

Preschool in the Valley

March 2025 Newsletter

Bible verse this month is: **He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matthew 28:6**

We had 2 fun events in February that the children really enjoyed. The Zoo on Wheels came from the Elmwood Park Zoo on a Wednesday and we learned about 3 animals: the Eastern Box Turtle, the Green Tongue Skink and a Chinchilla. We also had local author Patrice Gilbert come on a Thursday to share her book *Rhyming Fun with Feelings*. This is a great book that talks about feelings such as happy, sad, angry, shy, frustrated and proud. The children had fun sharing about when they have these feelings. It really got them thinking.

We are so glad the weather has been warmer this past week! Remember that the temperatures will fluctuate so keep sending in mittens, hats and coats. It is always good to have them when we need them. Remember we go outside for 40 minutes each morning and if your child stays for extended care we go outside then as well. I know the children are glad to spend time running, climbing and playing outside with their friends.

There is still time to sign up for **Summer in the Valley**. Camp registrations are due by March 31st. The dates for camp are **Tuesday, May 27th – Friday, June 6th from 9 am – noon**. You can sign up for either 1 or 2 weeks. There will be no early or extended day during these 2 weeks of camp. Forms went home in early February. You can also find the form on the website.

2025 Fall registration has begun. Classes are half full. If you have not registered yet, please get your registrations in to reserve your spot. If you have friends or neighbors looking for a preschool please pass on a good word and encourage them to call for a tour and check out our website. The registration form is on the home page of the website.

Extended Day is very popular so if you would like to drop-in please give me a call or email in advance and check if there is space. The cost for extended care is \$25.

We are still **collecting coins for Wood Jefferson** our student we support in Haiti. We are hoping to collect \$480 in change this year to send him to school. Many of you have been very generous sending in your loose change. We are doing great and so far this year we have collected \$358.50. There is still room in our belly banks for some more coins.

Upcoming events:

***Moms & Dads mark your calendar for your morning to come to school with your child. Check with your teacher to see if your class is doing either Wednesday or Thursday**

- **March 26/27 – Donuts with Dad from 9 am – 10 am***
- March 31 – No School Teacher In-Service
- April 2/3 – Silly Hat Day
- April 14-18 – No School – Easter Break
- April 22/23 – Earth Day – Plant our garden
- **May 7/8 – Muffins with Mom from 9 am – 10 am***
- May 16 – Spring Sing/Graduation @ 10 am & All School Picnic @ 11:30 am

Sincerely,
Lisa Sybrandt, Director