



**SCHOOL NEWS FROM SALLY
FEBRUARY 2017**



Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. This is one of the children's favorite days of the year. The month of February with mid-winter break goes by very quickly. By the time we return from break it will be time to ROAR into March and maybe a bit of spring. February brings us Valentines Day, mid-winter break, a visit to see a play for our fours/TK kids and class placement confirmation for 2017-18.

REGISTRATION

For those of you moving from pre-threes to 3/4 split, threes to Pre-K fours or Pre-K fours to the Transitional Kindergarten, your class placement confirmation letter is attached to this newsletter. For those of you returning next year, the current enrollment information (address, emergency contact, etc) that is on file follows your child into their next class. Any changes to these forms can be made at the fall open house or just by jotting down the changes and leaving it with your current teacher.

YOUR CLASS CONFIRMATION FOR 2017-18 IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

If your newsletter does not include an attached confirmation sheet we assume that you have made other arrangements for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have made other plans, we thank you so much for sharing your child with us this year and wish you the best in the future.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

This is just such an inviting room to run, play and scream in. We know the children love to do all of these things. But parents, please be mindful that this is a church. There may be people seeking the peace and quiet of the sanctuary for prayer, the music director has her offices just off the sanctuary, and that both the church pianist and organist often practice during the day. This is especially true of Lent and the time leading up to Easter. Just take a peek in the sanctuary to make certain you aren't disturbing anyone.

UPCOMING DATES

MID-WINTER BREAK: February 20 - 24

PICTURES: March 8/9

CONFERENCES: week of March 20th (Specific dates will be on your child's calendar)

SPRING BREAK: April 3 - 7

DAD'S NIGHTS: April 25 & 26 (Specific dates will be on your child's calendar and a specific date & time will be included in your child's invitation to their dad.)

There will be lots of Valentine love floating around. We hope you catch it too. Everyone enjoy the mid-winter break. See you back at school February 27th.

- Sally



CHANGES AT BEST BEGINNINGS:

Saying goodbye is never easy. But nothing can stay the same forever, even at Preschool. I have loved my 22 years at this school, getting to meet so many wonderful families and working with the most incredible group of women. Most of us have been together close to 20 years. Not only are we co-workers but friends. You might have noticed that we aren't getting any younger, that some of us are having birthdays with really big numbers, some of us have husbands that have retired, some of us have grandchildren. Many of are thinking about how to spend the years that lie ahead while our bodies and heads still are in working order.

At the January staff meeting I announced to the staff that next year, 2017-2018 would be my last year as Director. I will gradually phase myself out and turn the leadership of the preschool over to Kerry Lodge. Kerry has been with us for 10 years and holds a Master's Degree in Education. I know she will do a wonderful job leading this school into the future. Chris Porter will be leaving us at the end of this school year so she can enjoy more grandparent time and travel with her husband. Those of you who were lucky enough to have Chris as your child's teacher know how much she will be missed. She has made huge contributions to the lives of so many of our children.

These changes open up opportunities to add new people to our staff, both in lead and assistant teaching positions. I prefer that all my lead teachers have a background in education. The assistants need loving hearts and the ability to be supportive of the lead teacher as well as having the confidence to be in charge of portions of the day. If you are interested in talking with me about any positions or know of anyone looking for the "perfect" part time job just call and make an appointment.