

February 2019  
Good Sam News

Happy Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the classrooms. If you want to bring Valentines, please make sure you bring enough for each child. Also, please take a moment to sign up for the potluck lunch.  
Thank you

Reminder

The school will be closed February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Presidents' Day holiday

Tuition late fee

Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, late after 6<sup>th</sup>. It's very important that all tuition is on time as this affects our ability to pay the teachers! If tuition is not received on time you will see a late fee of 2.5% of your balance.

Imagine this: Earthquake at the Preschool!

Emergency responders arrive and ask: "Are all the children outside?" The teacher, a little

flustered, pulls up the SmartCare list on her phone, matches it to the children outside with her, and says, "Yes, all accounted for." How would you feel if your child is in the building, but not signed in?

Next scenario: Emergency responder asks, "Are all the children outside?" The teacher, a little flustered, pulls up the list and says, "No, little Johnny isn't out here." So, the fire fighter enters the building to find Johnny, and the building collapses. How would you feel if Johnny had already been picked up, but you hadn't signed him out?

There are reasons the state of California requires children be signed in and out every day. Please respect that.

Pick-up time is 12PM, 1PM, 3PM or 6PM

One of the ways Good Sam Preschool is able to keep our tuition low is by scheduling teachers' hours around the children's schedules. When you drop-off early or pick-up late, we risk violating our legal class ratios. It is expensive to employ multiple "Floaters" and

pay overtime to teachers. Help us keep our tuition reasonable by using the Preschool only the hours you have paid for.

Exceptions can be negotiated ahead of time, but the absolute latest pick-up is at 6PM. Families will be charged for pick-ups after 6:00PM.

#### Sick children and prompt pickup

If you receive a call from us because your child is sick please do your best to be here within 30 minutes or less. You should always have a back up plan and person on your child's pick-up list that can pick up your child if you can't be here in the 30-minute time frame. Thank you.

#### Handwashing

In order to minimize the spread of viruses, please wash your child's hands before drop-off and after pick-up.

#### Re-enrollment

Summer is coming up quickly and we are starting to make exciting plans for our summer program. It is very important that you take a moment to fill out the re-enrollment forms.

This will guarantee that your child will have a spot for summer and fall. This is due on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a re-enrollment fee of \$90.00 for children who are continuing here for the next school year. Also, there is a summer activity fee for children 2 years and up of \$150.00 for full time students. Three day a week students are \$95.00, and two day a week students are \$75.00. This will help cover the cost for all the fun-filled events that we will have. The Summer Activity fee will be on your May statement. If you will be leaving for the summer and returning for fall you will need to put a deposit down to hold your spot. The deposit is \$200 and will go toward your fall tuition. Please turn in all re-enrollment forms by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will open up summer enrollment to the public on March 1<sup>st</sup>, so please save your spot.

#### Parent teacher conferences

Just a quick reminder that parent teacher conferences for Jellyfish, Butterflies and

Froggies are coming soon. If you didn't sign up, stop by the office and we can schedule a time for you to meet with your child's teacher. We will also send out reminders as your conference date approaches.

#### Student art file

Please take the time to check your student's art folder at least once a week. Your children are very proud of their work and love to show it off.

#### Spare clothes

Please make sure you keep a spare outfit in your child's cubby, just in case there's a diaper failure or spilled soup at lunch. Also, sometimes playground surfaces are still wet after it rains. Children often get sticky and feel more comfortable in dry clothes. At this time of the year, the spare clothes should be long pants, long sleeve shirt, maybe an extra sweater, and most definitely extra socks and underwear.

#### Dates to remember

- February 8<sup>th</sup> re-enrollment forms are due with reg fee
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day parties
- February 18<sup>th</sup> School closed, Presidents Day
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Open enrollment to the public

#### Ladybug news

Last month, we welcomed two new students into the classroom! Our schedule shifted slightly to better accommodate naptime needs and maximize time for activities, and everyone is settling into their new routines nicely. We have also been working on developing skills like sharing and taking turns. Many of the children have also learned new vocabulary and ways to communicate with us and each other! We look forward to Friday Science with Ms. Jessica and we love when the sun is shining so we can play outside with our friends.

