

# Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

February 2019

## Kumquat Success!

### THANK YOU, KUMQUAT VOLUNTEERS!!

Thank You to all of the volunteers that helped make our Kumquat Festival Pie Booth a Great success! You have blessed us with your generosity~ We could not do it without you....

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### ANNUAL BASKET FUNDRAISER

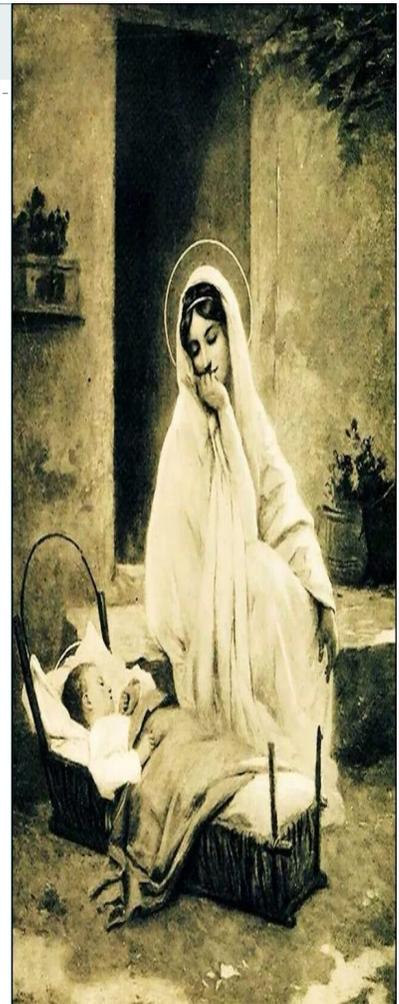
Parents please donate your themed gift basket for our annual Basket Fundraiser!

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Place your tickets in the baskets you want to be in the drawing for. You do not need to be present to win.

Have fun and be creative with your basket! Some popular themes are : Movie Night Basket, Spaghetti Dinner Basket, Chocolates Basket, Car Care Baskets, Kids Themed Toys baskets, Easter Baskets, Wine and Chocolate Baskets, Hickory Farms Baskets, Books, Gift Certificates to local businesses, Hunting and Fishing Baskets, Gift Cards to Restaurants, Hair care and beauty baskets, any idea you have !

Please deliver your baskets to the Center between February 8th and March 15th!

Drawing will be at the 2nd Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry on March 22nd.



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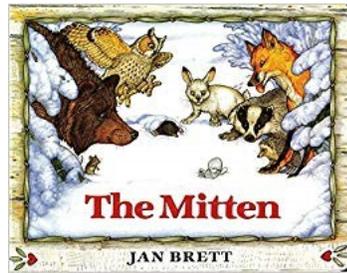
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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- February Birthdays
- Feast of St. Brigid
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## READERS NOOK



about a young boy named Nicki, who loses his mitten in the snow and his lost mitten becomes a host to a lot of different forest animals! I love all the animals, the little boy, and his grandma and the snowy outdoors. It's the perfect book to read during the winter seasons.

When Nicki drops his white mitten in the snow, he goes on without realizing that it is missing.

This is great book to use to introduce winter animals , one to one correspondence and spatial relations to children.

*The Mitten* is a Ukrainian folktale retold by *Jan Brett*. It's

*Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.*



## FLORIDA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ACCREDITATION VISIT

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Colin Schuwaloff 02-02-13

Stella Powell 02-04-17

Leeson Hendrix 02-03-16

Jazilyn Hernandez 02-21-14

Ms. Sandy 02-24

At Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center, we strive for excellence in all that we do. We have been going through the self-study process over the past year. The Florida Catholic Conference Accreditors will be here on February 6th and 7th to review our progress.

Throughout the two day visit, they will observe the classrooms and talk with teachers and meet with parents. Programs and policies along with Academic and Faith Formation curriculums will be reviewed.

We are looking forward to the visit as we welcome every chance to improve our early childhood center and service to our families.



## ST. BRIGID OF IRELAND

Patroness of Ireland and Learning

Feast Day February 1st

453— 525 (age 72)

St. Brigid established the first convent in Ireland in 468 and went on to establish many over the whole of Ireland and was the Mother Abbess to 13,000 nuns. She established schools and encourage everyone to learn regardless of station in life.

