

February 2018
VPK and Wrap-around

Welcome February! It's hard to believe how fast this school year is going. We have a lot planned for this short month.

We'll begin our month with a unit on **Community Helpers**. We will explore the different types of jobs that make our community special, and list where our mom's and dad's work. We will read stories about different types of jobs and discover which Patron Saint goes with that job...

- St. Michael the Archangel is the Patron Saint of Police Officers and Emergency Personnel
- St. Gabriel the Archangel is the Patron Saint of Communications and Postal Workers
- St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Fathers, Carpenters and Home sellers
- St. Christopher is the Patron Saint of Travelers and Truck Drivers
- The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Patron of Mothers

And many, many more...

February 14th is **Ash Wednesday**. This is the first day of Lent. During Lent we as Christians, are called to renew ourselves and to work extra hard at being the best we can be by doing good works for others, praying and trying to do what is right at home and at school. This year we will use **Our Lenten Way of the Cross**. Each week we will add a different symbol and say a different prayer. These will help us focus on the journey to Easter.

February 5th will begin our Community Helpers unit with a study of Transportation. We will review the road signs and create a few of our own, practice our transportation lacing cards and put together several truck and transport vehicle puzzles including a very long alphabet train puzzle.

The week of February 12-16 we will discuss the **Post Office** and Postal Workers along with **St. Valentine's Day**. We'll practice our fine motor skills and left to right progression by using a map to following the route needed to deliver mail to us. We will practice our matching hearts game and use conversation heart for counting and sorting.

We will celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14 with a party and card exchange beginning a 9:00am. We will send a class list home at the beginning of the February. A party food list will be posted on our clipboards. **Please remember we are a peanut and tree nut free classroom. Please check all labels.**

We'll finish our unit on Community Helpers by spending the week of Feb. 19-23 discussing **Doctors and the Dentist**. We will chart healthy foods and sort food labels, discuss the different tools used by a Doctor and the Dentist and enjoy a healthy snack.

A special thank you to all our parents for their monthly snack donation.

Ms. Kathy Sister Donna Ms. Janis Sister Elizabeth Ms. Kristen