

# March Newsletter

## Sonshine Corner Preschool

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**He will teach us His ways and we will walk in them. Isaiah 2:3.**

This is will be our verse for March as we learn about self-control.

We look forward to warmer weather and maybe a chance to go outdoors and play this month! Many fun activities will be happening as well as spring break. We start our spring units and will have some enrichment classes as well.

## Highlights

**CONFERENCES:** Your child's teacher will have a schedule posted with dates and times when you can sign up for your 15 minute conference. Please try to come at one of the listed times. Bring any comments and questions you may have at this one-on-one time with your child's teacher. School is in session on conference days because we hire subs to come in to help out in the classrooms.

**REGISTRATION:** Our new online registration system has gone exceptionally well this spring! There are a few spots left so if you have interested friends, tell them to give Cheryl a call to come in and visit the classes and meet the teachers! We appreciate your many wonderful recommendations for our school!

**CEBU:** SSC will again hold our spring outreach event beginning on March 8 and 9. As each class learns about one of the preschoolers at the Children's Shelter of Cebu (CSC) in the Philippines, we will be collecting supplies for it's preschool program and new infirmary. The shelter, which is in the Philippines, has been a haven for orphaned, abandoned and disabled children since 1979. In that time, they have loved & served nearly 800 children. The money and supplies we collect will help feed, clothe, educate, medicate & provide skilled nursing care to these precious children. We are hoping to help CSC with medical needs, needs for their new facility (they are expanding to serve more children) and their Foster Friends program. A complete list of suggested donations as well as information on the Foster Friends program will come home with your student shortly. Thank you for your generous support of this life-saving program! Please contact Shannon Bry (763-478-8151 or [shannon.bry@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.bry@gmail.com)) with any questions or if you would like to help. To learn more about CSC, check out their website at [www.cscshelter.org](http://www.cscshelter.org)!

**"ANIMAL LADY":** One of our highlights of the year is the visit from our "Animal Lady", Marthe Herbert from "Creature Encounters". She visited in February and brought many of her animals. We enjoy her entertaining and informative show with several of her exotic animals. The cost is covered by fundraising money, so THANK YOU for supporting our fundraisers.

**MAD SCIENCE** is coming also to several classes and this enrichment class is also covered by fundraising profits.

**DAD'S NITE** was another huge success as we enjoyed a Western theme this year. Some of the highlights were the square dance, giddy-up trail, panning for gold and making bolo ties! The smores were the yummy snack! We like Nate Houge's western songs- he got al the buckaroos and their dads up and moving. Thanks to our wonderful staff whose creativity and time make it what it is! And also thanks to Suzanne Smith for organizing the snacks and all the moms who came to serve. Yum!

**MISS JAMI'S BABY:** Jami had a baby boy born Feb. 19! His name is Nicholas John and big sisters Katelyn and Emily are thrilled-(as is Mom and Dad)! He was 7 lbs.9 oz and is 21" long, and three weeks early!! All are well.

**TAX STATEMENTS:** Please let Cheryl or Nancy know if you need a formal statement for your 09 taxes. Our federal tax ID number is 20-3175538.

**NEW STAFF:** Brittany Johnson, whose family is a long time member of WFC, has joined us on TTH to help our in Jami's place. Brittany's family is in Costa Rica currently, where she just came from, in language training in order to go on the mission field to Peru. Brittany will be going to college in the fall pursuing a degree in education. Please welcome her!!!

**PARENT EVALUATIONS:** Thanks to all of you who took time to fill out the parent evaluation form last month. They are all taken seriously as we strive to make SSC the best it can be!

### Dates to Remember :

March 8-9	CEBU Outreach kick off
March 8-18	Conferences
March 16	Mad Science "Bubbles" visit Sharon's classes
March 16	Mary and Lisa's classes field trip to Lunds
March 17	Mad Science "Ocean" visits 5's
March 22-26	Spring break
March 29	Classes resume
April 2	Good Friday-no school

## Notes from the Teachers:

Miss Cori (Tot's Class) says: Hello Tot Families! Soon we will welcome the month of March. We'll be thinking spring! One of our themes will be plants. We'll learn about the parts of a plant and how they grow. Our letter of the month will be "P." We will also have fun with teddy bears, including having a teddy bear picnic. I've got some math activities planned using teddy bears, and I'll be introducing some fun new songs and rhymes. We will of course talk about the upcoming celebration of Easter as well. Spring break will run from March 22-26, so we won't be having class that week. Be watching for a sign-up sheet for spring conferences coming soon.