Patronage: babies; blacksmiths; boatmen; brewers; cattle; chicken farmers; children whose parents are not married; children with abusive fathers; children born into abusive unions; Clan Douglas; dairymaids; dairy workers; Florida; fugitives; infants; Ireland; Leinster; mariners; midwives; milk maids; nuns; poets; poor; poultry farmers; poultry raisers; printing presses; sailors; scholars; travelers; watermen



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8am & 10:30am

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## **INFANT I ROOM**

Where is this cold air coming from? I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and got lots of rest and relaxation. This is a New Year already. Time flies it's already Valentines Day. We will be painting with red and making hearts. We will hang up bags for each child If you would like to bring something in for them.

Don't forget our Basket Fund raiser. It would be appreciated if you could donate a basket or something to put in one. We will be doing the drawing at one of our fish fries. Don't forget they will be in March. Please come to help if you can or just enjoy a great tasting fish dinner (yummy!)

This month we will help your child to see what they can do for themselves liking holding their bottles, drinking out of sippy cups, and yes even trying to feed themselves. This will prepare them for the next room. If you have any questions feel free to ask. Thank you for the wipes each month.

Mrs. Linda

Ms. Maryanne

Ms. Katelyn

## **INFANT II ROOM**

During the month of January our theme was the New Year. We did lots of activities involving the New Year. The children created several art activities that went with our New Year theme. One of the activities we used their handprints and painted them blue. I also put 2019 on their handprints to symbolizing that it was the beginning of the New Year.

In February, we will be focusing on Valentines Day. We will be painting with our hands to work on our fine motor skills. The children will use red paint to go with our Valentine theme.

We will be working on getting good balance and walking around the classroom to explore. The table in the classroom will help the children use their balance and have the confidence to let go and stand on their own. There are also walking toys in the classroom that will help the children balance and practice pushing and walking.

Our class will be welcoming Tripp and Brianna to our class this month! We are very excited to have some new faces to join our group of happy children! We will be saying a sad goodbye to Lincoln and Logan who will be moving up to the One year old room! We are excited for Lincoln and Logan! I know they will do great in the One year old room!

Thank you for all the baby wipe donations! We will always welcome the baby wipes because we also use them for their faces and hands. Our class looks forward to seeing everyone grow and achieve greatness!

Ms. Katie

Ms. Emma

Ms. Amanda

## ONE YEAR OLD ROOM

January is gone already and what a busy month it was! Thank you to everyone that helped with making kumquat pies and working hard to sell them at the festival. We sold all 831 pies and we couldn't have done it with out you. Coming up real soon, we will be looking for help with our annual Lenten fish fry and also themed basket donations for our basket raffle. There will be a sign-up sheet for the help we need with the fish fry and if you need any ideas or suggestions for basket themes, just let me know.

Last month's weather has had us spending more time indoors, so we are really excited to be seeing some warmer days. Just as a reminder, we do attempt to go outside EVERY DAY TWICE A DAY. That being said, if the weather is cold, please dress your child with appropriate layers of clothing that can be put on for outdoor play and removed when we come inside. When it is cold outside, it is VERY warm in our classroom so it is nice to be able to remove layers when needed.

This month, we will be learning about the colors red, pink, and purple and talking about God's love for us and also how to show love to each other. We will have some new friends joining us from the purple room so we will also be learning about kindness and how to make new friends feel welcome. We will also be having a valentine's day party and exchanging valentines with each other on the 14th. I will put a list of names in each child's folder or you can just bring 12 valentine's cards or toddler friendly treats with your child's name on them and we will put one in each child's bag.

As of next week, our class will be at it's full capacity and this group of children will be together until at least July. We are going to start working on our toddler skills to help our new friends get up to speed with our older friends. We are going to start with attempting to limit pacifier use to nap time only and transition from drinking our milk out of a bottle to using toddler appropriate sippy cups. This is especially important for our older toddlers that will be moving up in July since we don't use sippy cups at all in our two year old classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

We hope your year is off to a great start and look forward to another fun filled month of learning with your children.

Ms. Jennifer

Ms. Kristi

Ms. Sandy

Ms. Nicole

Our Gingerbread Barn we made for snack on Friday!  
Thank you for all the participation during  
Catholic Schools "Fun on the Farm" Week!





