

# The March Chatter

## AGC FUMC

March 1, 2017

March is shaping up to be a very busy, and exciting, month at AGC! Let me first say Thank You! To all our parents that took the time to join us for Parent/Teacher Conferences. I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers. I know the teachers appreciate having ANY chance they get to brag about how amazing your children are and the progress they continue to make.



Thursday, March 2 is Read Across America Day and Dr Seuss' birthday. This is a chance to

celebrate one of the most beloved children's authors of our time as well as, get children excited about reading! I realize that most our students are not reading on their own yet, but research has shown that children who are read to from an early age are more likely to be successful in all aspects of formal education. So, it's never too early, or too late, to begin reading daily with your child! Schoolwide we will celebrate this day by wearing spots and/or stripes, enjoying a special treat and hearing a Dr Seuss book read to each class by a guest reader!

Our other big event in March is AGC's participation in Racing for 3.21 on 3/21. *This* event "allows participants and advocates to run, walk, bike, hike, swim and/or move for 3.21 miles at any time, any place and at any pace on March 21 to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day and raise awareness and funds for the Down syndrome community." All AGC students will participate in our "Race" by

running, hopping, skipping, etc. Please click on the following link to be taken directly to our Team AGC fundraising page and support our effort to become a more inclusive world!

<https://www.classy.org/fundraise/team?ftid=104671>

You will be receiving information regarding Summer Camp in the next few weeks. As in years past, it will be a first come first serve basis, so



please submit your registration paperwork asap. Summer Camp will run from Tuesday, June 6-Friday, June 16, no Mondays. One scheduling change to note for this year will be

that the camp day will run from 9am-1pm.

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### **The Lambs-Ms Jessie and Ms Dani**

*"After three days, I will rise again" Matthew 27:63*

We closed February with our Lambs' finishing their "Prayer" books. It was wonderful to listen to the Prayer's they came up with and share what they are thankful for. Also, have you heard the "Continents" song? We introduced our large rug with a map of the world on it and each Lamb has a chance to jump to each Continent as we sing the song.



It appears that we will continue with the great weather we have been experiencing as we enter March; happily, we get to spend our recess time outside at the playground instead of the Stage room. We will have a few busy weeks preparing for St. Patrick's Day and our

new book project, this time on numbers. We have had some wonderful in house shows already this school year and this month we will have a magic show presented by the Great Zucchini on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

This month we are so excited to begin our "show and share" segment in our classroom, details are provided in our class room email.

Our Lambs are becoming such independent, caring and sharing little three year olds, it is truly unbelievable how much they have learned in the few months that they have attended preschool. Finally, we have a birthday celebration this month as our sweet Brennan turns three on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

### **The Monkey Class-Ms Heera, Ms Karen and Ms Laurence**

*"After three days, I will rise again" Matthew 27:63*

Happy March to all. Ms. Laurence, Ms. Karen and I would like to thank all of you for our successful conference. We enjoyed sharing with you the progress of your little monkeys.

We are beginning "All About Me" this month. We are working with the kids on the concept of size. We encourage to write their names on the work sheet. Please look at all the crafts the kids will be working so hard on this month.

This month we will begin our season of Lent leading to Easter. Pastor James will be having a special chapel to celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us, they are a true blessing in our lives!

### **The Rainbow Class-Ms Sharon and Ms Suzanne**

*"God has made everything beautiful" Ecc. 3:11*

It was great to see our Rainbow parents at parent-teacher conferences. It is so satisfying as teachers to have such caring and involved parents. March will be a busy month as we continue with Vv through Zz as our letters-of-the-week.



We will celebrate all things rainbow as our rainbow returns to our bulletin board in time to learn about the story of Noah's Ark and have St. Patrick's Day fun. We will learn that St. Patrick was a real person who brought

Christianity to Ireland. We also plan to learn about our solar system, and will be busy finishing our number books.

Our Rainbows have done a splendid job learning to write their names, and very soon will be signing their names to their papers. They have also done a great job honing their cutting skills.

Spring is fast approaching, and hopefully the weather will cooperate as we search for reawakening and new life as reflected in our Bible verse, "God has made everything beautiful," Ecclesiastes 3:11.

Last but not least, we have two reasons to cheer as our dear twins Jason and Madeline turn four. Have a beautiful and blessed March!

## The Butterfly Class-Ms Michele and Ms Preeti

*"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth. He has been raised" Mark 16:6*

Miss Preeti and I would like to start this article by congratulating the Butterfly parents on their amazing job as supportive and proactive parents; caring for their children's education and for understanding the importance of preschool education as a preparation for a successful academic life... Way 2 Go!

