

# The February Chatter

February 3, 2017

## AGC FUMC

### From the Director's Desk...

I hate starting this newsletter with a cliché, but I honestly cannot believe how fast this school year is going! With the start of February brings Open Enrollment and looking ahead to the 2017-2018 school year, and while this is exciting, it also makes me a bit sad that many of our Butterflies and Fishies

will be leaving us for their next adventures in Kindergarten! By the way, if you have a child who is entering Kindergarten next year, please be sure



to look into your local elementary schools to find out registration timelines and requirements.

Another exciting event taking place this month is Parent Teacher Conferences coming up on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that child care will be provided. Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for each family to sit and talk with your child's teacher about how well they are doing in school. I suggest preparing a few questions to ask the teachers about your child, such as – How are they interacting with their classmates? What are their favorite classroom activities? Are they able to sit for structured activities? Are there things I can work on with them at home? These are just a few ideas of questions you may want to ask your child's teacher. The 15 –20-minute conference goes very fast. There are so many wonderful things we want to share with you about how your child is doing in school but our time is limited. Out of courtesy for the other parents waiting to meet with the teacher, we will be keeping the conferences to the allotted time.

If you do not feel that was enough time, you may speak with your child's teacher and arrange another meeting.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day in each of our classrooms on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Each classroom will celebrate in their own way, so please check with your teachers for V Day treats and activities.

As some of you have noticed, the board outside my office has a message detailing supplies needed by the preschool-thank you to everyone who has answered our plea for more paper products! If you haven't seen the message-AGC needs Lysol wipes, napkins and baby wipes! No one family needs to donate it all, but please consider contributing one, or more items to aid in keeping our hands, faces and surfaces clean!



Speaking of clean, thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our families for being conscientious about keeping sick children home this cold and flu season! I appreciate that many of you make decisions that have a positive effect on the entire class/school.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look to the remainder of our school year with excitement about what is to come!

## ATTENTION ALL AGC FAMILIES:

The Butterflies Post Office Service will be in full activity this year again and we would LOVE to invite all AGC families to drop off a message for your child and/or have your child write a letter to a friend or teacher and put it in our mailbox located on the table next to our classroom door. The mailbox will work from February 7th to 10th. The

Butterflies will be pleased to deliver your messages during our snack or lunch time.

Please remember to write your child's name, class, and to whom the letter should be delivered. Let's share the love and have fun!

### **The Butterfly Class-Ms Michele and Ms Preeti**

**"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you" John:15:1**

Hello dear families!

This month our garden will be in shades of pink, red and white to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Since it is no news that we are lovely Butterflies, love is one of our favorite themes of all! We will talk about the seed of love God planted inside all of us, and how we are helping this seed to sprout and grow into a beautiful plant. Miss Preeti and I believe that just keeping the love to ourselves is not enough to make Jesus happy. We must share with others, and for that we will encourage our little butterflies to show their love, care, and appreciation for others by using nice words, having a great attitude, sharing, helping each other, and by sending letters and making phone calls to their parents. A special lunch will be served on the 14th followed by a valentine's exchange with our friends.



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Unfortunately, we can't just live off love... we must keep the learning process going and in good speed since Kindergarten is around the corner. We will continue experimenting in science, counting in math, learning the alphabet (L, M, N and O) as well as writing our first and last names properly, and numbers 12-15. Groundhog and President's Day will also be the focus of our attention during February along with Dental Health.

Don't forget our Parent- teacher Conferences scheduled for Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your questions and concerns to be discussed. Miss Preeti and I are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

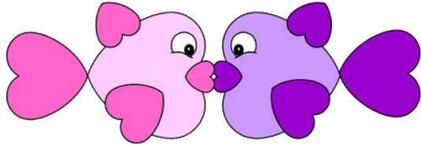
Please join us as we celebrate Shaily's birthday in February!

