



MARCH Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To each and every one of you for making Catholic Schools week super special for all the teachers and staff. We were spoiled with delicious breakfast, lunch, and snacks throughout the week! We are all very blessed to be part of a Catholic school. Teaching in a Catholic preschool grants us the opportunity to enrich the mind and body, as well as the soul of young children. We serve as leaders for children and we encourage them to live and be like Christ. They are the future of our church.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude for your support; we had a great turnout for Open House. We enjoyed all the displays and pictures of the children *learning through play*. I thank God for blessing us with amazing teachers. Their passion radiates in everything they do for the children.

With the days getting longer and springtime just around the corner we leap into March with a renewed sense of excitement! Even though there are no "major" holidays in March, we are very busy in preschool getting ready for spring and St. Patrick's Day!!

St. Patrick's Day

In preschool, March 17 is a day filled with surprises, fun, and "appropriate" mischief. We pretend to find four leaf clovers and gold coins on the little patch of grass out by the gazebo. We build Leprechaun traps to try and catch those rascally characters, and we return to our classroom after coin hunting to find it all messy; chairs overturned and little footprints all over the floor, walls, and furniture.

We will enjoy special snacks like, green Jell-O and in the afternoon "Shamrock Shakes."

Your child is invited to wear free dress (green of course!).

READ Across America/ Book Fair

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. Our annual celebration and Scholastic book fair will be held on March 6-March 9.



Just a few pesky reminders:

- ◆ As we all know, March can have a few rainy days and many of the children love to wear rain boots. PLEASE send your child with his/her regular shoes so they can change. It is dangerous to walk in the classroom with boots.
- ◆ Speaking of shoes and clothes.....this is a good time of the year to check your child's inventory of extra clothes. Every child should have a complete change of clothes (shoes, shirt, pants, underwear, socks) at school. Please take a minute and refurbish/replace those needed clothes.



Summer Plans

OLG Preschool is a 12-month program. Our summer months are filled with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities. We are planning another visit from our animal friends, a field trip to the Sea Lab in Redondo Beach, as well as some walking field trips to a local park (2 blocks away). In addition we will enrich our curriculum with thematic units about ocean creatures, jungle animals, and the favorite....dinosaurs. Of course we will have water play days and lots of Art!

Please return the Summer Plans form (yellow) by Friday, March 17.



Planning For Next Year

In the next couple of weeks I will be sending out re-enrollment materials. Our 2017-2018 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 23. Please remember that we are in session year round. That means we fully staff our preschool all summer and must have a continuous enrollment. Per the tuition agreement, it is expected that your child will be enrolled through the summer, even if they are going to kindergarten.

After carefully looking at next year's budget, I am pleased to share that we will not raise our tuition for the next school year. We thank you and appreciate your ongoing support for the OLG community.

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Silent Auction Basket

This year's Preschool Silent Auction Basket theme will be "A Day at the Beach." We will be collecting donated items to fill the basket and help raise money for our school during the silent auction that will take place on April 21-23. Please see the yellow flyer.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, 3/1—Ash Wednesday

Monday-Thursday, 3/6-3/9- READ Across America.
Book Fair

Sunday, 3/12-Daylight Savings- Spring Forward One
Hour

Friday, 3/17-St. Patrick's Day - Preschool Only-Free
Dress-Wear Green

Summer Plans Due

Planning Ahead

Friday, April 14– Good Friday-Preschool Closed

Monday, 4/17-Friday, 4/21- Easter Vacation

OLG Parish Fiesta– 4/21-4/23

Monday, April 24– No School-Fiesta Clean Up

Friday, May 12-Muffins with Mom 7:30-8:30am

Tuesday, June 13- Doughnuts with Dad 7:30-8:30am

Friday, 6/16-9:30am Graduation/Moving Up Celebration
10:30am Dismissal

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Hernandez 3/4

Marina 3/5

Maxwell 3/9

Mrs. Wilcox 3/12

Madeleine 3/17

Kai 3/18

