



# March Newsletter

## Monthly Themes

February 26th– March 2nd: Dr. Seuss/ "The Good Samaritan"

March 5th-9th: Eric Carle/ "Mary and Martha"

March 12th-16th: St. Patrick's Day/ "A Short Man"

March 19th-23rd: Signs of Spring/ "The True King"

March 26th– 30th: Easter/ "The Last Supper"



### March Birthdays



- ◆ Tristan L.-March 2nd
- ◆ Ryan V.- March 4th
- ◆ Logan H.-March 8th
- ◆ Alexandra F. -March 10th
- ◆ Peyton A.-March 10th
- ◆ David A.- March 11th
- ◆ Aubrey S.-March 12th
- ◆ Ava C.-March 15th
- ◆ Violet W.-March 16th
- ◆ Jelani C.-March 18th
- ◆ Mack D.-March 29th

## The Many Benefits of Family Time

We love our families and spend so much effort trying to make money to provide them with a comfortable lifestyle — but sometimes we forget that giving our kids our time is more important than providing them with cool clothes or the latest technology trends. Even for older kids — who you'd be pretty hard-pressed to get to admit that they want more time with their parents and siblings — good solid family time has serious benefits.

**It builds self-esteem**  
Children who spend time with their parents participating in activities together build a positive sense of self-worth. When children feel that they are valued by their parents, they feel more positive about themselves.

Family activities don't have to be expensive to be meaningful. Take a walk together, go for a bike ride or play a game of basketball in the driveway.

**It strengthens family bonds**  
Families who share everyday activities together form strong, emotional ties. Studies have found that families who enjoy group activities together share a stronger emotional bond as well as an ability to adapt well to situations as a family. Share your favorite hobbies, sports, books, movies or other favorite activities and build strong family ties for life.

**It creates happy memories**  
Family time creates warm memories for parents and

children alike. Children with happy family memories are more likely to create a loving environment for their own children when they grow up. Learning to work and play as a family unit is one of the best lessons children can be taught so they can develop into competent adults and parents.

**It helps parents and children reconnect**  
Spending time together as a family helps busy parents reconnect with their children. Children tend to share more information about their lives while enjoying an activity with you. It is also a time when life lessons, like sharing, fairness and compassion, can be reinforced without conflict.

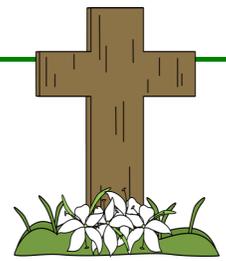


### Special Days in March

- ◆ March 2nd– Dr. Seuss Day
- ◆ March 7th– National Sock Monkey Day
- ◆ March 11th– Daylight Savings
- ◆ March 16th–St. Patrick's Day Party
- ◆ March 23rd– Jr/Sr field trip to Gymnastics Unlimited
- ◆ March 29th: Resurrection Party
- ◆ March 30th: Good Friday– Center Closes at 3:00

# Symbols of Easter

To Christians, Easter is much more than Easter bunnies and eggs: it is the most significant day in the year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. While Jesus should always be the focal point of Easter, many of these more commercial elements of Easter can symbolize parts of the Easter story. While they may have had different meanings at other times in history, now they help us remember our new lives in Christ.



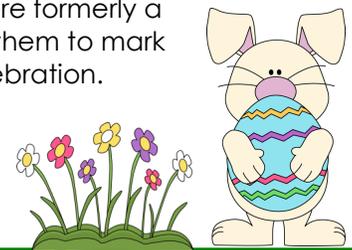
**Bunnies:** Rabbits represent the abundant new life available to us through Jesus.

**Flowers:** Many flowers are special symbols of Easter, representing new life as they bloom in the spring. Lilies are especially significant at Easter. As lilies grow from a bulb that appears dead, Christians remember how Jesus came back to life. White lilies, in particular, represent the purity of Jesus.

**New hats and clothes:** Wearing new hats and clothes at Easter is more than just a fashion statement. They also symbolize our new life in Christ, as we shed the old and welcome the new.

**Lambs:** Jesus is called the Lamb of God and lambs represent Jesus' sacrifice for us.

**Easter Eggs:** From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



## March Referral



## From the Office

Refer a full-time family to us in the month of March and receive an

**Amazon Gift Card!**

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New families must enroll for full-time, Monday-Friday care.

**Attention Parents:** we are looking for community members to come in on April 12th and educate our Pre-k children on your role in the community! If you are interested, please call the office for more information!

If you have not pre-registered for **Fall 2018** you may miss out on your spot! Hurry and get your contracts turned in to the office!

**Easter Candy** will be delivered here on March 15th. All orders will be labeled and in the hallways near your child's classroom.

