

Notes from Cindie...

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone that helped Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center have a successful day at the Kumquat Festival. We certainly could not have done it without YOU!

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THANK YOU!

Our New Infant Room will be opening soon! We are so excited to be able to offer this service and care for our community. I would like to thank Ms. Maryanne Young for helping us outfit the room. We are still looking for donations of gently used infant toys and mobiles.

Thank you for all the Basket Donations we received for our Basket Fundraiser! It was a great success. The proceeds raised will go towards outfitting our new Outdoor Classroom that will be used to enhance all of classroom curriculums with extra STEM activities.

Mr. Steve has been busy building equipment for our new space including the beautiful new tree bench. We are looking for donations of vegetable seeds for the new garden space, old pots and pans for our sound wall and some metal tubes that we can create an outdoor chime with.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Lenten Fish Fry on February 16th@ 5:30 pm! Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 10. Dinner includes: Fried Fish, baked beans, hush puppies, coleslaw, mac and cheese or cheese grits, cookie and a beverage.

Have a great month!

Ms. Cindie

Preschool II

February is already here! We had a wonderful month of January and the children had a great time learning about arctic animals. We also spent a great amount of time incorporating games and activities that focused on letters, numbers, shapes and colors, and fine motor development.

In February and part of March, we will be implementing our Community Helper Unit. The goal of this unit is to teach the children about important people in our community, about their prospective jobs, about the fact that both men and women can hold these jobs, and that people of all ages can perform these jobs. Our goal is to help the children gain a greater understanding of the community helper occupations, such as police officers, mail carriers, medical professionals, and firefighters. The children have a lot of fun imagining themselves in these important roles, and incorporating toy versions of the uniforms, equipment, and vehicles that go with them. Our classroom activities will help the children become more comfortable around emergency responders in uniform, and teach them basics about what to do in case of an emergency. Here are some ways the children learn about community helpers in the classroom, as well as at home:

- * Dramatic play: During dramatic play, we will provide children with costumes and props, and encourage them to choose the role they want to play.
- * Our students will learn about the special vehicles that community helpers use by playing matching games and reading books.
- * We will have class discussions about community helpers and encourage parents to come speak to our class about their profession, and how they help our community.

In addition to our Community Helper Unit, we will also be doing some Valentine's Day activities. We will be having a party on Valentine's Day, and I will have a sign-up sheet available for those who wish to donate treats.

Thank you, and we look forward to an exciting month!

Ms. Angie

Ms. Megan

Ms. Eloisa

Ms. Laura