

# February News

## Holy Trinity Preschool



We have a busy February coming up! Cold days like the ones this week remind us that we can still play in the snow and ice, even though those warm days made us feel like we were into spring already! This month, the Butterflies are learning about construction and building, the Ladybugs are discovering dinosaurs and the Bumblebees are celebrating 100 days of school! In music we are playing music games like the Limbo, Musical Chairs and the Hokey Pokey; in P.E. we are discovering our balance and working together to move; and in home sciences, our board representatives, Mary and Beth, are helping us create two quilts. One quilt will be displayed in our preschool, and the other will be given to Bruce Lockhart, a member of the church who has been a longtime supporter of the preschool. In fact, later this year, we will be honoring his contributions by renaming and dedicating our library to him – the Lockhart Lending Library!

Here are some events to keep in mind:

**February 7** – This date is the beginning of 100 day celebrations in the Bumblebee classroom!

**February 10** - We are hosting another Open House from 5:30 to 7p for new families interested in Holy Trinity Preschool for the 2011-2012 school year. Please help us by recruiting kids you see at gyms, play places and parks! Current families need not attend as it is informational for new families.

**Valentine's Day Celebrations:** February 10, the Butterflies will celebrate Valentine's Day. The Ladybugs and Bumblebees will celebrate on February 14 and 15. Details are provided in each classroom's newsletter.

**Speech and Hearing testing:** Speech and hearing issues can be hard to detect, however, as is the case with most disabilities, it is best to identify and begin treatment in early childhood years. As a service to our parents, we provide a basic speech and hearing diagnostic test that will be performed by an outside agency that specializes in speech and hearing on Thursday, February 17. If you are a Monday/Wednesday/Friday parent, please plan on bringing your child for the testing between 9-10 that day. A flyer will go home next week detailing what and how they are testing. We will need your permission to have your child tested. If you would like a more detailed test completed with your child, there is an additional fee for this service that is included in the information. Of course, if you have any questions, please ask your teachers, or come see me when you have a minute.

**Coffee Talk:** Our preschool board is composed of Pastor Julie, Tracy as the Director, members of the congregation and parents of our preschool. This year, Meralee Hoffelt and Jen Gunther are our representatives. They are hosting a coffee hour before school (8:45 – 9:30) on **Wednesday, February 23**. Please join them to get to know each other and offer up some suggestions for our preschool.

**We've added DVD's!** As part of our Lending Library, we will be adding a few DVD's for the kids to take home and enjoy! We would also like to add some books for mom's to read, so if you have some that you have already read (or movies you are done with) and would like to donate, please bring them in and we will include them as well!

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 in celebration of President's Day.**

**Safeway 10% cash back for schools program.** In September, we participated in the 10% back to school rewards program through Safeway. They offered the same reward program in January. If you shopped at Safeway in January, please shop there again in February and bring us the redemption code at the end of your receipt to enter for our school to receive 10% of qualifying purchases. We appreciate your support!

**Kindergarten registration** – Many schools have left information for prospective kindergarteners for next year. If you are looking for a kindergarten, please let me know and I will get you more information.

Coming up in March...

Pajama Drive – March 3-10

Night of the Arts – March 11

Father

Father's Day Breakfast – March 17 & 18

Spring Break – March 21 – 25