Miss Sharon (3's Class) says: February was a great month for learning and fun! Now in March we'll learn about our five senses, springtime, and Easter. Maybe we'll even have some spring snow to enjoy! Our shape is the diamond; our color is green; our number is 7. On March 9th and 18th we'll have conferences, so please sign up for a time; it'll be fun to talk about the ways your child has grown since November. We'll also have a "Mad Scientist" here to teach us about colors. We'll almost end March with Spring Break—Have a Great one! When we come back to school we'll concentrate on learning about Easter: Christ's resurrection and the new life He offers, the best news imaginable!

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Miss Lisa (4's Class) says: We had a great month of February in our class. Lots of learning and special days to celebrate. Thank you for all the sweet valentines and candy. I sure felt loved!! We also enjoyed our time on the snow hills. (The biggest snow hills I have ever seen at SSC!). As we welcome the month of March and hopefully, some sign of spring, we will be talking about Community Helpers and Occupations. If you would like to visit our class and share what you do at your job, please let me know. We love visitors! We will end the month with Circus Day! Parent/ Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 11th, please look for a sign-up sheet outside our classroom. I look forward to meeting with you. As part of our Community Helpers and Occupations unit, we will go on a field trip to Lunds in Plymouth and learn about what Bakers and Grocers do in their jobs. More details to follow. Our letters this month will be A and E and our spiritual theme is self-control. Enjoy your family time together over Spring Break!

Miss Mary (4's Class) says: We did so many fun things in February! One of the highlights was Mr. Bissonnette's visit during Africa week. He played African drums for us! We learned how God makes music all over the world for everyone to enjoy. Thank you, Michael! March will be another month of fun and learning. This month's themes are Community Helpers/Occupations, and Circus. If you would like to visit the classroom and talk about your occupation, please let me know. We love visitors! A field trip to Lund's grocery store is planned for March 16<sup>th</sup> where we will meet bakers and grocers and learn about their jobs. More details will be coming home with your child. Circus Day is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup>! Please have your child wear a colorful shirt. We'll be painting faces! Letters of the month will be A and E. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the classroom or please call me at SSC to schedule a time. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. Your children are such a blessing to me! Enjoy your spring break!

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Miss Lynn (4's Class) says: Hi Parents! Our class had a fabulous February together, Orchestra Hall's Kinder Konzert was amazing and I encourage you to check their website for musical activities scheduled for children. In March, SSC is having a 2 week outreach project supporting an orphanage/school in the Philippines. This outreach will begin March 8, you will a letter regarding this project benefitting CEBU. We will be studying Community Helpers and occupations, Evy's Dad, Nelson's Mom and Gavin's Mom are coming to our classroom to share about their occupation. Following that unit, the Circus is coming to SSC, the children will come to school dressed as a circus character, on Friday, March 19. We will be off school. March 22 through March 26 for Spring Break. I look forward to talking with you at conferences on Monday, March 8 or Wednesday March 17. The last week of March will be Holy week in our classroom, and we will talk about Jesus' death and His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday, Alleluia!! We will have fun with the letters Aa and Ee, focusing on Upper and lower case letters in our names, along with the numbers 17, 18, 19 and we will be practicing our phone numbers. He will teach us His way's and we will walk in them, I saiah 2:3 is our memory verse. May you and your family continue to walk in His way's. Easter Blessings!

Miss Joy (5's Class) says: Happy "almost Spring" from Miss Joy's Pre-K class! The birds are singing, the sun is shining, and the flowers should be peeking out their sunny faces soon! Although we look forward to the snow melting, we really have been enjoying playing on the snowhills and ice outside. It reminded us of how penguins play at the south pole in their icy environment. All this exercise helped us understand how much work our hearts do for us as we studied the human heart. Our room has been filled with heart projects, too, as we celebrated Valentine's Day. It was great to see a lot of dads at Dad's Night this month! We hope you enjoyed our cowboy and cowgirl roundup! March will be our month to study the ocean. We will learn what the ocean is made of and discover some animals that live there. Mad Science will come to visit us as well. We will continue practicing math concepts with money and time and work on our reading and writing skills with some "fishy" stories! We also will talk about Easter and the amazing sacrifice Jesus made for us. Our virtue for the month is self control and we will learn how Jesus wants us to demonstrate that to others. I am looking forward to seeing you at our spring conferences on March 10th!