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SCRIPTURE THEME: Celebrating God's Creation - We love animals!
"God made the beast of the earth" Genesis 1:25

Hello from Ms. Susan... March is going to be a fun and busy month at Kids of Grace. We will be celebrating animals and books with lots of special visitors and events.

Visitors coming to Kids of Grace!

On Monday and Tuesday, March 1st and 2nd visitors from the SPCA will be coming to Kids of Grace to help us celebrate God's creation of animals. We would love to support our local SPCA and collect donations for them. During the week of March 1st-5th your child is invited to bring to school any of the following items:



Non-clumping Litter
Newspaper
All Purina One Dog & Cat food, kitten, puppy and adult
Hamster/Gerbil food
Wild Bird Seed
Dog & Cat Toys
Peanut Butter (for Kongs)
Towels/Blankets



Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences

Good communication between school and home is a vital part of your child's education. Conferences are an excellent time for parents and teachers to communicate about the child's growth as well as areas that need additional growth. It is also an opportunity to discuss "next steps" that will help to continue to foster growth. Soon you will be receiving information from your child's teacher regarding conference times.

Before you have your conference, here are some things to think about. At Kids of Grace we:

- ✓ "Play with a Purpose!" All activities and play are planned with specific goals for growth in all areas: Social/emotional, physical (gross/fine motor), academic/ cognitive domains.
- ✓ Assessment is done through observation and one-on-one interaction. The child is observed for growth along a developmental continuum. There is no "final mastery" in preschool—the emphasis is on individual growth.

March into Books!!!



- **Scholastic Book Fair**-Monday, March 8th-Friday, March 12th 8:45 - 9:30 am and 11:45-12:30 pm in the room next to the office
Spaghetti Dinner-Thursday, March 11th 5:00-7:00 pm in the worship area
Look for additional information to come home in your child's book bag next week.

- **KOG PJ Day & story time with Mr. Joe**

Children are invited to wear pajamas and get cozy to listen to Mr. Joe and his puppet friend, Roscoe tell a story.

- Monday, March 22nd Twos, Threes, Four day Fours and Kindergarten
- Tuesday, March 23rd Twos, Threes, and Five Day Fours

- **Parent Story Time**

Sign up to share your favorite (or your child's favorite) book with his/her class. Parent Story Time will be each Monday or Tuesday during March at 11:45 am. Sign up sheets will be on classroom bulletin boards next week if you are interested.

- **Kindergarten as Story Tellers**

Throughout the month of March our kindergarten students will be visiting the preschool classrooms to read books. This will be a great chance for the older students to "show off" their reading skills and for younger ones to aspire to be like them!

- **Parent Book Club**

One of the best ways for your child to love to read is to see YOU reading. Ms. Susan's book recommendation for this month is *1-2-3 Magic for Christian Parents*
By Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D. and Chris Webb, M.S., M.A.

"It's not easy being a Christian parent... You want kids who listen and children you can enjoy. You want to raise happy and competent youngsters who grow up to follow God. The Bible is full of parenting principles, but how do you apply them? How do you "Train up a child in the way he should go..." (Proverbs. 22:6)? 1-2-3 Magic for Christian Parents is a proven biblical guide that addresses the difficult task of child discipline with clarity, honesty and wisdom.

If you would like to join a discussion group about this book, we will meet in the room across from the office each Monday and Tuesday morning from 9:15 am-10:15 am. Email Ms. Susan at kidsofgrace@gcpcpa.org for more information and or to RSVP.



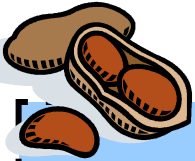
World Day of Prayer

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. On Friday, March 5th you are invited to

join Grace Covenant in observation of this day of prayer. The worship area will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for all to come and pray for concerns for our families, our nation and our world. At 12 noon Grace Covenant's interim pastor, Pastor Karen Long, will lead a brief prayer service. Together we will fulfill the call of Psalm 150: ***Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God.***



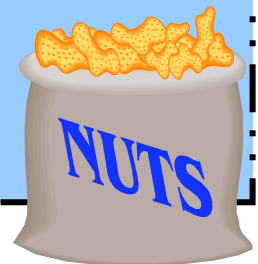
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Just a Reminder...

Our "no nut policy" encompasses not only peanut butter, but also any products that contain nuts. Whether it is stuffing Easter eggs or providing a birthday treat, please remember to avoid nuts, nut products and items that have been manufactured in a facility that has exposure to nuts. Please check labels for this information. If you are unsure of an item, please check with your child's teacher.

Thank you!



Looking Ahead...

***Kids of Grace will be closed for
Spring Break from
Friday, April 2nd through Sunday, April 11th.
School will open again on Monday, April 12th.***

