

All Saints Pre- "Scoop" – February 2012

The children "Cut Loose with Mother Goose" as we started the new year. From Humpty Dumpty to Jack and Jill, we had a fun time learning with nursery rhymes. We highly encourage you to keep up "rhyme time" with your child at home as well. It is a great pre-reading skill!

From rhyme time to book time with author and illustrator, Eric Carle. The themes of his stories are usually drawn from his extensive knowledge and love of nature—an interest shared by most small children. Besides being beautiful and entertaining, his books always offer the child the opportunity to learn something about the world around them. It is his concern for children, for their feelings and their inquisitiveness, for their creativity and their intellectual growth that, in addition to his beautiful artwork, makes the reading of his books such a stimulating and lasting experience. Next time you are at the library – check Eric Carle out!!

▣ THANK YOU for sending your children to All Saints Preschool ▣

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 29 – Feb. 3), we want to thank all of our Preschool families for your support of our program. We celebrate the opportunity to learn and grow with your children. Watch the school newsletter and E-News for daily happenings during Catholic Schools Week.

Preschool Registration 2012-2013

We are Wild about Learning at All Saints Preschool

Registration is now open to the school, parish, and public. If you have not yet registered, please return your preschool registration form to reserve a spot. A special thank you goes out to ALL of you for spreading the word about our program.



February is Dental Awareness month ... are your "Teeth in Tip Top Shape?" The preschoolers will enjoy a visit from a real dentist and learn about the importance of brushing their teeth and making sure to eat healthy foods to keep those teeth lovely

Valentine Wishes for XOXO Hugs and Kisses XOXO

The children will have the opportunity to deliver Valentine cards to their classmates in our Preschool Post Office. For the Valentine deliveries, we ask that each child brings enough Valentines for every friend in their Preschool class. It will be a special day with Valentine's wishes coming their way! *Please see the attached note and class list for details.*

H-E-A-R-T

(sung to the tune of "BINGO")

There is a shape and it means love,
And heart is it's name-o.
H-E-A-R-T, H-E-A-R-T,
H-E-A-R-T,
And heart is it's name-o!

After our Valentine celebrations, it will be time for the "Mardi Gras Masquerade!" We will learn about the customs of Mardi Gras, from New Orleans to those around the world. Mardi Gras celebrate the activities and preparations for the observance of Lent. The official colors for Mardi Gras are purple, green and gold. The purple represents justice. The green represents faith. The gold represents power. The preschoolers will enjoy the power of carnival-like fun with crafts, parades, and games!

We will "leap" from the Mardi Gras celebration to celebrating LEAP year! The preschoolers will hop to it with an extra day to focus on the color- pink, and the shape- heart. Loads of leapin' learning fun will take place in our pad!!

What's the Scoop?

* **CHILD CHECK** is a free service to check hearing, vision, speech, and coordination, and overall learning development. Please call Grant Wood Area Education Agency at 399-6832 for details.

* **Just a reminder when the winter weather strikes...** Preschool closes if the Cedar Rapids Public and Parochial Schools close due to inclement weather. Local radio, television, and the internet carry these announcements. If schools are delayed, Preschool AM classes will be canceled; with the exception of Wednesdays in the 4 year old M-W-F AM PLUS program that will follow the delayed start time and dismiss at 1:30 PM. Enrichment and 4 year old PM classes will continue at their regular scheduled time.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars NOW for a
Majestic Mother's Day Party!



Moms and (dads too) are welcome to join us for this very special preschool event in honor of our "Queen Moms." *Guaranteed to provide you with the royal treatment!*

* T-Th 3 yr. AM classes -
Thurs., May 10th 10:45 - 11:30 AM

* M-W-F 3yr. & 4 yr. AM classes -
Fri., May 11th 10:45 - 11:30 AM

* 4 year PM & Enrichment classes
Fri., May 11th 2:45 - 3:35 PM

Mark Your Calendars ...

Wed., Feb. 8 - NO Enrichment class due to Early Out

Mon., Feb. 20 – NO School – Staff Inservice Day

3 year old classes: **Elmo's Pajamarama Party.** See attached reminder for details.