## **FABULOUS LENTEN FISH FRY**

**Dinner includes: Fried Fish, Hushpuppies, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cheese Grits and a beverage!**

**5:00 pm– 7:00 pm**

**March 8**

**March 22**

*(Basket Fundraiser drawing will be held on this night)*

**April 5**

**Ticket Prices**

**Adults \$10.00**

**Children under 10 \$5.00**

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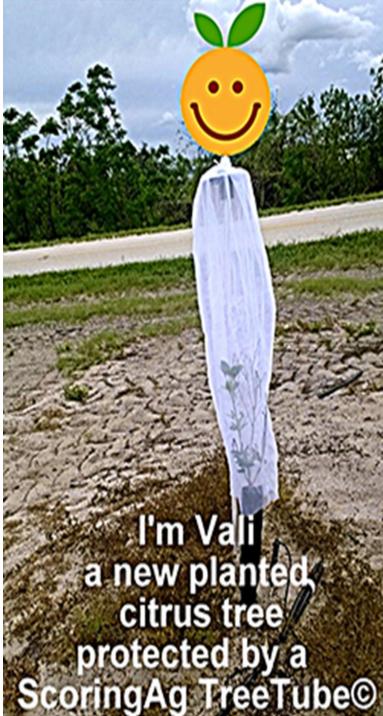
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## Kumquat Tree Net Sponsorship

We are asking that all of families sponsor a tree net in honor of your children and family members. Your sponsorship of 10.00 per net will help ensure the future of our Kumquat Industry here in St. Joseph, Florida, as well as ultimately support the center for years to come. Thank you for your generous support!

Please remit your sponsorship payment of 10.00 to:

Kumquat Growers, Inc.  
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[retail@kumquatgrowers.com](mailto:retail@kumquatgrowers.com)  
Tel 352-588-0544  
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## Thank you to our Community Partners



## TWO-YEAR-OLD ROOM

This month, we will be learning about the different modes of transportation ... Land, Sea, Sky and Rail. The children will learn through hands on activities, stories, dramatic play, sensory play, manipulatives and matching, and art activities.

We will dress up to celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please send the children in their favorite Valentine's attire! Our class will have a Valentine's Day Cookie Party at 3:30 pm on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. I will send out a name list for valentines next week. Please check your child's folder for more information.

Please donate a basket to our Annual Basket Fundraiser! Have fun creating your unique basket. Baskets will be raffled off on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry.

The weather is still a little chilly throughout the day, please keep bringing a jacket for your child everyday for outside play and Morning Assembly.

Thank you for your monthly donation of classroom snacks. The children love the variety and the chance to experience different tastes and textures. We are running a bit low on snacks at this time and could use some donations.

Thank you also for the monthly donation of wipes.

If you are ready to begin potty-training, we are ready to help you achieve Success! Please just let us know that you would like to begin. The key is consistency and once you begin, keep going even through tough weeks of accidents!

Thank you for participating in our Catholic Schools "Fun on the Farm" Week! We loved all the outfits and creative ways you showed your farming spirit!

Have a great February!

Ms. Monic Ms. Jodi Ms. Victoria

# *Benedictine Sisters of Florida*

**Join Us for Our  
February 17, 2019 Concert  
Sunday at 2:00 PM**



***Featuring the Choir from  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church***

***Janet Currier, Choir Director  
Ben Gordan, Music Director***

**In the Chapel  
at  
Holy Name Monastery**

**12138 Wichers Road  
South of SR 52 in St. Leo**



*Freewill donations appreciated*

*Social follows the concert*

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

## PRESCHOOL I



Our Color Unit has been so much fun!

Our **“Eat the Rainbow Party”** is **Friday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.**

Remember **one** member of your family is invited to attend.

**Valentine’s Day** is fast approaching. We will be celebrating on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please send in a card for each child in our class. There are currently 18 children enrolled in our class. Please **DO NOT** put the “To” name on the card. Leaving it blank will make it easier for your child to pass out the cards.



Our **Shape Unit** will begin on February 18<sup>th</sup> and go for 5 weeks. We will be exploring many shapes while focusing on Circle, Oval, Square, Rectangle and Triangle. The children will learn about how many sides and points each shape has. They will match and sort by shape. In addition, we will be looking for shapes in nature and around the school.



