

Will March come in like a Lion or a Lamb?

Dear Families,

March 2010

That's the question we will pose of the children when we take our unscientific survey at the beginning of March. The answers they give depend more on whether they want to craft with yarn or cotton balls, but it's fun to talk about the weather we'll have as Spring approaches.

The Preschool Advisory Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 2nd, 7pm, to further discuss the **Preschool Summer Program**. You're invited to attend the committee meetings, as well as volunteer to help in any and every way that interests you. Offering 4 weeks of summer fun for preschoolers requires many kinds of help and you may be just the person who can make a difference! Contact Liz Karlen (Jack's mom) or me for more information.

Our Handbell Program is ready for our audience. Now, we just need you to come and listen to us as we play! The program is **Wednesday, March 3rd, at noon**. Bring your cameras! This year's class is truly proficient with the bells. The hardest part of planning the program was how to keep it to a reasonable length of time!

On Sunday, March 7th, Christ Church welcomes the former President of Finland and 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Martti Ahtisaari. You are heartily invited to join us at 9:30am for a morning of special activities. You can read more about it at www.christchurchluth.org/getinvolved/events.html.

The 2010 Igloo has been such fun to play in! Many thanks to our builders and to all who collected bottles! It will be sad to see the igloo go, but it's time to move on to other activities...like the chick unit. However, even after five open house events and weeks of play, the 2010 Igloo has one more performance to make – the **meltdown event! Join us at 9:15am on Monday, March 8th**, as we pounce, stomp and tromp all those bottles for recycling! Our thanks go to Cody's family who has made arrangements for a recycling truck to haul it all away for us. Bring your cameras...and maybe your earplugs! ☺

The month of March means many things, including a **St. Patrick's Day party!** Ours will be **Wednesday, March 17th at 9:15am**. **Volunteers welcome!** Bring your dancing shoes!

Thanks to your positive response to our survey a few weeks ago, we will celebrate the beginning of Spring by moving forward with confidence into the **Chick Unit**. **This 7-week unit of study will begin mid-March and culminate in early May**. Our 17 eggs have been ordered and the incubator is being re-evaluated for optimal hatching success. I will drive to Owatonna to get the eggs on March 23rd, they will go into the incubator the same day and hatch around April 13th. While monitoring is required during the incubation period, the greatest need for volunteer help will begin when the chicks hatch. Watch for signup sheets closer to that time. Everyone is invited to enjoy this 'new life' project with us!

Spring Break will be March 29 through April 5. School will resume Wednesday, April 7, with our Easter Party at 9:15am. Volunteers welcome! During our party, we will crack open our Alleluia Cocoon and wake up "Alleluia".

Kids' Garden: Our courtyard garden has been a fun way to engage with Nature. This spring, we will watch for our colorful flower bulbs to grow and we will plant new flowers. There will be lots of ways for you to help! Watch for more information as the weather warms up.

Are You Interested in Self-portrait T-shirts? This project is *not* a fundraiser, but merely a parent-suggested, parent-organized, fun way to remember your child's Preschool days. If you are interested in this project, we will begin by having the children draw self-portraits in class (using permanent markers!). When we have 2-3 usable drawings, those of you who are interested will form a committee to select the best drawing of each child and choose the shirt color. Preschool becomes the method of distribution for information, order forms, money collecting, and delivery, but *you* execute the plan. Samples of previous T-shirts will be on display, soon. If you just can't wait for more information, talk to me and I'll get you started, right away! From beginning to end, this project takes every bit of time we have left of this school year. So, if it's going to happen, it has to happen, soon.

We will soon be "March-ing" into Spring! Enjoy the rest of the winter!

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