



## Preschool Newsletter

March 2012

I have a feeling that March is going to be coming in like a lamb with 70 degrees tomorrow. Where has my snow been!? We have a short month for March, but busy as ever. Here is what to expect this month.



We have twelve chicken eggs in the incubator. It will take them 21 days to start hatching. That will put them out around March 12<sup>th</sup>. Once they have arrived, we will keep them in the room for a few days and then they are headed to Farmer John's (a friend of Roger's and mine) farm to live with last year's chicks. If all works like it is supposed to, all will be fascinated by the process it takes for these little darlings to make their way into the world. And, they are so soft and cute! I let the kids, with supervisor, hold and pet a chick. We will have pictures to share with you. You may bring in your younger children so that they may hold them, too.



Family Reading Night is on Thurs. March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm. It is free to all and a wonderful time. You and your child will choose a book and activity to do while you are here and will have to take home with you, and visit many general reading centers. Letter cookies will be served for refreshments. Please leave siblings at home, but both parents are invited to attend with the children. You come and go anytime during that time. I hope you can come!



Parents of PK students that will be attending Kindergarten here at St. Mary are being asked to attend a Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Thurs. March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:30 pm. You will then be able to filter right into the Family Reading Night from there.



Then, on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, your PK students may attend the Kindergarten Round-up. There will be no PK that day. You will sign up for this day on the night of the Kind. meeting. I will be in one of the Kind. rooms helping with everything. If you are not coming to St. Mary next year, you just get the day off. Otherwise, be sure to sign-up to attend. THERE WILL ALSO BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE FAMILY READING NIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE.



While we talking about time off of school, spring break will be during the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. The school will be empty. I hope you have some fun and the weather stays nice for you. Encourage the kids to go outside and play. It is soooooo good for them.



Next week our theme is farms. We will not be going to the dairy farm this year because they have changed their policy and won't offer trips until after April 1<sup>st</sup>. I had already scheduled our other remaining field trips, so there is no way we can get it fit in this year. I'll work it back in next year because it is an awesome trip and I am disappointed that we have to miss it. But, during the week we will be making cow sack puppets, water coloring a pig, making a tractor out of different shapes, and singing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". On Friday of that week, PK will be making a visit to Ms. O'Donnell's kind. room for a book, lesson, craft, and

snack. We will also be planting some beans to get started for our outside gardens. PK does this. If our harvest is good, we will share with the PS class. 😊



The following week the theme is chicks. PK students are making and eating banana bread after reading 'Little Red Hen', making a hen/chick mobile, having Humpty Dumpty Day (separate info will come), and learn what other animals besides chickens lay and hatch out of eggs. PS students will be making a chick coming out of an egg, play with a parachute that will have tennis ball chicks in it, play a little chick number game, and color a chick sheet. It is such a fun week. And, it could be noisy if all twelve of those eggs hatch out a chick.



The final week of March will be revolving around plants. PS will be going to Hillside Nursery to see how plants and flowers grow. We leave for the trip at 9:10ish and will return to class to complete the day around 10:30. PK class goes to Botannica Gardens for the entire morning on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We start our day there with a skit about what plants need to grow and we will then begin a self-tour of the Gardens. We will take a snack with us because we will be tired after seeing the new children's area. In addition to our field trips, we will be finger-painting a flower, planting flowers, and other activities.

I think that is it for March. Enjoy every moment with your family! Marcia

Here's a look ahead:

Fri. & Mon. April 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – No School for Good Friday and Easter Monday

Mon. & Tues. April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Zoo field trips \*\*be mindful of the times as they are longer than usual

Fri. April 20<sup>th</sup> – PK has Earth Day with Mrs. Griswold's 1<sup>st</sup> grade

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup> – Early Childhood Week (a separate paper will come out with activities for the week.

