

First Friends Preschool News



It's Registration Time!!

Fall 2012 Registration Forms will be available Thursday the 2nd for current students and their siblings. Forms and handbooks will be sent home in children's bags and may be downloaded on our website, hsv1pres.org. Class preferences will be given in order of returned forms and registration fees. Registration for church members begins the following Thursday. Open House is held early August. Classes will be assigned before Open House! Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns regarding next year.

256-536-3354 Ext. 128

Happy Birthday !!

Keaton Anne Cannon 1st
 Madelynn Stanfield 10th
 Joaquin Abanses 22nd

Will Simpson 24th



Happy Valentine's Day to all our First Friends Families!!

February 14th is a great time for us to reflect on what God's Word teaches us about love.

1 Corinthians 13 4-7 and 13

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. **But the greatest of these is love.**

Wishing you all a loving Valentine's Day,

Melanie Fowler



Dates to Remember

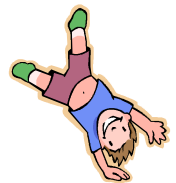
February 2nd

Daddy's Night (3's and 4's)

Registration Packets go home

February 9th

Matrix Field Trip (3's and 4's)



Fall Registration for Church Members

February 14th

Valentine's Day



February 16th

Fall Registration for the Public

February 17th

School Closed



March 27th-30th

Spring Break

The "True" Meaning of Valentine's Day??

When investigating the "true meaning of Valentine's Day", I found several different legends. The following was my favorite. "St. Valentine was imprisoned under Claudius II for his Christian beliefs, and while in jail, he restored the sight of his jailers' blind daughter through his faith and love for her. Before his execution, on the Feb.14. AD 269, Valentine sent her a note signed "From your Valentine." This phrase became the everlasting symbol of friendship, affection and sharing with others."

Class Reports

Infants Our littlest friends are beginning to get settled in. With all our new babies, we have grown to our maximum, with six babies in each class. Welcome!! Please remember to label **all** your children's items. Becky, Betty, Pauline and Laviter are doing a great job getting to know our new infants and what each one prefers. I love peeking in and seeing their special little personalities coming through. Thanks for sharing your blessings with us each week!

*Ms. Betty and Ms. Becky
Ms. Pauline and Ms. Laviter*

Ones Welcome back everybody! We had a great Christmas and wonderful break. We hope you got to enjoy a peaceful and blessed Christmas. Now that we are all rested, we are ready to get back into our routine and do some painting! Be sure to wear clothes that are warm, but ready to be splattered with fun! We have our projects planned and ready to go, but we have a few reminders, too! Continue to label everything, and if you are missing something (or get something extra at home) check with us. We hang onto things hoping to find them a good home. We'd also like to welcome two new friends to our class. Jack joined us in December and fits right in! Anthony just started this month and joins the Friday class with Ms. Linda and Ms. Dee. Welcome you both!

Ms. Donna, Ms. Linda & Ms. Dee

Twos Valentine's Day is fast approaching and the twos' class will be busy working on crafts to decorate our classroom and to bring home. We are working on many art skills. The children loved the shapes craft. We are very impressed with the number of shapes many of them can name! Also, con-

grats to several of our newly potty trained children. It is so fun to celebrate their progress.

Ms. Leila and Ms. Janie

Twos During the month of February we will be focusing on love. We will talk about how much God loves us. Our "young threes" will enjoy making beautiful Valentines with their friends. We are grateful for all our many blessings.

Ms. Leigh and Ms. Nicole

Threes Though we are so sad to see Ms. Ann go, we are glad to have Ms. Cheryl EVERYDAY!! We are spending this month celebrating GOD'S LOVE! His love for us and our love for each other. Our Valentines Party will be February 14th at 12:15. The letters of the month are P and Q. Ask your children to tell you some things around the house that start with this month's letters! Also, we are looking forward to Daddy's night!

Ms. Melissa and Ms. Cheryl

Pre K This month we welcome Ms. Nicole to our class on Wednesdays! We also get to see Ms. Cathy EVERYDAY!! During the month of February we are learning letters, N, O, P, and Q. We will learn what an opinion is while tasting different OREOS. We will celebrate "P" with pizza and PJ day. Our Bible verse is "Love one another" during the month of February.

Ms. Lora, Ms. Cathy and Ms. Nicole

Pre K While finishing up with the letter O, we made some outstanding octopuses! This week we are focusing on "P". Don't forget, the 3rd is "Pajamas and Pancakes" day! Q, R S and T are our letters

this month. Watch for Rainbows, Roosters, Sharks and Toucans! Please send 15 Valentines for our party on the 14th. Ms. Pam says that the class is really looking like a Kindergarten class!! Way to go with your letters this week.

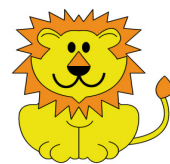
Ms. Pam, and Ms. Ashley

Bible Ms. Joan will be teaching our children about LOVE this month. "Love Can Build a Bridge", "Jesus Loves the Little Children" (found in Mark 10) and "The Good Samaritan" (found in Luke 10). Take some time to look up these verses and share them with your children!

Motor Skills Coach Madeline has been working the children hard! They are "shaking their sillies out" and doing the "bean bag boogie". The kids always have a great time with Coach Madeline. It is wonderful to start good exercise at an early age. Our Threes and Fours will be having a special exercise program on the 9th with the coaches at the Matrix!

Reminders:

- A quick drop off is best for our children in the mornings.
- Please make sure your children are getting to your car safely in the afternoons by holding their hands in the parking lots!



Lewis, the lion, says,
"and the greatest one is love"