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From the Director's Desk...

Dear Families and Friends,

Oh my goodness, it is hard to believe that February is already over and Spring is almost here. We are celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America Week this week throughout our preschool. This is an awesome week to share the joy of reading.

Here are some things you can do at home to scaffold your child's literacy skills:

- Read for 10-15 minutes each night with your child before bedtime.
- Encourage your child to finish the sentence when reading a rhyming story.
- Pair fiction and non-fiction books. Read a story book to your child, such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears; then read a non-fiction book about bears to your child. Have your child look for ways the real bears are different from the ones in the story.
- Choose a three-letter word, such as cap. Have your child substitute different beginning sounds to make new words: lap, map, nap...

Since the Covid-19 infection rate in our area has declined in the last month, we have stopped our car line temperature checks, allowing me to assist in getting the children out of the car. Please note, per our Parent Handbook, after 9:10 you will need to drop your child off at the ECC office, if the car line gate is closed. It is our goal to have as efficient of a car line as the protocols will allow so we are able to start our day in a more timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

Throughout March in class we will continue to reinforce many of the goals of our Safe Environment Program, including the understanding of God's goodness and His personal love for each of us. We will also share how prayer gives the children a sense of God's presence in their daily lives and how God expects us to treat our classmates. We will speak about treating our friends with respect and how our uniqueness is a gift from God. Additionally, the teachers will share with the children how God gave us our families to love and care for each other.

Part of this family exploration is our celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph. The children enjoy hearing about St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, and how he helped Jesus, much like our own fathers help us on earth. We look forward to celebrating our dads with Car Line Coffee on March 19th.

At the end of the month, the children will enjoy our Easter activities. Each class will have their own Easter Egg Hunt on the playground during their scheduled time, and will celebrate with a party in the classroom; sorry at this time no volunteers will be allowed. Please watch for notes from your child's teacher or room parent regarding sending in filled Easter eggs.

At the beginning of April the children will enjoy Holy Week activities in their classrooms and when we return from Easter, we will continue to celebrate new life with our butterfly exploration.

If you are planning to upgrade your desktop computer, please consider donating your used one to the ECC; we need to replace one of our classroom computers. Thank you!

Spring Blessings,
 Kathie Mitchell

Dates to Remember

- ☺ **March 19—Feast of St. Joseph- Car Line Coffee for Dads**
- ☺ **March 29-31 Holy Week Activities in the classrooms**

Upcoming Dates

- ☺ **April 4th- Easter**
- ☺ **April 2nd-9th Closed for Easter Break**
- ☺ **April 19 Pre-K Graduation pictures**
- ☺ **April 30th - Water Day**
- ☺ **May 10-14 - Parent Conferences- Class Specific**



Check out our website for:

- Registration information
- VPK Certificate link
- Special Helper Calendar
- Amazon Smile Info
- Safety Tips

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.



TAX INFORMATION

For those of you needing our income tax identification number for care providers, it is:

51-0561749.

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- Xavier Q - 3/2
- Conrad C. - 3/8
- Gracie F. - 3/14
- Luke F. - 3/22
- Bradley R. - 3/23
- Logan E. - 3/24
- Bernadette P. - 3/25
- Emma M. - 3/26

preschool registration



Registration is going well. As always, if you know of a family looking for a preschool for their children, please invite them to our school. We would love to take them on a tour of our school and answer any of their questions. As our thank you for the referral, we will give you a \$100 credit on your January tuition next year.

Did you know...

- That our Catholic faith is interwoven throughout our day providing the children with a warm and nurturing environment.
- Over 50% of our teachers have been with us for over 12 years; the national average is 6months-2 years!
- Our teacher/student ratio is nearly double licensing standards. IE-Licensing allows 1 teacher to 15- 3 year olds and our ratio is 2 teachers to 15 children.
- Our teachers take 24 hours of continuing ed each year so they can provide their students with learning opportunities based on the most recent research.
- We have a Crisis Team review our protocols monthly and update as needed.
- We have monitored surveillance cameras on campus.
- We meet or exceed all state, diocesan, and accreditation standards.
- We look forward to reinstating our Science Labs, as Covid protocols are eased. These labs provide an exciting way to explore our science benchmarks and build the children's respect and awe of nature.



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