

February 2024  
Good Sam News

Re-enrollment

Summer is coming up quickly and we're starting to plan our summer enrollment, staffing, and events. 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, and give us an idea how we should plan staffing. The form is due on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a re-enrollment fee of \$90.00 for children who are continuing here for the next school year. If you will be leaving for the summer and returning for fall you will need to pay the re-enrollment fee and put a deposit down to hold your spot. The deposit is \$200 and will go toward your fall tuition. If you are leaving by summer, please fill out the form so we know how to plan. Thank you

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day lands on a Wednesday this year. The

preschool classes are planning a small lunch party. Please see the sign-up sheets at your child's door. Children are encouraged to bring a Valentine card for each of their friends. Below is a list of our friend's names.

Flower/Rainbow

Audree  
Cailey  
Evan  
Lily  
Mabel  
Max  
Nathan  
Pranav  
Shannon  
Sophie  
Theo

Dinos

Alden  
Daisy  
Dev  
Diya  
Evelyn  
Ezra  
Isaac  
Logan  
Robbie

### Butterflies

Andrew  
Aria  
Athena  
Dana  
Daniel  
David  
Eliana  
Luka  
Misha  
Nina  
Wade

### Froggies

Adelina  
Akari  
Alexander  
Ariana  
Barrett  
Bendeguz  
Eloise  
Gordon  
Layla  
Micah  
Olive  
Sam

### ASH Wednesday

The Beginning of Lent  
February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am  
Outside in front of the  
Sanctuary, Pastor Rajiv will  
administer ashes and a blessing

for those who wish to receive  
them.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Upstairs preschool classes are  
preparing for parent teacher  
conferences. This is a great  
opportunity to connect with  
your child's teacher and hear  
how your child is doing. What are  
areas they are excelling in and  
what areas do they need a little  
more practice? Please take a  
moment to sign up for a day and  
time to meet with your child's  
teacher. Sign-up sheets are on  
your child's classroom door.

### Dates to remember

- Wednesday, 2/14  
Valentine's Day Party
- ASH Wednesday @ 9:00am
- Monday 2/19 Presidents  
Day, school closed
- Wednesday 2/21-3/1  
Upstairs classes  
conferences

### Teddy News

For the month of February, we  
will focus on Valentines Day and  
friends. During circle time we  
will read books and sing songs

about friendship. We will continue with that theme all month. Jus a quick note: The school provides morning and afternoon snack such as yogurt, fruit, cheese, bagels, and many other yummy and healthy foods. We will be serving this to all children unless you have made it clear that is not what you want. Reminder label everything



S. Huiling and Ms. Grace

### Flower/Rainbow News

Greetings, Flower/Rainbow Families! I'd like to extend a warm introduction as your child's class teacher. My name is Mrs. Lakshmi Ganapathy, and this marks my inaugural year here in California and at Good Samaritan Preschool. With over 3 years of experience in preschool teaching, I am consistently thrilled to engage with young children. On a personal note, we are a joyous family, and I am the proud mother of two daughters aged 19 and 15. I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to work with your children this year. Feel free to reach out to me during pick-up/drop-off

times or through the Bright Wheel app (I will respond when I have a break or some free time).

It's astonishing how quickly almost a month has passed, and now February is upon us! This month's focus will be on friendships, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and nutrition. Our artistic endeavors will revolve around these themes. Each week, we will concentrate on a specific letter, starting with Q, R, S, and T. On the 14th of this month, we will have a classroom Valentine party, and you can find more details on the classroom flier. This year, our emphasis will also be on developing self-help skills and assisting with potty training. Looking forward to a wonderful and enriching year ahead!

\_Ms. Lashmi

### Dinosaur News

\_Hello Dino families,

February themes will be about Valentines Day and Chinese New Year. We are also introducing the children to the planets in our solar system. The Dinos will continue learning our letters and

numbers. The class has also begun practicing our pre-writing skills by introducing activities that involve fine motor skills.

February is our assessment month. Please make sure you sign up for a time to meet with me to discuss your child's progress. The sign-up sheet is on the door of the classroom.

Yoga has been going great! I have noticed that the synchronized breathing for a few minutes has a very calming effect on the children. We will continue to do yoga regularly. Have a great month!

Ms. Dee

### Butterfly News

Hi everyone happy February. This month is full of fun crafts, science experiments and a Valentine's Day party. We will focus on letters S, T & U as well as reviewing letters, numbers, and shapes. This month we have teacher conferences please make sure to sign up on our sign-up sheets. We will do a friendship fruit salad where everyone gets to take part in cutting and helping prepare a yummy treat together to show kindness as well as team work.

I'm glad to be back again and spending time together with everyone. They have been doing great!

-Ms. Esme

### Froggie News

February will be filled with love and kindness! Valentines Day is just around the corner! We will be celebrating with a special lunch and children can hand out Valentines to each of their friends. The sign-up sheet is located on the door of the classroom.

Our focus will be on kindness. Our little ones will be introduced to how to identify their feelings and understanding the feelings of others. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach empathy and compassion.

In Language Arts we will be introducing rhyming words to help enhance their language skills. We will also be working on sight words; this month's words are: my, me, and we. These words will help them build their vocabular and reading skills. The Froggies will also continue with our book series. We will be diving into the adventures of Mat, Sam, and Dot. Join us as we

explore their exciting stories and spark their love of reading!

Let's make February a month filled with kindness, love, and learning.

Ms. Maria

Dear Families of Good Samaritan Preschool,

We invite you to join our Sunday School program, held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM. Our program offers a nurturing space for your young ones to explore their faith, learn valuable life lessons, and connect with other children in a joyful, faith-filled community.

Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to introduce age-appropriate Bible stories, teachings, and values. Children learn about God's love, kindness, and the importance of living a righteous life through interactive activities, songs, and creative storytelling. They will also engage in group games, teamwork activities, and collaborative projects, learning valuable social skills like

communication, empathy, and cooperation.

As part of our church family, your children will connect with a diverse group of individuals who share their values and beliefs. This sense of belonging fosters a sense of security and acceptance, allowing them to grow in confidence and learn from the guidance and wisdom of older generations.

Participating in shared rituals and traditions cultivates a sense of community.

We hope to see you soon!

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