

# Genesis Early Childhood Program News

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## Spiritual Connection

*From the Directors Mary Davis and Melanie Gehrt:*

In the Catechetical Framework, Task 2 focuses on the Liturgical life. For preschool children, these break down to concepts like:

- It is good to hear the story of Jesus.
- People go to church to spend time with God and others.
- People sing special songs at church.
- People pray special prayers at church.
- The priest celebrates Mass.

If you have not been to Mass in a while, Lent is a great time to come back to Mass. Lent begins Ash Wednesday, on February 14, 2018. Also, if your children are between 6 months old (able to sit up) through 3 years old, check out Noah's Place during 9 am and 11 am Mass on Sunday. That may be the best hour of your week!

**CFISD HOLIDAY:** Monday, Feb. 19 is President's Day. There will be no classes in observance of this holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

**VALENTINE'S EXCHANGE:** All classes will have a Valentine's Exchange during center time on **Tuesday, Feb. 13 or Wednesday, Feb 14**. The classes will **not** be having specific Valentine's parties.

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

## Upcoming Events

**Pizza and PJ Day** will be on **Wednesday, Feb. 7 and Thursday, Feb. 8**. Your child will not need to bring a lunch on that day. If you have allergy concerns, please speak with your child's teacher. Please keep in mind that your children will still be playing outside and will need appropriate shoes for outdoor play. We are asking for \$3 from each child to cover the costs.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** We will be holding Parent Teacher Conferences with the parents of our **4 year old classes only** the week of February 19-23. Please watch for the sign-up sheets in the classroom in the coming weeks.

**RODEO DAYS** will be **Tuesday, Feb. 27 and Wednesday, Feb. 28**. Please note this is a change from our original Genesis calendar. The schedule for Rodeo Days will be sent home later in the month.

### Early Registration for 2018-19:

Registration information with a link to the forms has been sent home with your child. Limited spaces remain in several of our programs. The registration package (with the exception of the Immunization Records and Child Statement of Health), in addition to the registration fee of \$125, will be due back no later than **Feb. 2** to insure your spot. Registration for parishioners will be Feb. 6 and Open Registration is on Feb. 20 at 8:00 am in the Genesis Reception area.

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH!



Letters of the Month:	Pp, Vv, Rr
Numbers of the Month:	11, 12 and 13
Colors of the Month:	Pink, Purple, Red, White and Blue
Shape of the Month:	Heart
Rhyme of the Month:	Three Little Kittens and Texas Nursery Rhymes
Themes of the Month:	"Love God, Love Others as Yourself", "God Bless Texas" and "X Marks the Spot"



## CURRICULUM CORNER

For those of you able to attend our wonderful Curriculum Night last month, we heard from all the educational professionals that reading to your child is the most important thing you can do as a parent to help them grow in so many developmental areas. Please read to your children every day to help build their vocabularies, explore the world beyond them and familiarize them with early print concepts. Find authors and topics that your children love. Each of our teachers has a favorite children's book or author. Feel free to ask your child's teacher her favorites if you are looking for your child's next favorite book!

### 4 YEAR OLDS

This month, our 4s will use dramatic play to explore complex concepts. This will help expand their knowledge of parts vs. whole (pizza), spatial awareness (cowboy art) and sequencing of events (following a treasure map!). Using the book "Lunch" by Denise Fleming, the 4s will learn to use descriptive words (adjectives) for fruits and vegetables and about nutritious foods.

### 3 YEAR OLDS

Who wants some pizza pie? The 3s are going to use their social skills in the Dramatic Play center by dressing up in a pizzeria with chef hats and aprons. We will trade our play dough this month for real pizza dough! For a class snack, we will create Pete's jacket with his four groovy buttons, from the book "Pete the Cat and his 4 Groovy Buttons."

### 2 YEAR OLDS

The 2s continue to build fine motor skills, especially cutting. We will be moving from cutting play dough to paper strips. We will also be using many different colors, shapes and textures of hearts for sorting and counting. They will learn about the state of Texas through process art.

### 18 MONTH OLDS

The 18 month olds will work on jumping and kicking a ball for gross motor skills. Also, we will be playing with play dough to exercise our tiny hands which works on our fine motor skills. Additionally, we will be painting and coloring focusing on the same stroke motion used in writing.

## ENRICHMENT CLASSES

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT:** This month, we will make a big pizza using our parachute. We will also play pirates and walk the plank. For Valentine week, we will "love one another" with songs and fingerplays.

**BIBLE:** In Bible this month, we will hear stories about Zacchaeus, Jesus feeds 5,000, the Good Samaritan, and St. Valentine. We will play games, act out stories and learn how much Jesus loves us.