**Monthly Prayer**

The children will be practicing the following prayer throughout March:

Dear Lord, before I run to play, bless me throughout the day.

Amen

**Happy Birthday**

The following children are celebrating their birthday this month: Abigail Bloom (3/1), Zachary Droivold (3/9), Zyla Rosas (3/12), and Leonardo Bernacchia (3/18). Happy Birthday!

**Curriculum**

We will introduce the letters R through U along with the sounds and zoophonics movements associated with each of these letters. We will also review the letter N through Q. The children will explore units on Food Pyramid/Plate, Reptile, St. Patrick’s, Transportation and Easter. We will be reinforcing the Rr sound by celebrating Red Day on Thursday, March 12th and Friday, March 13th. Please send your child in something red.

**Pre-K Press**

We are working on our patterning skills this month with the focus on ABC patterns. In addition, we are learning numbers 8, 9, and 10, as well as reviewing the numbers 2 and 5. We are also working on sequencing three and four step events. We will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day on Tuesday, March 17th with a small Pre-K celebration. If you would like to donate to our party, please see Miss Danielle or Miss Angie.

**Pre-K Registration**

Registration packets were distributed last month to families and children not moving on to Kindergarten in the Fall. Open registration begins Monday, March 16th at 5:30 pm with an Open House for prospective parents. Please make sure we have your application and registration fee in order to ensure your child’s spot for next year. The deadline for returning families was Friday, February 28th. All children will be enrolled on a first come first serve basis after March 16th.

**Kindergarten Applications**

Kindergarten applications are available on line and in the school office. You may call Annunciation School at 444-4000 for additional information.
March Book Orders are due Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 6th. Your support of our book program is greatly appreciated by your children and teachers. Thank you!

Help keep our Catholic traditions alive and thriving! Teach your child classic prayers each month. Try focusing on the following catholic prayer this month as part of your prayer ritual:

Miraculous Medal Prayer
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for those who do not have recourse to thee, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to thee.
Amen

We will acknowledge St. Patrick’s Day on Tuesday, March 17th with a simple celebration. Our classroom will experience a surprise visit from leprechauns. We will read Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss and enjoy a green snack.

The school and the preschool continue to follow universal health precautions to keep our environments and your children as healthy as possible.

I felt it was important to share information printed in Beehively (Annunciation School Parent Resource) from the principal regarding the Coronavirus. The letter is as follows:

Dear Parents/Guardian,
With the presence of the Coronavirus COVID-19, you may be wondering what precautions are being taken to keep our school community healthy.
At this time, there is low risk to residents of California from COVID-19. According to public health officials, students and staff should continue their normal routines and take the same precautions they would during cold and flu season.
We encourage all students, parents, and staff to take everyday preventive actions:
Stay home when sick.
Remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.
Seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe, e.g., high fever or difficulty breathing
Use “respiratory etiquette”.
Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. See CDC’s Cover Your Cough page (https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm) for multilingual posters and flyers.
Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.
Wash hands frequently.
Encourage hand washing by students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and the provision of adequate supplies.
Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces.
Separate sick students and staff from others until they can go home. When feasible, identify a “sick room” through which others do not regularly pass.
Encourage flu vaccine for those who have not had it this season to reduce illnesses and absences on campus. The flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19 but is still highly recommended as flu cases are still increasing.
We will continue to stay in contact with our local county public health officials and keep you posted on any changes.
Please keep all who are affected by this illness in your prayers and remain prayerfully hopeful of the work done to alleviate and eradicate this virus.
Peace,
Beverly Fondacabe, Principal

There are no preschool early dismissal days this month. Wednesday, March 11th will be a noon dismissal for Annunciation School.

There is no school on Friday, March 20th for Spring Break Day!

Our annual Annunciation Preschool Spring fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2020. A flyer was placed in your child’s file folder with additional information. Please remember that we require and need each family to sign up to help work this event. A reminder will be placed in your child’s file folder that informs you of the area you volunteered to help and what time to arrive. Thank you to the many families who have donated baskets and those who generously offered to bake or provide desserts for our fundraiser. We are continuing to accept donation baskets. Please speak with Miss Lori or Miss Shannon if you have any questions.