feb. 15- Closed for President's Day
- ☉ Feb. 17- Ash Wednesday
- ☉ March 1-5th- Read Across America Week
- ☉ March 19 - Coffee in Car Line for Dad's in Honor of St. Joseph's Day
- ☉ March 29-31- Holy Week Activities
- ☉ April 2nd-9th- Closed for Easter Break
- ☉ April 19th- Graduation Pictures

**TAX NUMBER**

For those of you needing our income tax identification number for care providers, it is: **51-0561749**. United Catholic Conference-St. Luke Early Childhood Center.

**Please check our website for updated**

- Registration Information
- Amazon Smile Info
- Updated School Calendar
- Safety Tips
- Special Helper Calendars

*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.*

<b>UPDATED CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, February 15	President's Day – Center Closed
Monday- Friday, March 1-5	Read Across America Week
Friday, March 26	Egg Hunt- (Children Only)
Monday – Wed., March 29-31	Holy Week- (Individual classroom activities)
Friday, April 2-9	Easter Holidays - Center Closed
Monday, April 12	Center Reopens
Monday, April 19	VPK Graduation Pictures
Friday, April 30	Water Day
Monday-Friday, May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 10 – Friday, May 14	Parent Conference Week-(Date class specific)
Wednesday, May 19	Parent Appreciation (TBD) Notice to come home
Monday, May 24	Pre K Celebration – (Notice to come home) <i>Church</i>
Monday, May 24- half day	Last Day of School for all Students/all students dismissed at 12:00



Dennis H. 2/2  
 Natalya Y. 2/8  
 Liam M. 2/11  
 Lucia C. 2/26

Sweet Song for February

“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 practice one-to-one correspondence by collecting:
  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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