



ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER – 2016

“Goodness is the only investment that never fails.” Henry David Thoreau

This is a month of “**National Holidays.**” We will talk about our first president, George Washington and also about Abraham Lincoln and President Obama. We will have our National colors, “Red, White and Blue” showing in our artwork. We will also talk about our Flag and how **great** it is to be an American.

We have a special day - **Valentine’s Day** - and we will sing and talk about “Love and Friendships.” Let’s make this a special day by wearing something red on February 11th (MWF) and February 12th (T/Th, 5 Day, and Pre-K).

Color: Pink Number: #6 Shape: Heart

Concept and Christian Quality: Love

Bible Verse: “Love One Another” - John 3:11

We will begin to learn about our **Community Helpers** and how important they are. We **love** to have our Moms and Dads come to class and talk about what they do inside or outside the home. If you would be willing, please arrange with your teacher a time to come tell your child’s class all about your special job.

Important Dates:

Mon., Jan. 25 – Mon., Feb. 8	-	Registration for Priority Students . <u>All returning students have to re-register</u> . Applications will be sent home. Applications are due back, no later than Monday, Feb. 8th
Mon., Feb. 1	-	2nd Semester Tuition is due.
Mon., Feb 1	-	Pre-K - \$2788 / 5 Day - \$2788 / MWF - \$1700 / T/TH - \$1320
Tues., Feb. 2	-	Chapel at 10:10 MWF and 5 Day Classes - Parents welcome
Thurs., Feb. 4	-	Chapel at 10:10 T/Th and Pre-K Classes - Parents welcome
Fri., Feb. 5	-	Valentine’s Traveling Nature Class T/Th and Pre-K Classes
Mon., Feb. 8	-	Valentine’s Traveling Nature Class MWF and 5 Day Classes
Mon., Feb. 8– Mon., Feb. 22	-	Chinese New Year, Year of the Monkey
Wed., Feb. 10	-	Registration for all New Students
Thurs., Feb. 11	-	Valentine’s Celebration for MWF children
	-	Valentine’s Celebration for the T/TH, 5 Day, & Pre-K children
Fri., Feb. 12 & Mon., Feb. 15	-	Presidents’ Holidays - No School
Wed., Feb. 17	-	San Gabriel Civic Auditorium – Curious George – Pre-K class
Thurs., Feb. 18	-	Fire Drill
Fri., Feb. 19	-	Fire Drill
Fri., Feb. 19	-	Scrip orders due today!
Mon., Feb. 22	-	Priority Deposits Due
Mon., Feb. 22	-	Non-Priority Apps due
Thursday, Feb. 25	-	Grandparent’s Morning – T/Th and Pre-K classes
Friday, Feb. 26	-	Grandparent’s Morning – MWF and 5 Day Classes
Tues., Mar. 15	-	Open House – 5:30 in the evening
Fri., April 29	-	Parent Party – Save the date for this fun filled evening!
June 13 - June 30	-	Summer School / Details to come in March

PICNIC NEWS:

Please remember to put your **child's name on their lunchbox**. Also, we have a **no nut policy** so please do not include any nut products in your child's lunch (peanut butter sandwiches or nuts as a snack). It is imperative to keep our allergy students safe. Thank you!

- Monday, Feb 1 - Special Valentine Picnic / votive candle holders – Hosted by Mrs. Westphal and Mrs. Doerning.

PLEASE BRING...

If you have extra pants and shorts you are willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. We use these for when our little friends have an accident. Thank you for your generosity.

REMINDERS:

- Please try to be prompt bringing your children to school. Our day begins at 8:45; the teachers would like to start their lessons by 9 o'clock in the morning and children feel uncomfortable when they arrive late, missing some of the fun.
- Please keep your child home with coughs and runny noses. In an effort to keep children (and staff) healthy, we ask that you please keep your child home when they are sick.
- **Let us know if any emergency numbers or addresses have changed since September.** It is critical that we have all current contact information.

THANK YOU'S:

- Thank you to the families that continue to support our Scrip fundraiser. Our profit for January was over \$300.00!! Thank you **Erin McCarthy** for organizing this fundraiser every month!
- Thank you to **Alyssa Kilpatrick** for organizing our Hook Burger restaurant evening. It was a fun way to see our SENS families outside of the SENS campus. Thank you to all that attended and helped support this fundraiser. Not sure, just ask us!

SCRIP REMINDERS:

We want to thank all those that have participated in our Scrip fundraising so far this year. Please remember that each family is required to purchase \$300 in Scrip for the school year, as it is stated in our Parent Handbook. If you have not yet met this requirement, please be sure to take advantage of the program each month now through June.

SAFETY ISSUES:

- Please do not send umbrellas to school. If it is raining, the children will be protected from the rain by their teachers' umbrella, both in the morning and at pick up. Rubber boots are also unsafe and uncomfortable to wear all morning.
- No cell phones in use while in the carpool line-PLEASE!

ST. EDMUND'S WANTS TO HELP:

We are currently assisting a startup Christian school in Gotani, Kenya. **The Nurmay-Christian Academy** has opened its doors just three weeks ago. This is the only Christian preschool education available in this area. The academy is in need of school supplies that cater to the preschool age student. If you are interested in donating, please see the last page of the newsletter or ask Darlene for details. **Items should be here by Friday, Feb. 15th.**

Thank you for helping in this great cause!

St. Edmund's Nursery School
Christian Quality of the Month



LOVE

February we celebrate the Christian Quality of Love. It is the perfect time to remind our loved ones, especially our children how much we love them and how special they are to us.

Kids Quotes on Love:

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." -- Manuel, age 8

"I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough." -- Regina, age 10

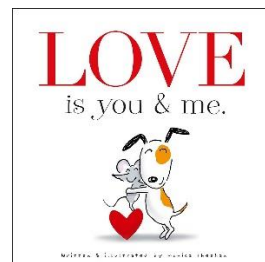
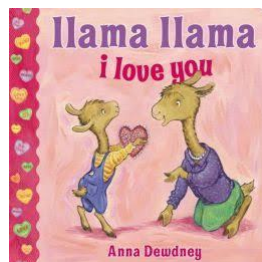
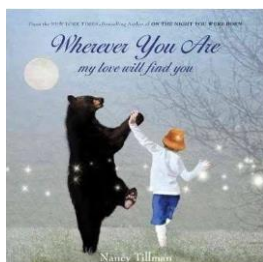
"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too." -- Greg, age 8

Recommended Reading for Children:

Wherever You Are, My Love Will Find You - by Nancy Tillman

Llama Llama I Love You - Ana Dewdney

Love Is You and Me - Monica Sheehan



Nurmay Christian Academy – Please help!

Picture this. Twenty six little preschoolers anxiously awaiting their first day of school. Dressed up in their new uniforms, most excited to meet their teacher and to find out what preschool was going to be like. Some feeling frightened about being left behind and wondering if mom would come back at all.

Sounds pretty much like Anywhere, USA, right? But not in this case because this is rural Gotani, Kenya where Nurmay Christian Academy has opened its door for the first time just 3 weeks ago. We have made friends with this fledgling school and hope to be connecting with them as they grow. Our teachers are sharing some of their supplies with Nurmay and we hope to continue to help them as they offer the only Christian preschool education available to families in this far away place. Stay tuned as we will tell you more about them in future newsletters. To learn more, follow them on Facebook at Nurmay Christian Academy. Any items you wish to donate should be delivered to SRENS no later than Friday, February 15th. Thank you for helping in this amazing endeavor.

Here is the live link:

https://www.facebook.com/Nurmay-Christian-Academy-1532938610368529/info/?tab=page_info

