

February 2007



The Acorn

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Unity Theme – “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Golden Rule - Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church extends a welcome to every family in our SOPK to attend our Sunday School Classes starting at 9:45 am and Worship service at 11:00 am.</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Chapel</i>	7	8	9 Librarian Vis- 	10
11	12 	13 Librarian Vis-  Ruth Circle *check to see if your child is having a party!	14  *check to see if	15 Last day to reserve your free Gospel Theatre tickets.	16	17
18	19  Holiday	20	21 Ash Wednesday Service	22 	23	24
25	26 <i>Chapel</i>	27 ID Concepts	28 ID Concepts			

General Reminders:

Our Themes for February:

2's & 2 1/2's Year Old Classes

Red
Valentine's Day
Circus
Safety
Joseph's Robe
(Genesis 37)

3 & 4 Year Old Classes

“Our Community”
Valentine's Day
Our Country/Presidents
Community Helpers
Transportation/Safety
Wheels & Machines
Jesus Feeds a Crowd
(John 6:5-14)

Please drive S-L-O-W-L-Y as you approach, enter, pass, and exit both carpool lanes.

Make sure your assigned Carpool number is visible.

If you have not done so, PLEASE pay your second semester supply fee

Monthly Tuition is due by February 4th in order to avoid a LATE FEE!

CARPOOL LATE FEES are due the week they are issued!

2007 - 2008 REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Tell a friend.

Thoughts from Ms. Becky

Giving a child a sense of belonging is so important, not just within the family, but in their community. At SOPK, we encourage the children to view their class as a community, not just as playmates and learners, but as neighbors.

They are encouraged to take ownership of their space as a way of showing responsibility and pride but also as a way of showing respect for their neighbor's space. The cubby can be seen as their garage where they park their belongings.

Their work space at the table can be their home, where they must keep a neat and organized room. Their centers can change daily.

The kitchen center can become a restaurant just by adding menus. The home

center can become the doctor's office or hospital with the change of a few costumes and props.

The building center can be the construction crew working on the new housing development down the street or the new school down the road with a few verbal prompts.

They are learning through play with a little imagination at every center. At the center of our community is our church, where Pastor Franklin and Mr. Matt make sure our young friends know they are always welcome and belong to a larger community and it doesn't take any imagination.

The doors, hearts, and arms of the SOPK community is always open. Please know that this invitation to be a part of the

SOPC community and activities is always extended to you and your family.

February Prayer

God bless all those that I love;
God bless all those that love me;

God bless all those that love those that I love;
And all those that love those that love me.

Amen
(From an old New England sampler)

February Song

(Where is Thumbkin)

You are *special*, oh so *special*,
I love you, I love you.
You are very *special*, oh so very *special*
I love you, I love you!

Repeat changing *special* to *precious, friendly, loving, caring*.

ID CONCEPTS

February 27 and February 28, will be our ID Concepts days. ID Concepts is a program designed with the safety of your child in mind. The card will be for your use in case of emergencies. The ID card will include a color picture of your child, thumb prints of your child, and vital information about your child. The card will be completed on the same day they are made with a laminated covering. You will be able to purchase more than one card. The use of multiple cards would enable a child to take a card with him/her while he/she is away from home. If the child is involved in an accident, the card may be the only clue as to the child's identity. A card for each parent or each grandparent would make it convenient when the child is in their care. The card would also be a quick way to provide police with immediate information in the event of an emergency. Later this month we will be sending you some very important information about this program. Please take the time to read over it carefully.



A Few Musical notes from Ms. Beth

We have had so much fun during the month of January as we surrounded ourselves in the music that confirms God's love for us. Our music focused on specific Bible stories of Creation, Abraham, and Joseph. We concluded the month exploring Musical Theatre with "Joseph and the Dreamcoat." The children learned in December with "The Nutcracker" that ballet tells a story in movement and last month that Music Theatre tells a story through music and narration.

As we enter the month of February, we will continue to explore Theatre Music. I would like to thank the parents for bringing their little ones to Kindergarten Sunday. It was good to see so many of the children and their families there, and it was very important for the children to understand God's love for us by being together. To see a video of the Kindergarten Sunday performance, visit the sopc.net website and click on to the preschool/kindergarten movie gallery!

CHOO - CHOO News from Miss Sue and Miss Ann

One is Fun! We welcome Trevor *****, Ashley *****, and Haley ***** to our program. The children have enjoyed making and spending time with their new friends. We will have a sign-up sheet out on February 7th for our Valentine's Party on Wednesday, February 14th. Please send in enough cards for each child in the class (we'll let you know how many as the date approaches). You do not need to write the recipient's names on the envelopes but you should write your child's name as the sender on the cards. Each child will have their own bag to receive cards in and your child will simply drop a card in each classmates bag.

Please remember to register your child for the upcoming 2007 – 2008 school year if you have not done so already.

Two's News! This month we will learn the color Red. Our themes will be Valentine's, Circus, and Fire Safety. Our Valentine's Party will be on February 13th. Please help our Room Mom with the special treats for this fun party. We have 7 children in the class and ask that you send enough Valentine cards for each child. You do not need to list the recipient's name on the envelope but you should write your child's name as the sender of each card. Each child will have their own bag to receive their cards. The children will simply drop a card in each classmate's bag. On February 27th, the children will become "circus performers" in our classroom! This is a fun time for the children to tame some wild animals, walk on a tight rope, feed elephants and more!

