



St. Peter's Preschool & Kindergarten

March 2010 Newsletter

Teaching God's Love

March is the season of Spring which brings new life in the world around us. It is also the Season that leads into Easter, the celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection and the new life available to us through Christ's death and resurrection. Take time to notice the world around you. Use the discovery of the new life you see to point out to your children how God continues to create wonderful things, and how He can make all things new.

Units of Study:

- GOD CREATES ALL LIFE
Zoo and Jungle Animals
Farms and Farm Animals
- Fruit of the Spirit focus: Peace & Patience

In the beginning God created heavens and the earth...light and dark...water and land...plants and trees...the sun and the moon...birds and creatures of the sea...creatures of the land...and God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:1-25

DAYS TO PLAY!

April 2 – School Closed: Teacher Work Day
April 5 – April 11th SPRING BREAK-HAVE FUN!
Classes resume on Monday 4/12

SAVE THE DATES:

Wed. March 10 - Strawberry Picking for all 4s and K
Sun. March 14 - Daylight Savings Time...Spring forward 1 hr
Wed. March 31- Easter Celebrations /Hop-a-Thon for WF2.5s, MWF 3s, 3/4s, 4/4s
Thurs. April 1 - Easter Celebrations/Hop-a-Thon for TTh2s, MTTh3s, 5/4s, K
Sun. April 18 - Preschool Sunday—Our preschoolers will sing at the 11:00 service
Wed. April 21 - Zoo Field Trip: WF2.5s, MWF3s, 3/4s, 5/4s
Thurs. April 22 - Zoo Field Trip: TTh 2s, MTTh3s, 4/4s, K
Fri. May 7 - 4s Fashion Show and Mother's Day Tea in Barge Hall
Fri. May 7 - Kindergarten Mother's Day, Play & Lunch in the Church
Fri. May 14 - Spring Program



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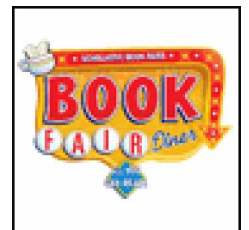
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEWS:

A great big THANK YOU to Pam Young (Caleb), Katie Maun (Kennedy), and Nikki Neswold (Kali) for organizing and running this year's book fair. You did a great job! And, thank you to all who were able to volunteer throughout the week. Thursday night was Family Fun night, and we had a great time meeting both the author and illustrator of Emma's Very Busy Week, as well as having some of our favorite books read by Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Babitt. Thank you, Lisa and Dana, for making reading so fun. And, we certainly don't want to miss the opportunity to thank all who shopped at the book fair. With everyone working together, the school earned enough Book Fair Dollars to purchase \$1070 worth of library books and teaching resources. Give yourself a pat on the back!



FLORIDA KINDERGARTEN COUNCIL ACCREDITATION

As you may have noted in the paperwork you received when registering your child, St. Peter's Preschool & Kindergarten is accredited by the Florida Kindergarten Council. And, you may have wondered - what is accreditation, who is the Florida Kindergarten Council, and what does this mean for my child?

Private schools choose whether or not to go through the process of accreditation, and most preschools choose not to do so. St. Peter's chose in 1999 to get our preschool and Kindergarten program accredited because we are dedicated to maintaining high standards in our school. Officially, accreditation is a process in which certification of competency, authority, or credibility is presented. It is somewhat similar to having an audit of one's finances. The Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC) validates and supports exemplary early childhood schools through the accreditation process and provides professional services to member schools. FKC itself is a member of the Florida Association of Academic Nonpublic Schools (FAANS). It is recognized as an official evaluative and accrediting organization for nonpublic preprimary schools of the State of Florida. Our school program is thoroughly reviewed every 5 years in order to maintain our accreditation.

What does this mean for your child? It means that St. Peter's chooses to commit to a higher level of standards than the average preschool, and we voluntarily submit to an accreditation process which takes a detailed look at every part of our school every 5 years. It means we are accountable. It means we benefit from the experience of other professionals as they take a look through our program with a fresh set of eyes. And with all of that, it means you and your child reap the benefits of this process.