**Join us in this journey by looking for shapes with your child everywhere you go!**

Please remember to check your child’s basket frequently to ensure that they have a complete set of clothing in case of an accident or simply getting their shirt wet playing in the water bin. If your child has out grown some of their clothes, please consider donating any 2T, 3T or 4T **elastic** waist pants/shorts, underwear and socks to our class as extras.

Ms. Sally

Ms.Eloisa

Ms.Sytearia

# Preschool II

Dear Families,

February 8<sup>th</sup> ends our arctic animal unit. The children are having fun learning about the many characteristics of arctic animals and their environment. We did arctic animal and weather art, wore arctic animal masks for dramatic play, and had a good time with songs and discussions about the arctic. They especially enjoyed sensory play where they learned about icebergs and cold weather climates.

In **Communication and Language**, we read a selection of stories about arctic animals and had many wonderful discussions about how the animals adapt to their environment.

In **Math**, we played games and matched and sequenced numbers. The children really enjoy these games as they are learning how you can have fun with numbers as you learn.

In **Expressive Art**, we did winter art collages, made penguins, snowflakes, and the children used their creative imaginations to create art through painting, scribbling, coloring, and gluing.

In **Phonics**, we are continuously learning the sounds of each letter of the alphabet. The children enjoy sharing with the class words that begin with each sound. This is something parents can do at home as well.

Starting Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our Community Helpers unit. The unit will run until March 8<sup>th</sup>. The children will learn that community helpers are people who work together to make the community a better place for everyone. Parents can further reinforce the importance of Community Helpers by talking to your child about Community Helpers when you see them around town, or even planning a visit to your local police or fire station. You can also encourage pretend play by acting as Community Helpers with costumes or other props. These activities will help children understand their role in the community and learn that there are people who can provide safety when we need it.

As a reminder, please check your child's clothing bin regularly to make sure there is always a full set of changing clothes. I would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you do.

Ms. Angie Sr. Donna Ms. Erika Ms. Ashley



## VPK I

Dear Parents,

February is here and we have some exciting learning information for you to know!

This month, we will be learning about Valentine's and how God wants us to love one another as the scriptures talks about in 1 Corinthians 13-4:5. Along with this we will have a Valentines Celebration and Valentine card writing exchange to our friends. Our class will also be learning all about Dinosaurs. We plan on making a dinosaur cave and a volcano. We will be exploring and excavating, dinosaur eggs and fossils. We will be able to tell you the different kinds of dinosaurs and which is carnivore and which is herbivore. This month also includes Ground hog day and we will also be understanding what a shadow is. The early childhood education domains that we will be covering are, 1, Language and Literacy, 2. Cognition and General Knowledge, 3. Approaches toward learning.

I am so proud to see our class come so far in the learning process! I see that our children have gained a lot from the of sight words, Numbers 1-30, adding and subtraction concepts. Understanding letters, words and sounds, Social Mature skills, Vocabulary, Pre- reading. I am so proud! Keep up the good work!

Please, don't forget the Jackets for school. Please write your child's name in their Jackets. If it is a cooler day and they do not have a jacket they really can not go outside. We already have jackets left behind with no names in them. Please make sure you take your child's Jacket home to be washed and add their name before bringing it back to school.

Thank You so much for all you do. Thank You for trusting us with your world, Your Child.

Matthew 18:2-5

"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Mrs. Ida and Miss Riley

## VPK II

Dear Parents/ Grandparents/Guardians,

Peace and Joy of Jesus Christ be with you all!

We are very happy to inform you that your children are doing great at following the class room rules, daily schedule and class room routines.

January was a very joyful, fun and exciting learning month for our children. Thanks and God's abundant blessings to you all for your support and generosity in various ways to our Class and to our School.

Our study topic for this month include: ***Our World, Community, Transportation, Valentine and Shapes***

We will discuss and learn about healthcare workers, emergency workers, workers in a school, service workers, and government helpers. We will talk about how community helpers are a benefit to the community, and each child will have the opportunity to share personal stories about his/her experiences with community helpers.

Children will learn to identify different modes of transportation and the vehicles used for each mode. And they will learn about the uniqueness and similarity of the different vehicles.

We will discuss and learn about Valentine's Day and how to spread love and kindness all around them.

Children will learn to identify and name the shapes they see in the classroom and in their own clothing. We will discuss how shapes are alike and how they are different.