Thanks to Carlee's grandmother for making the tasty blue circles, triangles, and square Jello jigglers. It was a wonderful way to learn their shapes.

We hope everyone had a chance to register for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

As we celebrate LOVE this month always remember that God loves you and your precious children!



THIS and THAT with the 2 1/2's from Miss Lisa and Miss Zan

What an interesting January. In ONE month we experienced ALL 4 Seasons!!! Many thanks to Boyce and Joshua for celebrating their late December birthdays with us. The special snacks were "mmmm" good! We also appreciate the books given to our class by Alex and Isabel. Thank you.

In February we will learn to recognize RED. The first half of the month our curriculum will focus on LOVE and Valentine's Day. Our TTH class will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13th and the MW class will celebrate on Wednesday, February 14th. Next, we will learn about Firefighters, Fire and Safety. Toward the end of the month we will host a CIRCUS as we build our activities around a FUN "circus" theme.

Our language development is exploding at a rapid pace! Please encourage your child to express himself/herself verbally during play. We are encouraging friends to ask for a toy they want instead of taking it, or to ask if they may have it when the other friend is finished with it. All of this may seem so obvious to us but 2 and 3 YO's need guidance in developing appropriate social skills. Modeling respect and manners constantly helps them to see that this is how we get along with others in the world.



ROOM MOM Reminders

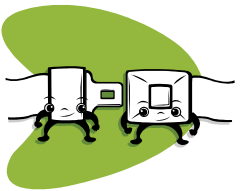
Please help us spread the word about OPEN REGISTRATION.

Please be sure to coordinate the Valentine's Day parties.

The Barrel of Monkey News from Ms. Molnar, Ms. Irish, and Ms. Cooper

Thanks to all the families that came to SOPC Kindergarten Sunday. The children worked hard to learn special songs to sing to the congregation and they did a fantastic job. The New Year has started off great! I believe the children got plenty of rest over the holidays and have been eager to learn since school started back.

February is going to be a great month as we get ready for Valentine's Day. Our units for this month will be Our Country/Presidents, Community Helpers, Transportation/Safety and Wheels/Machines. We have lots of fun activities planned to go along with each unit. Our Valentine's Day parties will be February 13th and 14th. Remember that SOPK will be closed February 19th. Have a great month!



The Crayon Crew News from Ms. Foster and Ms. Jennings

Our kids have been bursting with energy as we continue to have fun in learning each day. New concepts for this month will be dot – to – dot, more matching/patterning, counting objects, and tearing and folding paper. The children are grasping opposites and doing quite well. We include a variety of painting and games with our units. Cutting skills are included as we strengthen fine motor skills and holding the scissors correctly. Recognition of letters and numbers continues. We will be cooking some in class and the children will take part.

January flew by as Winter was our main topic. Discussions of animals and hibernation continues as each child was asked to bring a "bear" to hibernate in class until the first day of Spring. Activities are planned for each day of hibernation as we count the days until we see our bears again.

February promises to be fun with heart warming activities as well as discussions of community helpers, hearts all around, and how our friends are special. We are keeping busy, but most importantly, we are having a grand time with our crew and seeing them learn each day.

The Busy Bee News from Ms. Schumpert and Ms. Naessig

We begin the month looking for shadows, what causes them, the meaning of hibernation, and learning about the legend of the Groundhog, including the six weeks countdown. Our thoughts will then quickly turn to Valentine's Day and that wonderful word, LOVE. Please send a 4 1/4 x 9 1/2 envelope to school by February 7th stamped and addressed to someone special to your child. We'll continue with love for our country as we make U.S. flags, practice singing our national anthem and learn a little about the first and sixteenth presidents who have birthdays this month. The latter part of February will focus on Community Helpers and how we rely on one another. Our transportation unit will consist of individual murals depicting traveling by air, water, and land.

Thanks to Dakota, Wolfi and Sophia for their birthday refreshments and for the markers and books from Dakota. Thanks to Brandon for the letter "P" refreshments, and to the families who attended Kindergarten Sunday. The teachers furnished waffles for the letter "W" on pajama day. Thanks to Brandon's mom for being such a great help in the preparation and to Ms. Becky for reading special stories that morning. Our deep appreciation to Crista's family for the many books and for the computer donated to our class. Mrs. Wilson, from the Creative Critters class, volunteered her husband to help us set it up for our use. Thanks Chris!

This month our friends Emma and Gabrielle will celebrate their birthdays. We welcome Kyle ***** to our five day class!

The Creative Critters News from Ms. Boyd and Ms. Wilson

Can you believe February is here already? We have a jammed packed month, starting off with learning about groundhogs and making our puppets in celebration of Groundhog Day. A party is planned for Valentine's Day and our room will be decked out in reds, purples, and pinks with hearts everywhere for the special day. Please send in one (1) Valentine per child in the class. Please don't put names on the envelopes.

After Valentine's Day it will be time to show our pride in the U.S.A. as we display our American flags in celebration of Presidents' Day. Even our snacks, "I can not tell a lie" cherry pie and Lincoln Logs will fit into our theme. We also have a trip planned to the Fire Station during our community helpers week.

To all of our parents, THANKS for all you do every day to make your child's world a safe and loving place.