Now, we can welcome March! We, the Butterflies, are so excited to fly around this month! Spring is almost here and we are looking forward to having warmer days to play outside and put jackets away. The kids have completed 6 months of school with only 3 more to go!

Kindergarten is just a few months ahead of us and so far, we are doing beautifully and are almost there.



Our Butterflies have been tremendously eager to learn new things and to accept challenges. They already managed to write their first and last names and soon will begin to work on phone numbers and address along with the alphabet and numbers. The children already started talking about those tiny and silly creatures dressed in green. Do you think they will visit us on St. Patrick's Day? Of course, they will! The leprechauns know we are all about craziness and fun in our garden ☺. In the beginning of March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday with a lot of reading in his honor. Please check our photos, important days, special snack schedule and more on our class Shutterfly account!

## The Fish Pond-Ms Bernadette and Ms Faith

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Happy March Fish Pond families! "**Easter and Under the Sea**" are our themes for this month and "**green**" is our color. We will be making crafts and small projects focusing on our letter of the week and our themes. We will be studying the letters Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt and Uu and the numbers 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. This month we will continue with sequencing and start learning addition/subtraction and rhyming. In a few weeks, we will celebrate Easter and our 100 days of school. We will have more information in our newsletter about our 100-day school project and party.



We have been very fortunate to have this beautiful winter weather and the children have been excitedly playing outdoors. We can't believe it but March is here and spring is just around the corner. Spring ushers in new life and as the weather gets warmer and sunnier we will learn about "growing" ~ how seeds turn into beautiful flowers and plants and animals emerge from hibernation from the cold winter months. Thank you very much to our parents and friends who have been very helpful with our Valentine's party and provided lunch to our class. And a very warm thank you for all the special treats. Enjoy this beautiful weather we're having!!!

## Music-Ms Karen

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME SUCH LOVE LAST MONTH WITH YOUR VALENTINE CARDS AND CANDY. YOU MADE ME FEEL SO SPECIAL!

We have been hard at work in music class learning songs for our Easter Program on **Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** Lyrics for the Easter songs— "Celebrate Jesus," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," and "Ain't-A That Good News"—are printed below. Please go over the lyrics with your child at home, if possible. I have also started to introduce songs for our graduation program, which will be on **Wednesday, May 31st, 2017.**



In the beginning of March, we will explore songs about COLORS. We'll use colored beanbags as we move to "The Beanbag" song by Hap Palmer. We'll play use colored hoops to Hap Palmer's "The Circle" and "The Circle Game."

Next, we'll explore sea creatures and life on the sea. We will sing and do motions to Charlotte Diamond's "Octopus" (a.k.a. "Slippery Fish") song, manipulate sea creature puppets to "Under the Sea" from The Little Mermaid, and play shaker eggs and dance wearing sunglasses and leis to "Surfin' Safari." We'll also dance like sailors to a "Sailing Medley" and dance like friendly pirates to The Wiggles' "Captain Feathersword" and "Rocking on The Sea." Fun times ahead!

### Celebrate Jesus

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**He Is Risen  
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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!  
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My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives!

"Move Around the Color," play the "Colors" game, and have a "Parade of Colors" with colored rectangles. We'll

(REPEAT)

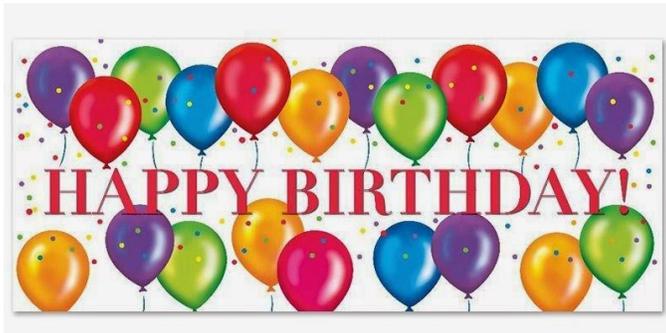
### Ain't-A That Good News?

I Got A Crown Up In-A The Kingdom  
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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 Robe Up In-A The Kingdom  
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I Got A Savior In-A The Kingdom  
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Good News!, Good News!, Good News!



We want to wish a very happy March birthday to the following students-

Ashlee and Zach on the 6<sup>th</sup>

Maddie and Jason on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Connor on the 24<sup>th</sup>

And Brennan on the 25<sup>th</sup>!!

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Our Easter Program will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the FUMC Sanctuary. This fantastic event will begin with our Parade of Easter Bonnets. Each child should wear a decorated Easter bonnet to school on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This should be a fun project that students can participate in! If you have questions or need ideas, please see Ms Kim or any of the classroom teachers!

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