

st. john's christian PRESCHOOL



Newsletter

March 2024

Just Playing

When I'm building in the block area,
Please don't say I'm "just playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play,
About balances and shapes.
Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "just playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play;
I may be a mother or father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint
Or standing at an easel,
Or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say,
"He is just playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm expressing myself and being creative.
I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair
"Reading" to an imaginary audience,
Please don't laugh and think I'm "just playing.'
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs,
Or packing my pockets with choice things I find,
Don't pass it off as "just play.'
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle
Or some "plaything' at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in 'play.'
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it,
It is 'just play.'
I'm learning to follow direction and see
differences.
I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop,
Run and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "just playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, nurse or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,
And I say, "I just played',
Please don't misunderstand me.
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my
work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work is play.

- Anita Wadley

Lent Blessings from Pr. Christine

Greetings dear preschool families! We are currently in the church season of Lent. Lent means “Spring” and is a time of reflection. It is often considered a quiet, and simpler time. One of the little rituals that I like to do to mark the start of this simpler time is by saying goodbye to the “alleluia” that we sing and say often all year round at worship. For about six weeks during Lent, we remove this little word so that by the time of Easter when it comes out again, we experience the full joy of what Jesus did for us on the cross and raising from the dead. We can put away this alleluia for such a time as this so that we savor it when it returns on Easter Day. I invite you to consider joining me in hiding the alleluia until Easter. In the meantime, I love seeing your children each and every day so eager to learn and I wish you all wellness and blessing as we enter into spring.

Blessed Lent, Pastor Christine

You are invited to Holy Week and Easter events at St John’s. Watch for a separate note with dates and times.

Shrove Tuesday – Thank you!

The annual Shrove Tuesday fundraiser was a success! Thanks to everyone who worked, donated, and ate at the event. The dinner and silent auction raised about \$2,300.00 which helps SJCP help children learn a lot, have some fun and share God’s love!



Parent Activity Days

Thursday, April 25th or
Friday, April 26th will be this year’s Parent Activity Days at

S.J.C.P.. This is an opportunity for a parent, or another special grown-up, to come and spend time with our preschoolers. Please consider coming to share your time and an activity with S.J.C.P. students. Interested parents would come on their child’s class day and time with a prepared activity for preschoolers. We plan to have students visit each activity for a short amount of time. In the past, we have had simple games, crafts, sports, music, or a special sharing of careers and hobbies. Exact times will be determined after we know

how many adults will be participating. Please watch for a sign up near the preschool office. Our preschoolers and their teachers love these days!!

Parent - Teacher Conferences

We will be offering parent teacher conferences for preschool families soon. Each classroom teacher has set aside some time to meet with parents about their child’s preschool experience. Please watch class notes for the dates and sign up for a conference on the schedules that will be posted in the hallway. Please stay in conversation with your child’s teacher if you have questions or concerns before or after that time. Thanks for sharing these wonderful children with us!

Registration for 2024-25

We continue to enroll children for the next school year at S.J.C.P. Classes are filling and we encourage interested families to come soon for a tour and find out more about our programs. Thank you sharing SJCP with friends and family!



Preschool Birthdays

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| Jaelyn | TTh Hanson | March 11 th |
| Athena | MWF Hanson | March 18 th |
| Edwin | TTh Hanson | March 30 th |

May God bless you the whole year through!

March Sharing

Our classes are enjoying “sharing”. Please help your child select an appropriate item(s) for each week’s topic, put in the bag and bring it to school on his or her regular class time.

Egg-stra Special Sharing March 14th & 15th

Each child will receive a plastic egg for sharing this week. They are invited to find a surprise sharing item that will fit in the egg. Help your child think of three clues to describe their item. Write down your clues and send them back with the egg on sharing day. We will have fun guessing!

MARCH

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  Library Day | 7  Library Day <u>TTh Sharing</u> It Rolls | 8 <u>MWF Sharing</u> It Rolls | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 <u>TTh Sharing</u> Fits in an Egg (3 clues) | 15 <u>MWF Sharing</u> Fits in an Egg (3 clues) | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  TTh Easter Celebration | 22  MWF Easter Celebration | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|  Spring/Easter Break No Preschool | | | | | | |
| | | | | <i>Maundy Thursday</i> | <i>Good Friday</i> | |
| 31 <i>Easter Day</i> | | | | | | |