

February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Olympic Games 	1 Tuition Due	2 No School 	3	4	5	Godly Play Stories: The Exodus, The Ten Best
7 Health The color pink	8 Dental 	9 Children's Chapel 	10 Children's Chapel	11 Valentine's Day parties	12 Valentine's Day parties	13 Ways Jesus in the Wilderness
14 Hearts HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! 	15 No School Washington's Birthday	16 Ash Wednesday	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 Calming the Storm
21 My Five Senses and My Body	22	23 ~Enrichment Curriculum Night~ 6:30pm	24	25	26 Parent Teacher Conferences No School	27 Lent One, Jesus the King
28 The Letters V, C, X			Call the preschool office to schedule a tour of one (or more) of our Enrichment classes!			



Blessings News

February 2010

(630) 904-9898 www.littleblessings.org



From the Director..... On February 23 at 6:30 pm, Little Blessings will be hosting **Enrichment Curriculum Night!** This will be a great time to learn more about what your child has been learning and experiencing in our enrichment classes. Get a taste of the hands-on learning that happens each day as you visit the enrichment classrooms, chat with the teachers, and see some of the projects that the children have completed. This event is especially for parents of **current and future** students!

Here are just a few of the activities that we will do in February...

Health & Fitness: Each day the class works in team and pairs activities as they use scooters, mats, bean bags, the parachute, basketballs, and hoola hoops. February is Growth and Development month, so the class will be comparing themselves to the size of babies by making life-size body cut-outs.

Book Club: The featured author for February is Leo Lionni. The class will read the book *Inch By Inch* and have fun measuring items found in the classroom. Children will help retell the story as they sequence the items that the inchworm measured. They will create illustrations similar to those found in Lionni's books using paint and stamps.

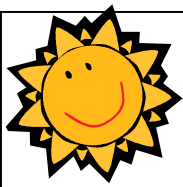
Kindergarten Book Club: This class will be reading books written and illustrated by Tomie DePaola. They will make a pot of *Stregga Nona* spaghetti, learn a few Italian words, and locate Calabria on a map of Italy. The children will write their own words for the book *Pan-cakes for Breakfast*, and learn how to make quicksand after reading *The Quicksand Book*.

Spanish Explorers: The children will learn Spanish vocabulary and sentences by playing the game *Escuchame* (Listen to Me), and dancing the *Naranja Dulce* (Sweet Orange)! Everyday they count, practice good manners, review colors and shapes, and sing the good-bye song all in Spanish. The children practice at home using the Spanish Songs CD and weekly word lists!

Art Works!: Impressionist artists Edward Degas and Claude Monet will be featured in February. The children will draw using the quick movements of an impressionist artist, water-color paint in Monet's style, and experiment with printmaking as they learn about Degas.

Science & Math Wizards: The children will use magnets to move paper clips in water, vegetable oil, and corn syrup. The book *Missing Mittens*, will teach the children about odd and even numbers, and they will identify the numbers 1-7 as they create a portrait! The other class will learn about the planets, the sun, and the moon. They will gaze into the stars by using a planetarium. The children will make air rockets and telescopes, order planets from largest to smallest, count stars, and create star patterns.

Kindergarten Science & Math: As they study "Our Wonderful Bodies" the class will order and compare their growth since last October. Using a "real" stethoscope, they will listen to their heartbeats before and after exercise. They will look for signs of spring at the class tree.



SUMMER FUN AT LITTLE BLESSINGS...

Registration for our great summer programs will begin Wednesday, March 3 in the preschool office. More detailed information will be sent home in your child's backpack.

- **Camp Little Blessings:** This is an outdoor preschool camp that will be offered the weeks of June 21, June 28, July 12, and July 19.
- **Summer Preschool:** Fun summer themes, and further development of academic and social skills is the focus of this seven week program. Summer preschool will be offered June 7 through July 22.
- **My Little Hands Summer Camp:** Children develop handwriting readiness skills (hand strength, fine motor skills, letter formation). This camp will be offered the weeks of June 21 and July 12.
- **PDO Summer Adventures:** PDO "graduates" may register for one to seven weeks of indoor/outdoor learning and fun. Watch your child's backpack for more detailed information.

Speech-Language therapy is offered at Alleluia! beginning this winter. For more information on small group or individual instruction, contact Shari Pelzer. M.S. CCC-SLP at 630-302-3011, or email her at kspelzer@comcast.net

MOPS

(Mother's of Preschoolers)

Winter Semester is starting NOW!

Join a community of moms and experience personal and spiritual growth, great speakers, fun activities, and much more! Child care is provided in our MOPPETS program.

Are you an experienced mom that can provide new moms with great advice? Contact us about becoming a Mentor Mom!

For registration packets and additional information, please contact

Maria Dresnin at: mdresnin@att.net **We would love to have you join**



Picture Purchase Days

Be sure to stop by the Teddy Bear Portrait table near the Bookstore (upper level) to view your child's photos! There is no obligation to purchase. The cost is \$10.00 per sheet. We will offer daytime and one evening portrait selection time:

February 9 3:30 pm—6:30 pm

February 10, 11, and 12

10:30 am—3:30 pm

Remember, everyone receives a free class photo!

Have You Lost Yourself in Being a Mom?

Then join us for grown up conversation as we discuss the book *Mama's Got a fake I.D.*, by Caryn Dahlstrand Rivadeneira. This inspiring and practical guide will show you how to break free from false guilt, learn a new language to express your true identity, and follow God's lead in sharing who you really are. God wants you to discover who he made you to be—in your family and beyond. It's time to reveal the woman who got hidden behind all that mom.

Tuesdays— Starting February 9 from 9:30 am to 11:15am in the Covenant Room, or
Fridays— Starting February 12 from 9:30 am to 11:15 am in the Underground

Both groups are encouraged to stay for coffee and fellowship in the Underground until it is time to pick up your preschooler.

Sign up by e-mailing Pastor Katie at...

pastorkatie@comcast.net

Keep saving Box Tops!!

We received a check for **\$653** from Box Tops, and are that much closer to our new laminating machine! Another contest will be held in February, so be sure to turn in your Box Tops, labeled with your child's name and class.

Ms. Tracy's Kindergarten Corner

Happy February! We came back in January all ready to go. In math we are having fun with addition up to 20, using a number line, and learning about money. We receive lots of practice counting coins at the student store. Next, we move on to telling time.

Our list of sight words keeps growing, and the list of books that we have read gets longer each week. We read both as small groups and individually every day—practice makes perfect!

We are writing stories about outer space, and we work in our journals almost every day. Our writing is more detailed now, and punctuation and capitalization are natural parts of our work. Everyday brings fun and learning!