



Fantastic Fives March Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the opportunity to talk to parents during our conferences this week. Remember – no school for the children on Friday. Also, know that if you have questions at any time, we will do our best to answer them. March and April are generally the months for Kindergarten registration at elementary schools; make sure that you are aware of the timing of this event for your child.

In March, we will be learning more about Jesus' life – how he was baptized by John the Baptist, how he walked on water, how he changed water into wine, and how he raised Lazarus from the dead. We are discussing and trying to help the children understand how very amazing God's love is, that He would allow His one and only Son to come to earth and die on a cross for all of us. Our memory verse for this month is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." The children do a wonderful job of memorizing and reciting each Bible verse we present.

We will be writing the letters U through X this month, and numbers through 15. We will also continue to work on quantifying correctly – counting and assigning a number to a group, and then writing the correct number. We will introduce the concept of money this month: the values of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters will be discussed.

In March, we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with Reading Month. During this month, we are asking that you fill out a paper banana (these will be in your bins) each time you read a book at home to/with your child (extras are available), and then have your child bring them in to school. When we reach our classroom goal, we will celebrate with a special ice cream snack provided by preschool! We cannot stress enough how important reading to your child is, and this program is just one more way we can help our children love reading and become successful readers. Let's go **bananas** over books!

Another special event will occur during March! We are inviting our Moms (or Grandmas or Aunts) to join the class on **March 17th** for a special **St. Patrick's Day celebration**, including breakfast! Watch for a sign-up sheet outside the classroom for food donations. We hope you can all make it – it should be a lot of fun! This event will begin at 9:00 a.m., our usual Preschool time, and you and your child can leave together at the conclusion, which should be approximately 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Our Star of the Week program is continuing, and each child really enjoys being the Star! Thanks for the preparation you do at home to make this fun for all of us.

An early but important reminder – our **Closing Program** is scheduled for May 15th! That seems very far away, but will certainly be here before we know it. Let's all have a wonderful March!

In Christ's Love,
Marlene Brown and Leslie Bishop

