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Pre-Registration for 2012-2013

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 school year and summer camps begins this month! Packets were sent home with registration forms that need to be returned to Mrs. Wallace's office in order to secure a spot for your student for next year!

*Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth!
Psalm 8:16*



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| 9 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45am | 6 | Favorite Sports Team |
| 20 - | Presidents' Day, NO VPK No Preschool, Extended Care Only. | 7 | Wacky Hair Day / Grandparents/VIP Day |
| 21- | NON VPK Day, NO Preschool, Extended Care Only P/T Conferences by Appt. | 8 | Mismatch Day/ MDA Hop-a-Thon |
| | | 9 | NON VPK Day, Preschool & Extended Care Only/ Teacher In-Service |
| | | 12-16 | NON VPK Days, Preschool & Extended Care Only |
| | | 22 - | Picture Day (VPK Classes & Tues/ Thursday Children) |
| 3 | MDA BOWL @ Gator Lanes 5-7pm | 23 - | Picture Day (Jr. & Sr. Preschool Classes) |
| 4-9- | National Lutheran Schools Week | 24 | ECC Silent Dinner Auction / EGG Hunt 5:30-7:30pm R\$VP |
| 5 | Silly Hat Day | | |



You're Invited!
Please join us for
Worship and
Sunday School

Traditional @ 8:30

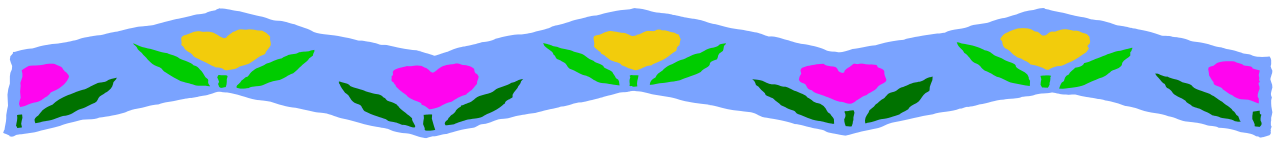
Blended @ 10 am

Contemporary @ 11:30

Sunday School
begins in room 105
@ 10:00 am

WEMB Meeting
2/20 @ 6:30 pm



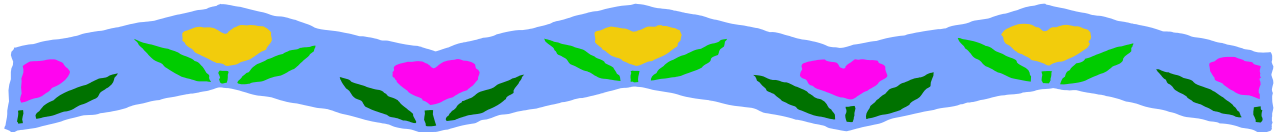


What's Flowering in the Sr. Preschool Garden?

We have been enjoying learning about each other's heritage and country and the special heritage treats have been very yummy.

This month is going to be a very busy month. It is hard to believe that February is already here. We will be talking about the Presidents' Day, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and it is also Dental Health month. We will be having our Valentine's Day party on Tuesday, February 14th.

Blessings, Miss Cheri



Terrific Things are Taking Place in Jr. Preschool with Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Katie S.

January past quickly and it was really interesting talking and learning about winter weather. We had so much fun making our icebergs and making our yummy hot chocolate.

We are excited that February is here and we love this month because of all the fun things to do in the classroom. The shape of the month is the heart. We look forward to making a "heart tree" where we cut out and decorate hearts and hang them on the branches of our tree. We are going to talk about people and things that we love. Our Valentine's party will be Tuesday, February 14th. February is also Dental Health month.

Blessings,
Miss Vanessa
Ms. Katie S.



National Lutheran Schools Week March 3—9



Updates

for VPK A & VPK B

February is going to be a busy month for the VPK students. We have holidays like Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day, and of course Valentine's Day. It is also Dental Health month

We are working on learning sight words and practice lots of rhyming words to build up on language skills. We will have plenty of heart Crafts and learn about God's love for each of us and what we can do to show our love for others.