Hugs from your  teachers

## The Fish Pond-Ms Bernadette and Ms Faith

***“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” Deuteronomy 6:5***

Happy February Fish Pond families and Happy Valentine’s Day!!! **“Love and Caring”** is our theme for this month and **“pink/red”** are our colors. We will learn the letters Mn, Nn, Oo, and Pp and the numbers 13, 14, 15, and 16. During this month of "love" we will learn about kindness, caring, sharing, and being a good friend. We will read the story "The Mitten" and discover what some animals do in winter and why some hibernate. We will be making crafts and small projects focusing on our letter of the week, Valentine's Day, and our theme for this month. This February we will also learn patterns, sequencing, and continue learning to write our last names.



We will have a little party to celebrate Valentine's Day and the children can give treats to their friends. Since the beginning of the school year, we have been working on our days of the week, months, the weather, seasons, recognizing higher numbers and excitedly counting up to our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We are looking forward to playing outside in the nice spring weather!!!

Keep your eyes open for Summer Camp  
Information coming soon...

We will be holding summer camp on Tuesday,  
June 6-Friday, June 16, 2017.

Summer Camp will not be held on Mondays,  
but all other days from 9-1 pm.

We will be having lots of fun activities  
including SPLASH DAY!

Details to come in March!!

## Ms Sharon and Ms Suzanne

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart”  
Deuteronomy 6:5***

February is a short month, but we in the Rainbow class will pack a lot of activity into that time. We look forward to parent-teacher conferences so we can talk about our favorite subject, our Rainbow children!



Valentine's Day is approaching, and you will see our bulletin board filled with love, and our Rainbow families will have lovely surprises in store as the day nears. Our Bible verse reflects our mood as we memorize "Love the Lord your God with all your heart" We will talk about love for parents and family, love of friends, and the love Jesus shows us all.

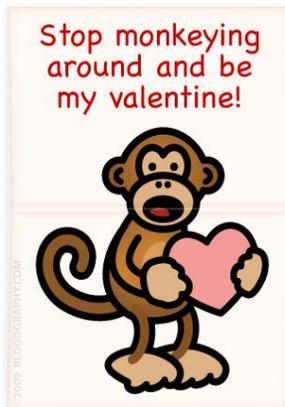
Our class continues with our letter-of-the-week project as we learn about Rr, Ss, Tt, and Uu. Toward the end of the month we will start work in our number books in which we attach and count the same number of stars as the number shown on each page. When we finish the number twenty our class will have used a total of 2,730 stars. That's a lot of counting and fine motor skill practice! The Rainbows are doing a wonderful job learning how to recognize their last names, and soon will be able to write their first names on their first thing of the day classwork. We will learn about our solar system and do art projects with the shapes we have learned. This month our dear Addie and Paige will celebrate their birthdays!

Have a loving and blessed February.

## he Monkey Class-Ms Heera, Ms Laurence and Ms Karen

### “A friend loves at all times” Proverbs 17:17

January seemed like it just flew by before we knew it. The Monkeys are beginning to write their own names, put on their own jackets and even pack their backpacks by themselves. These are all very big accomplishments for our 3-year-old monkeys. With each month that goes by they are becoming more and more independent.



I look forward to seeing all of you at the Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. This is such an exciting time for our little Monkeys and I am so excited to share with you the great progress the kids are making. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us, they are a true blessing in our lives.

## The Lambs' Class-Ms Jessie and Ms Dani

### “A friend loves at all times” Proverbs 17:17

This is the month when we finally get to sit down with you and share our experiences about your wonderful children! Please take a moment to sign up for our parent/teacher conferences to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

We move right into sharing our love with each other and Him as we begin loving preparations to celebrate Valentine's day. We will celebrate on the actual day with a party in our classroom.



There is so much learning going on in our classroom, we introduced the “Continents” and “Days of the Week” songs and everyone learned them very quickly. Now the children are recognizing the days of the week on the classroom calendar after learning them during the song, your children are all so smart! Of course, everyone is now spelling their last name too.

Our special project this month will be making our very own Prayer Books. We hope to have them sent home by the end of February for you to read together.