St. Peter's is scheduled for our 5 year re-evaluation this month to renew our accreditation. FKC team members will be on campus March 14-16. They have already received our 200-page self-study notebook, and will spend time here at the school poring through our curriculum, policies, procedures, staff qualifications, finances, classrooms, playgrounds, library, resources - well you name it, they are going to review it! I look forward to their findings and recommendations.

KATIE MEEHAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Your child's portraits should be delivered to the school office next week. We will take the time to "Ooh and aah" over your darlings, but send them home to you the day they are delivered.



MDA HOP-A-THON

March 31 - April 1st. Watch for coming news. Your child will be bringing home information and a sponsor form to invite friends and family to support him or her in hopping as a fun way to raise funds for research benefiting Muscular Dystrophy treatment. Our children also learn about children with disabilities through lessons, stories and an instructional film. We hope to help our students develop positive attitudes toward ALL people with differing abilities. We will be meeting at the flagpole each day at 9:15 for an All-School Hop.

These are also the days for our school-wide Easter Egg Hunts. Room parents, get ready to stuff and hide a few eggs. We love this colorful hunt!



ST. PETER'S CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Get a jump on spring cleaning and start gathering up your lightly-used items to donate to the **St. Peter's Mountain of Hope annual Rummage Sale**. The sale will be held in Barge Hall on **Saturday, March 20th, 8:00 am - 2:00pm**.

Proceeds will benefit this year's Honduras Mission.

Items in good condition may be dropped off at St. Peter's church office Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. To arrange for pick up of large items, please contact Susie Millonig in the church office, 407-444-5673 or susie@splm.org. Thank You!

FOOTPRINTS OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to all who have had the opportunity to volunteer here at the school. We do realize that not everyone work that in to their already full schedules. Please make sure to log your time into the Footprint notebook in the school office.

Here are some opportunities for volunteering this month:

- We need someone to chair our **MDA Hop-A-Thon**. The materials are in, and need to be dated then distributed.
- **Playground Work Day** this Saturday, 8:00-11:00am. Please RSVP to the school office. Bring your buckets, rakes, and shovels!
- We do need help in **cleaning out** the office, library and teacher resource rooms. If you have some time in the mornings this week, we could use some extra hands.
- I will need someone on Tues, March 16 to be in the office with Sheryl during the morning hours as I meet with the FKJ team

MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Orlando Science Center: *H2Now: The Great Hydrogen X-Change, DinoDigs, Science Park, NatureWorks, KidsTown, Dr. Dave's Labs.* Visit <http://www.osc.org> for further information and details.

Walt Disney World: *Give a Day, Get a Day Disney Program:* Families who perform volunteer work within their community for a participating organization can receive a free one-day admission ticket to the Magic Kingdom or any of the other Disney theme parks.

4 Day Dream Pass: Florida residents get 4 days to any of the theme parks for \$ 99.00 plus tax.

Visit <http://www.disneyworld.com> for further details.

Pinocchio's Marionette Theater: Pinocchio until 03/21/2010. Funny Bunnies begins 03/24/2010.

Visit <http://www.pinocchio.net> for showtimes and box office.

Kids Eat Free: Tues- Texas Roadhouse, Gator's Dockside, Denny's
Wed- Swamp House River Front Grill, IKEA, Applebee's
Various days- Chick-fil-A, Ponderosa Steakhouse, Tijuana Flats,
Jersey Mike's ** call locations for details**

Ongoing Events:

Home Depot: *Kids Craft* held first Saturday of the month from 9AM to 12PM.

Visit <http://www.homedepot.com> for further details.

Bass Pro Shops: *Fish Feeding*, Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday.

Visit <http://www.basspro.com>

Lowe's: *Kid's Clinics*- Visit <http://www.lowes.com>

Lakeshore Learning-Crafts for Kids, every Saturday from 11-3, Free. See website for scheduled crafts.

www.lakeshorelearning.com

For more information on activities or upcoming summer camp registrations, visit www.gocityids.com