Blessings,

Ms. Cindy & Ms. Gretchen

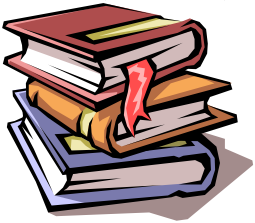
Ms. Katie & Ms. Sandra

Special Theme Days Listed Below March 3-9

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| Saturday 3 MDA Bowl @ Gator Lanes, 5- 7pm We need teams to partici- pate to Kick OFF NLSW | Monday 5 Crazy Hat Day Wear your craziest hat to school | Tuesday 6th Favorite Sports Team Day | Wednesday 7th ! Wacky Hair Day / Grandpar- ents' Day Grandpar- ents Come to School | Thursday 8th Mismatch Day / MDA Hop- A-Thon Get those pledges for your hopper! | Friday 10th NON VPK Day P J Day Wear your favorite P J's to school. |
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Please
donate your
gently used



Children's Books & Children's Shoes

to benefit Franklin Park School.
Collections will be taken through

Thursday,
March 1st



Prayer Requests *"The prayer of a Godly person is powerful. It makes things happen" James 5:16*



Please keep the following families in your prayers this month:

ECC Families:

Briseno, Brockington, Clark, Cronin, Carter, Ciccarello, Gilbert, Knowles, Stabler, Mulvene, Perry, Kegel, Neto, Thompson, Woodworth

Church Families:

Hagman, Hake, Hall, Hansen Hanson, Hardtke, Harlick, Harris, Harroff, Hart Hartley, Hartman, Harvey, Hatch, Heidorn & Helgeson

With Special Requests for:

Pastors, Ministers, Military and all other Chaplains, Missionaries; peace in each home; President Obama and all the leaders of our country, Ramsey family

If you would like to add a request to our list please place it in the black box near Mrs. Wallace's office.

31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for your Children

Gratitude " Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 2:7**

A heart for Missions " Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see your glory declared among the nations, your marvelous deeds among the peoples." **Psalm 96:3**



Can you help?

We are looking for some items for Class projects, replacement items and learning activities that just maybe you have and would like to share. Here are a few of the items that we could really use:

Ribbon

Buttons

Items for Dress Up Play such as:

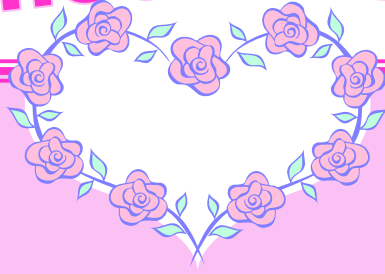
Old work Uniforms (Doctor, Dentist)

Aprons, Sports Coats

Table cloths

Baby Dolls

Preschool Reminders!



- We are still having some parents that do not sign in using their full names. We are required by DCF to have the FULL FIRST & LAST NAME including the time -in and time -out on the sign in sheets. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Please remember to check your child's cubby, folder and backpack for items that are being sent home from your child's teacher and Mrs. Wallace.
- In order for students to be in morning care, the parents must have made arrangements with Mrs. Wallace before hand. There is an additional fee for morning & after school care. Also, if your child needs to stay for after school care , we need to know ahead of time to make sure we have space available for that afternoon.

Chapel News



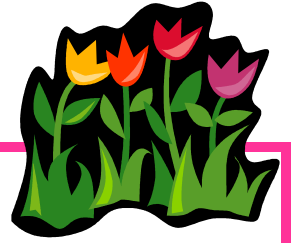
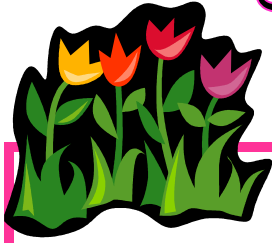
Just Do It!

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Luke 11:9-10)

Whenever we think of Nike we also think of their slogan, “Just Do It!” As Christians we need to “Just Do It” as the most important rule of prayer. In Chapel talk about prayer and as we will be doing this month we just need to stop talking about it and “Just Do It!” Pray! Don't worry about if it is the right time or place, it is and God is waiting for those who are knocking so the door will be opened . So, stop now and “Just Do It!” Pray! Pray! Pray!



Spring In Paris



March is filled with so many exciting events this year. We are excited to announce the *ECC Silent Dinner Auction*. Our theme for our *Silent Auction* is *Spring in Paris!* We will be having our first Silent Dinner Auction on Saturday, *March 24, 2012 from 5:30pm-7:30pm*. You will be receiving a letter from your child's classroom representative giving you information on your "Themed Class Basket and what donations that will be needed.

