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President's Day
February 20th **OPEN**

FEBRUARY 2012

Dental Day
February 21st

This Month's News:

Welcome to our new and returning families. We are delighted to have Chloe in Ms. Jodi's class, Griffin in Ms. Aleta's class and Jack & Nathan in Ms. Serenity's class.

February is here! We have many events scheduled this month. If you have any questions about an event you may ask your child's teacher or email me.

Dates To Remember:

- * Wednesday, February 8th--"Mario" Pizza Day (pizza lunch is provided)
- * Tuesday, February 14th--Valentine's Party in class at 10:00am.
- * Friday, February 17th--Scholastic Book Order Due- Class Activation Code: GRXRF.
- * Monday, February 20th--President's Day--**WE ARE OPEN.**
- * **NEW DAY!** Tuesday, February 21st--Dental Day.
- * Wednesday, February 29th--Fancy Day.

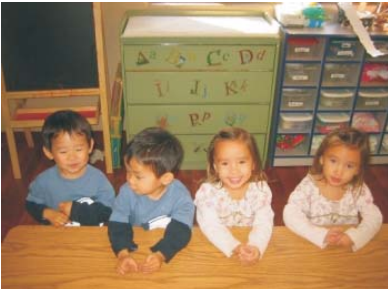
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A Note From Pastor Robert:

First of all thank you all for your prayers as support, they have been so encouraging to me and my family. I am really touched by all your love. It also lets me move into this month's theme: Love... and it shows it to be with Valentine's Day. It is the second most popular day to give flowers, (Mother's Day is #1) not to mention all the chocolate that's given too! It's a time when we tell those we care about how much we love them, (yet we know that we should do that more than once a year)

A phrase that has become popular on this day is, "Be Mine" or "Be My Valentine" a phrase that resonates with being exclusively given to one. The Bible tells us that, no greater love can be displayed, then that which was displayed Jesus and His example on the cross. Although the Bible is full of many examples of how God the father revealed His genuine and unending love to His people, we have the privilege to look back at the Father's love through His Son, and what He did for us. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13)

As we celebrate a month of showing love to those we love, and those who love us, let us also make Valentines' Day the day we remember how much God loves us and the example we are of that love to those God has blessed us with. Make sure to stop and listen to God's voice as he asks: Will you "Be My Valentine"?



News From Ms Jodi's Joeys:

It always amazes me how quickly the little ones grow and change. I was only absent from work two weeks, but I couldn't believe how much bigger the kids looked when I returned! I know you will all agree when I say, Ms. Angie did a wonderful job taking over my classroom while I was away... God has put together an amazing staff here and we all work together very well. Thank you Angie!

We continue to lengthen our circle time and learning opportunities at the same pace as the children. It is astounding how far your children have come! They have shown remarkable improvement in all areas, cognitive, emotional, social, and developmental. What a fun time to be their teacher!

We will be celebrating Valentines Day on February 14th with sweets and treats and a card exchange. Remember to just say who it is from not to...it makes passing them out so much easier :) we will begin around 10:00am



News From Ms Aleta's Kangaroos:

I wish I could have a full page for my February Newsletter telling you why I love your child. My Kangaroo class puts a smile on my face, makes me laugh, and blesses me by what they do or say. God made each one so different and so perfect. Everyday, we teachers need wisdom, patience, and love for your children. Ms. Hannah (my daughter) and I pray every morning asking the Lord to help us with that; and the Lord hears us and He blesses your child as we care for them.

As we start our new year the children are becoming more self sufficient with tasks such as putting on their shoes, jackets, and opening their lunch. Many can even put their straw in their Capri-Sun. We are doing more seat-work now such as practicing writing letters, tracing, and scissor skills. At circle time we are learning more songs, reading new books, and playing learning games. Of course "art" is their favorite. The children were so excited to see Pastor Robert at Friday chapel, we thank Jesus for that. I am encouraging your child to bring in something from home to share at circle time. This month LOVE is in the air!



News From Ms Serenity's Bears:

Things are changing in the Bears class! And I mean for the better! I have noticed so much improvement in this class over the last couple months! This is when it becomes really fun for me, as a teacher, to be able to challenge the kids and watch them take on activities and projects they struggled with or were not ready for earlier in the year. I think the homework system has been working very well--I love how the class eagerly accepted the task and it has been so great to see how enthusiastic they have been about it (hopefully THAT lasts :D)! Just to clear up some confusion, new homework will be sent out every Wednesday.

Since Valentine's Day is approaching, we will be talking a lot about how to love each other as well as our Savior's love for us! This season also provides an opportunity to learn how to express our feelings in general--this is an important concept for kindergarten, since emotional development and maturity is the foundation on which children can learn and grow confidently and successfully. We can often get caught up in the importance of academics and general knowledge when emotional development is truly the key to making healthy transitions in life, coping with change, and accepting the challenge of learning new things. However, this is OFTEN one of the most difficult areas of development to measure--if you have any concerns or questions about your child's development in this area, PLEASE feel free to schedule a phone or in-person conference with me.

I will be starting the evaluations this month and it may be a few weeks before you receive the completed evaluation, I will send out a note explaining more about that soon!