## Important February Dates-

- Feb 8<sup>th</sup>-Bring a Stuffed Animal Day
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup>-AGC Spirit Day
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup>-Chick-fil-A Day
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>-Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 15-16<sup>th</sup>-Parent /Teacher Conferences
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>-Pizza Day
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup>-In House Field Trip

## Music Class-Ms Karen

Your children are working hard in music class learning songs for our Easter Program on Thursday, April 6th, 2017. For the Easter Program, all classes will be singing and signing “Celebrate Jesus,” “I Know That My Redeemer Lives,” and “Ain’t-A That Good News.” The lyrics for these songs are printed below. **Please go over them with your child at home, if possible.**



In February, we’ll bring stuffed animals to school on Wednesday, February 8th and enjoy songs about teddy bears. We’ll move with teddy bears to Hap Palmer’s “Teddy Bear Playtime” and “Teddy Bear Ball.” We’ll act out The Wiggles’ “Rock-A-Bye Your Bear” song. We’ll do a bridge dance to “Raggedy Rag Doll Friend” and act out “Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around.”

We’ll celebrate Valentine’s Day (Tuesday, February 14th) by joining hands and moving around to “There’s A Little Wheel A-Turning in My Heart.” We’ll also dance in pairs to “Four Hugs a Day” and wave scarves to “A, You’re Adorable.” Finally, we will play heart chimes to “Skidamarink” and practice mailing cards and letters to “Mail Myself to You.”

We’ll celebrate President’s Day (Monday, February 20th) and Washington’s birthday (Wednesday, February 22nd) and Lincoln’s birthday (Sunday, February 12th) with patriotic songs. We’ll march and wave flags to “You’re A Grand Old Flag” and “Yankee Doodle.” We’ll march and play drums to “Dixie” and “This Land Is Your Land.” We will also act out the funny “State Laughs” song.

### Celebrate Jesus

Celebrate Jesus Celebrate  
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He Is Risen  
He Is Risen  
And He Lives Forevermore  
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He Is Risen

Come on And Celebrate  
The Resurrection of Our Lord

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### I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know that my Redeemer lives.  
What comfort that sweet sentence  
gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was  
dead.  
He lives, my ever-living Head.  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
(REPEAT)

He lives to bless me with his love.  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed.  
He lives to help in time of need.

My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
(REPEAT)

He lives to silence all my fears.  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart.  
He lives all blessings to impart.

My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!  
(REPEAT)

### Ain’t-A That Good News?

I Got a Crown Up In-A the  
Kingdom  
Ain't-A That Good News!  
I Got a Crown Up In-A the  
Kingdom  
Ain't-A That Good News!  
I'm-A Gonna Lay Down This World  
Gonna Shoulder Up My Cross  
Gonna Take It Home to My Jesus  
Ain't-A That Good News!

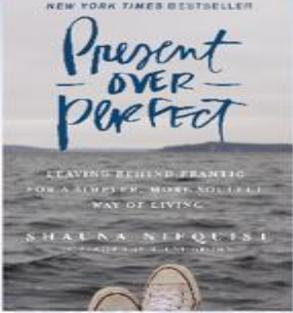
I Got a Robe Up In-A The Kingdom  
Ain't-A That Good News!  
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Ain't-A That Good News!  
I'm-A Gonna Lay Down This World  
Gonna Shoulder Up My Cross  
Gonna Take It Home to My Jesus  
Ain't-A That Good News!

I Got a Savior In-A The Kingdom  
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Good News! Good News!, Good  
News!

**Mom's LIFE**

Winter Bible Study: Present over Perfect, by:  
**Shauna Niequest**



Are you exhausted in the pursuit of what the world sees as perfect? Join us Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 in the Parsonage as we explore the life we are called to, and how much we sacrifice in the name of being busy. Starts January 5th.

Child care is available.

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Our February birthdays include some very special ladies!

Addie on February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Paige on February 18<sup>th</sup> and

Shayli on February 26<sup>th</sup>!!

**Happy Birthday**