We will start off the evening with an *Easter Egg hunt* for our students, siblings and friends. The bidding of the baskets will close @ 6pm right before dinner. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner. After dinner we will announce those names of the highest bidders on the different baskets and other items up for auction.



Please mark your calendars for these fun MDA dates in March 2012!

If you should have any questions please let me know ~ Beth Wallace, ECC Director



MDA BOWL

Where: Gator Lanes, Fort
Myers, FL

When: Saturday, March 3rd
5pm-7pm

RSVP: Sign up your team of
5 people today. Start getting
those Pledges in today!

\$30.00 a person includes:

bowling, shoe rental, Italian
buffet dinner & two hours of
fun Join in to help raise money
for MDA!

Thursday, March 8th
HOP-A-THON[®]
MDA's disability awareness program

ZION LUTHERAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| June | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL |
| July 31 | Last day of 2012 Summer program |
| Aug.1--Aug. 7 | ECC Closed for cleaning and Teacher in-Service |
| August 7 | Back to School Orientation 8:00am-10:30am <i>*New Times*</i> |
| August 5 | Teacher Rededication 10:00 am worship service (All ECC Staff) |
| August 8 | First day of school |
| August 8 | Opening Chapel 9:00 am |
| August 30 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45am |
| September 3 | ECC Closed for Labor Day |
| September 17 | Non VPK Day, No Preschool, <i>Extended Care only</i> /Teacher In-Service |
| September 27 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45am |
| October 1 | Happy 5th Birthday Zion ECC |
| October 15 & 16 | Non VPK Day, No Preschool, <i>Extended Care only</i> Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appt. |
| October 18 | Picture Day (VPK Classes & Tues/Thursday Children) |
| October 19 | Picture Day (Jr. & Sr. Preschool) |
| October 25 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45am |
| November 3 | ECC Fall Festival |
| November 20 | VPK Thanksgiving Breakfast |
| November 21 | Non VPK, No Preschool, <i>Extended Care Only</i> |
| November 22-23 | ECC Closed for Thanksgiving Day & Thanksgiving Break |
| November 29 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45am |
| December 6 | ECC sing @ 10:30 am Advent Worship |
| December 13 | ECC sing @ 10:30am Advent Worship |
| December 21 | Non VPK, No Preschool, <i>Extended Care Only</i> |
| Dec. 24 -26 | ECC Closed for Christmas Holiday |
| December 24 | Zion's Family Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm all ECC families invited |
| Dec 27- 28 & Jan 2-4 | <i>ECC Holiday Camp Extended Care Only</i> |
| January 7 | ECC VPK & Preschool Program Resume |
| January 21 | Non VPK Day & No Preschool, <i>Extended Care Only</i> /Teacher In-service Day |
| January 24 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @8:45am |
| January 27-Feb. 2 | National Lutheran Schools Week |
| January 28 | Favorite Book Character |
| January 29 | Tacky Tourist Tuesday |
| January 30 | Wednesday walk for Relay for Life |
| January 31 | Favorite Sports Team |
| February 1 | PJ day & Movie Day |
| February 18-19 | Presidents' Day, Non VPK Day, No Preschool, <i>Extended Care Only!</i> |
| February 28 | Parent /Teacher Conferences by Appointment |
| February 28 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45 am |
| March 7 | MDA Hop-A-Thon |
| March 25-28 | Non VPK Days, NO Preschool, <i>Extended Care Only</i> |
| March 25&26 | ECC Teacher In-Service |
| March 29 | ECC Closed Good Friday |
| April 10 | Grandparents/VIP Day |
| April 18 | Picture Day (VPK Classes & Tues/Thursday Children) |
| April 19 | Picture Day (Jr. & Sr. Preschool Classes) |
| April 25 | Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 8:45am |
| May 22 | Last day of VPK, VPK Graduation Chapel 6:15pm-7pm, Pizza dinner |
| May 23 | Last Day of Jr.& Sr. Preschool |
| May 24 | Extended Care Only |
| May 27 | ECC Closed for Memorial Day |
| May 28 | ECC Summer Camps begin |

*****Please note dates and activities are subject to change. If changes are made you will be notified in writing through the ECC newsletter or a special note*****