This month is going to be a lot of fun with our puppet Community helpers, dramatic play, special art and crafts, songs, finger plays and cooking activities with our Baker Sr. Donna.

We will continue our learning making patterns, Math activities for building Number sense to 1-20, Counting down numbers from 10-0, addition to 5, Learning Alphabet letter, sound and brainstorm to find the words that begin that letter sound, sight words and Compound words.

We will be focusing on getting ready for Kindergarten. If you have any questions about your child and their readiness, please feel free to ask. We feel so blessed to be on this journey with you and your children.

Thanks again and God's abundant blessings to you all for your co-operation, support and generosity.

Sr. Elizabeth & Ms. Krystal

## Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center Basket Fundraiser



Please Donate a Themed Gift Basket to raffle off at the  
**Sacred Heart Fabulous Fish Fry on March 22, 2019!**



Thank You

All of your Basket Donations are Greatly Appreciated and Benefit the Early  
Childhood Center

Please deliver baskets between February 8 - March 15

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Notes from Cindie...

We had a great time during Catholic School Fun on the Farm Week! Thank you for participating and being so creative with your children's outfits. The class pictures are going to be so cute! Just wait until you see them!

Sacred Heart ECC is currently in the process of applying for **Accreditation through the Florida Catholic Conference**. Assessors will be here for the accreditation visit on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope that by engaging in the process of accreditation and self-study that we may better serve all our children and families every day.

Sacred Heart's 10:30 Choir "10:30" will be performing at Holy Name Monastery on Sunday, February 17, 2019 @ 2:00 pm. Please come out and enjoy the day with the sisters and hear some wonderfully uplifting music. Please contact Holy Name for more details at 352-588-8320.

Upcoming Events ...

**The Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry** will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to volunteer for one of these nights and plan to eat some delicious food!

In conjunction with our Fish Fry's we will also host our **Basket Fundraiser**. Donations of themed baskets may be dropped off at the center anytime from now until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will hold the drawings for the baskets at the Second Fish Fry. You do not need to be present to win.

We ask parents and families to donate a themed basket or reach out to local businesses to donate gift certificates for goods or services that can be added to a basket. Some theme ideas include, hair care, Bar-B-Que, car care, wine and dinner, movie night, home game night, Kids Toy themes and any other ideas you can think of. Gift certificates for dinner, movies, oil changes, vacations and theme parks are always popular as well. No basket is too small or too big! Be creative and have fun making your basket.

Please check your child's folder daily for information about center events. As always you may read our newsletter online at **[www.sacredheartecc.com](http://www.sacredheartecc.com)**. Please let us know if you prefer the paper edition as well. We love to hear your feedback to ensure we are meeting your family's needs.

I hope that you all have a Blessed Month,

Ms. Cindie

HAPPY  
February



## After School Enrichment Program

We hope everyone has had a great start to their New Year.

Themes for this month include community, world maps, transportation, Valentine's Day and horses. We have many activities planned throughout the month incorporating our themes.

For our Faith Formation, we will continue with our morning assembly which includes the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary as well as our Kids' Daily Devotional. We will also sing Jesus Loves Us. Our bible stories will cover ...



- + Jesus Picks His First Disciples (Helpers)
- + Samaritan Woman at the Well: A Story of a Loving God



This month, we will focus on transportation. In our block and construction area, we will build cities and raceways, and we will incorporate maps in our math learning center and during art/creative expression. We will construct cars out of art supplies and the students will design their own map.

With **Valentine's Day** approaching, we will have a lot of activities all about this day and will discuss St. Valentine. **Be sure to wear your Valentine's colors!** The students will experience Pink Pancakes & syrup, Valentines ribbon play, Frozen Hearts science, and Sensory play that includes Pink shaving cream and pink colored rice with heart toys. We will be making Valentine cards and work on a heart tree craft project.

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY ♥

On Valentine's Day, we will be having a **VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**. Stay tuned for details ...



Our Chapter book this month is The Black Stallion. We will also spend some time drawing and painting horses.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, schools will be closed for President's Day although we will still be open. Full day care will be provided for any students requiring care. Be sure to let us know if you will be with us this day.

Thank you for allowing us to care for children.

*Ms. Debbie & Ms. Laura*

Throw  
kindness  
around like  
confetti

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

Valentine's Dress Up Day

