

## **Fantastic Fives March Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to talking to parents during our Conferences this week. Please know that if you have questions at any time, we will do our best to answer them. Kindergarten registration dates are approaching; make sure you know your date :)

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 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."

To make up our lost snow days, we will **extend** our class day until 1 p.m. the week of March 25-29. For this week, we ask that you send your child with lunch (and yes, we will still have snack time!).

We will be writing the letters T through W 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 ask 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

An early but important reminder – our **Closing Program** is scheduled for May 21st! 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