

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PRE-KINDERGARTEN

February 2010

M/W/F class

Dear Parents,

Happy February! It's hard to believe Kindergarten registration is here and we only have four months of school left and SO MUCH TO DO AND LEARN! Most all now write all or part of their names and many can recognize their classmate's first and last name and are learning our address and phone numbers. Please help us by showing your child the numbers on your home and work on learning their phone numbers.

We had a fabulous visit to the Library and Safeway. Your children are so well behaved and attentive. These valuable learning experiences would not be possible with out your support.

At our Valentine Celebration, please send a valentine for everyone in the class (15 students). We will be making our own snack that day.

Pre-School & Pre-K will be sponsoring the first Soup Supper on Friday, February 26th... We are looking for donations and Parents to help coordinate and assist with this activity. Please see Teacher Sandi or Teacher Maureen if you can help.

Please continue to encourage your child to draw, paint, sing, run, ask questions, play, dig, collect things, explore, look at books, all the wonderful things that children love to do that help them learn.

Fondly,

Teacher Sandi

Important dates!

Feb 5	CLOSED - Teacher In-Service
Feb 12	Applications for Kindergarten due
Feb 10	walking to mailbox at 11:00; parents needed to assist
Feb 12	Send 15 Valentines; we will be making our snack.
Feb 15	CLOSED - Presidents day
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday
Feb 27	Soup supper 6 p.m. in Small Hall Sponsored by the Pre-School & Pre-K! Volunteers Needed! Stations of the Cross Sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School.

Upcoming programs!

Applications for Pre-Kindergarten 2010/2011 are available for the entire month of February and due February 28, 2010. Parents have always been our best method of solicitation. Spread the word!

Applications are available for Summer Enrichment, an academic summer school program for school age children. They offer a wonderful class called "Introduction to Kindergarten". This class only accepts 15 children. Please see Teacher Sandi for more information.

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Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent is a season of reflection on us and our relationships with each other and God. We encourage you to take your child to the 8:00 a.m. mass to receive ashes. This Lenten season, we will be making a promise to be even better helpers at home. Please talk with your child about how they are an important member of your family and suggest ways your child can be even better helpers at home. Attached is a Lenten Promise form. Please fill this form out with your child, have your child sign and draw a picture, and return it to school on Wednesday, February 10th.

Pre-School & Pre-K will be sponsoring the first Soup Supper on Friday, February 26th. We need parents to assist in this event with donations and assistance in cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We also need two parents who would like to coordinate this event. Please see Teacher Sandi or Teacher Maureen if you would like to help!

Handwriting without tears!

Last month I attended an extensive workshop on handwriting. I introduced this curriculum last week and the children have been very receptive. The curriculum for Pre-K focuses on Capital Letters. We will continue to teach lower case recognition and phonics. I have attached to this newsletter an example of the alphabet we will be using and a parent tip sheet.

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