

# Nursery School News

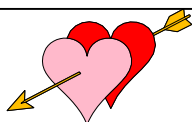
Severna Park United Methodist Church Nursery School

February 2017

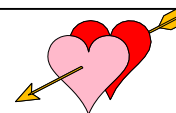
*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.* 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## Dismissal Policy – PLEASE BE ON TIME!

As the year has progressed, we have seen a tremendous increase in parents/caregivers arriving late to pick up children. It's important that you arrive at the school no later than dismissal time (11:30 or 2:45). Make sure anyone picking up your child knows the procedures and the time they need to be here. Late arrivals should only happen in an emergency, and when that's the case, please call the school to let us know you'll be late so we know what to tell your child.



## Registration Reminder



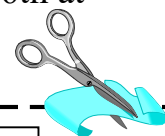
Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open to everyone. Please pass the word and encourage your neighbors and friends who have preschool-age children to consider enrolling their children for the upcoming year. Word-of-mouth is the best advertising!

## Help Wanted

**Parents of 3-year-old students:** We need a few volunteers to help with refreshments at the **End-of-year programs** for our 4-year-olds. We'd like at least two for each evening: Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider helping this year, so all parents of our 4-year-olds can relax and enjoy the program. Next year, someone will be volunteering to do the same for you! Contact Heidi Taflan or Shannon Pearson if you can help.

**Parents of our 4-year-olds:** We need at least one afternoon parent and one morning parent to chair the Field Day committee. You'll be responsible to organize volunteers so our field day, on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is fun and memorable for our 4-year-old students. This is an entirely parent-run event, so be sure to volunteer!

**Project Cutters:** The Project Cutters will meet next on Monday, February 6th at 9:00 in room 114. Come in for some creativity and conversation, and help the school at the same time. Little ones are always welcome!



Reminder:  
No school on Monday  
February 20<sup>th</sup>



President's Day

**SCHOLASTIC ORDERS ARE DUE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**



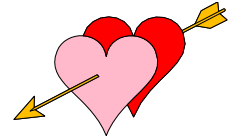
Backpack  
Buddies

Thank you for continuing to donate to Backpack Buddies! In February, we'll be collecting individual size ham/ chicken/ tuna salad pouches or snack kits.

# 3-Year-Old News



## February Studies



Our Students will be celebrating Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school this month. Our unit of study is "I Build! I Create!." Have fun at home building something with your student! Please continue to help your child learn to put on his/her own coat. Learning to be independent is an important part of school readiness, and it builds self-confidence.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> IS PINK/WHITE DAY.  
3-YEAR-OLDS WEAR PINK AND WHITE**



### Valentine's Day Parties

On **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day in the classroom and enjoy some special activities. Please check with your child's teacher to see if you signed up for the snack, party favors, or paper products for Valentine's Day. During the party, the students will exchange Valentines.

#### How to do Valentines:

1. Have your students sign ONE Valentine card for **each** classmate.
2. **Do not** address the cards with classmates' names.
3. Put your child's Valentines in a sandwich bag with their name on it and hand them to your child's teacher when you drop your child off the day of the celebration.

**Take a moment to open the Valentines together when you get home,  
and ask your child to tell you about each classmate as you open their cards.  
This is a very special activity for the children.**

#### Looking Ahead:

Class pictures - Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Party - Thursday, April 6th.

Easter break-School closed Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Three-year-old classes resume on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

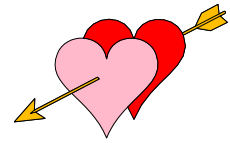
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*Happy  
Valentines  
Day!*

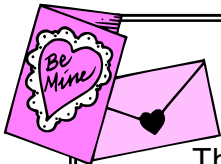


# 4-Year-Old News



## *February Studies*

Our unit of study this month, "I Build! I Create!" will provide many opportunities for our students to be creative and to explore construction with various materials. We'll commemorate Presidents Day, welcome a special visitor who'll teach about dental health, and we'll celebrate Valentine's Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We will begin to work on telephone number recognition with the students. Please continue to foster independence in your children by helping them learn to put on their own coats, hats, and mittens. This is a key skill for Kindergarten readiness.



### Valentine's Day Parties

The 4-year-old Valentine's Day party will be held on **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, and our students will celebrate in their classrooms with special activities and snacks. Please check with your child's teacher to see if you signed up for the snack, party favors, or paper products for Valentine's Day.

#### How to do Valentines:

1. A list of your child's classmates' first names will be sent home the week before the party.
2. Using the list, help your child sign one Valentine card for each classmate and print a name on each card. Put the cards in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it.
3. On the day of the party, hand the bag of Valentines to your child's teacher when you drop off your child. The children will distribute them during the party.

**Please take a moment to open the valentines together  
when your child brings them home.**

**This is a good opportunity to ask your child to tell  
you about the friends he or she has made in school.**

### **Looking Ahead:**

Class pictures- Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Easter Party--Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Easter break--- School closed Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

School reopens on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for Mrs. Mayer's 5 day class.

School reopens on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> for 3-day 4-year-old classes.

# Parent Group News

## Many Thanks

Thank you to Kim Thomasson and Debra Collins for delivering lunch to our amazing teachers during their conference days.

And thank you to all of the families who came out to support our school at our first Froyo House fundraiser. We had a great turnout and look forward to other events this spring.



## Family Fun Night

We're doing something a little different this time, which should be a lot of fun! We're doing a **Sing Along Movie on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

We will show Disney's Sing Along Songs - The Lion King Circle of Life. Not only will the children have fun singing along to some of their favorite Disney songs, but this will also reinforce pre-reading skills and help encourage rhythm development. ☺

This Family Fun Night will be **FREE** and the Parent Group will provide treats & drinks. We will again do pre-ordered pizzas so you can enjoy dinner before the movie. Please feel free to bring blankets or camping chairs. Please remember to send in your RSVP by January 31<sup>st</sup> and we look forward to seeing you there!

## USO Children's Book Drive This Month!

From the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, we will be collecting NEW children's books for the USO's United Through Reading program at BWI airport. This program helps ease the stress of separation for local military families by having deployed parents or relatives read children's books aloud while being video-taped for their child to watch at home via DVD. You can help by purchasing NEW books (for any age group) to donate to this wonderful program. For more information or ideas for books please visit [www.unitedthroughreading.org](http://www.unitedthroughreading.org).

## Save the Date

**Eco Adventures** is coming to SPUMCNS for our Spring Family Fun Night!! We are so excited to welcome some animal friends to our school on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars to join us for an exciting evening!