Ms. Kaelyn and Ms. Janice

#### Teddy Bear News

February is here! For the first two weeks we will be

focusing on Valentine's Day. During circle time we will lead the discussion about showing love to others and the importance of loving people. This is a good human relations lesson, accepting a new child, and not excluding certain children in play. Our activities and art will be related to Valentines. Children will be making Valentine cards, painting and decorating hearts. On Valentine's day we will have a special snack. Parents are welcome to bring a special treat.

Our colors for the month will be red, pink and white. Our classroom has been receiving the gifts from the Giving Tree. Thank you for your donations. The children have been enjoying the new toys.

We have two new friends joining our class, we want to welcome Albert and Caleb! Please don't forget to label food containers and clothes. Happy Valentine's Day!

Ms. Maria, Ms. Co

### Flower News

The first month of 2019 went by so quickly. The Flower Room

had been busy but had so much fun. They enjoyed all of the winter themed crafts and activities. We painted using colored ice cubes, shaving cream and glue. We also talked that "sharing is caring". They have been doing a lot of sensory projects and enjoying group time.

February will be filled with lots of friendships and love. With Valentine's fast approaching there is definitely feeling of love in the air. We will be talking about how we love our families and our friends. We will be learning about Legos, Outer Space and We will learn the importance of "Healthy Teeth" with brushing, flossing and the importance of eating healthy foods that keep our teeth strong. And also, we will start introducing simple concepts of taste, touch and opposites.

We are looking forward to a love-filled month of February.

Ms. Lyn & Ms. Nazia

### Rainbow News

This February we will be learning about the rainforest,

love and friendship, hibernating animals, and our families. We are looking forward to celebrating our friendships here at Good Sam on Valentine's Day at our Valentine's Day party at 11:30pm.

We would like to thank you for donating to our Giving Tree this year. We are so excited about our new carpet squares and the new seating in our quiet area. Hope everyone has a wonderful February and hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Lydia and Ms. Maria

### Jellyfish News

Hello Jellyfish families and Happy Valentines month. We have a Valentine's Day party planned this month, it will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Please make sure you bring cards for every child. There is a signup sheet in our classroom. The themes for the month are Valentines Day, the human body, and love and friendship. We will also be doing lots of fun art related to Valentine's Day. We will also learn the basics of a post office and what a letter carrier's duties are. We will also continue

learning our numbers and letters and our basic independent skills.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Ms. Dee Ms. Grace and

Ms. Gouri

### Butterfly News

Hello parents,

In January the children learned about winter, space, and letters Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp. I am thankful for everything Ms. Nicole did while I was out. Ms. Nicole made sure the classroom ran smoothly with many fun/learning activities. I also want to thank all the parents that were able to donate to our Wishlist. The children love playing with the doll house (currently their favorite) and they are enjoying the Fancy Nancy mini books. February's themes are love and friendship, and the human body. Our month letters will be Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt. Reminder: Conference week is February 12-15. At the conferences I will be discussing your child's individual learning progress.

Best regards,

Ms. Esther

## Froggie News

Hello Froggie Parents! Last month we jumped right back into our routine and learned many things. We talked about Martin Luther King Jr. and what role he played in everyone's life. This month will be a busy for a month for as us all as we get ready for conferences and begin to take a closer look at each child. Please make sure to sign up for a time and a date that fits your schedule. Also, we have our Valentine's Day Party Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>. This month we will be introducing the last four letters of our Alphabet W, X, Y, AND Z. We will also be introducing number 21-4 Our topic of the month will be about the Human Anatomy and we will start gardening this month. Hope you all have a great month.  
Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Lupe.