

# School News

March 2019



## First Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten



***“Continue to live in Christ Jesus,  
rooted and built up in Him,  
strengthened in the faith  
as you were taught.”***

Colossians 2: 6-7

### From the Director

Dear Parents,



March: in like a lamb? Hopefully not out like a lion!



February was a busy month including Valentine's Family Fun Night. We had lots of fun playing games, winning prizes, and enjoying all kinds of tasty pastry.

Thank you to all our parents who completed the ASQS:SE-2 and 3 questionnaires. The completion of the questionnaire every six months **is a requirement for continued enrollment.** Your input and participation helps to continue providing the best quality education and nurturing care possible.



#### Important Dates

**March 1-31**

Registration Time

**March 25-29**

Spring Break—Our school is open

**Monday, April 1**

Open Enrollment Begins

**Saturday, April 27**

2-4:00 p.m. Spring Gala

#### School Colors

 **Mondays:** yellow and/or white

 **Tuesdays:** red

 **Wednesdays:** orange and/or brown

 **Thursdays:** blue and/or purple

 **Fridays:** green



How many shamrocks can you find? The answer is on page 4.

Spring Break for the grade school children is March 25 through March 29. Our school will be open and we will be providing all-day care for our After School students. **The charge is \$20 per day.** **Please pay in advance**

**ENROLL NOW** 

March 1 through March 31 is **Registration Time** for our current families to re-enroll for the new school year, 2019-2020. **The Registration Fee of \$75.00 is required to reserve a space next year.** Please fill out the Registration Form even if your child will not be returning.

Open enrollment begins April 1, 2019 for new students.

Spring will soon be here. We hope that the month of March brings a renewal and a refreshing of spirit as we prepare to

celebrate the risen Christ in April. As the school year begins to draw to a close, we are striving to complete the curriculum and work towards each child's success.

Parents, we have asked each child to supply a blanket for naptime and to take it home to wash each Friday. There is a charge of \$5.00 per week for the use of a school blanket. Help us keep our laundry bill down!



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Peace & love,



—Ms. Barbara  
Director

## 123 Sesame Street Room



123 is marching into March. Hooray! Wow! We are already in the month of March and the 123 classroom has had so much fun already.

Thank you to everyone that was able to come out to our annual Valentine's Family Fun Night. It was wonderful being able to spend time getting to know some of our families better. 



In the month of March our fun will continue as we learn about the wonderful author, Dr. Seuss, explore the color green, and celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

There will be additional information going home regarding our special week of Dr. Seuss. Please be on the lookout for the information in your child's can.



Also, please take the time to read the "Our Day in 123 Sesame Street" posting in the hallway. This gives you and your child an opportunity to reconnect and have a conversation about their day. This helps build your child's language development as well as teaching your child the back and forth conversation cues.

As the months are changing, please take the time to look in your child's locker to ensure that their change of clothes are appropriate for the weather.

### Important Dates

March 4	Ms. Elise's birthday
March 14	Ella Rose's birthday
March 15	Nora's birthday
March 18	Wesley's birthday

If you have any questions or concerns, please stop by or send an email.

—Ms. Paris, Ms. Elise, & Ms. Sharonda



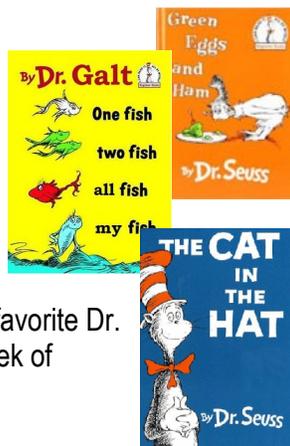
## Sunshine Room



Well, another month has flown by, as we say good-bye to February and hello to March. We look forward to spring-like weather and spending more time outdoors and learning about the changes in seasons.

Last month we honored Black History Month with story time, music, and arts and crafts.

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday this month. It is very important that you take time out each day to read to your child. This builds their imagination and their vocabulary, and introduces them to the world around them. We encourage all of our students to bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss books during the first week of March.



### Special Notes

- There are still children that do not have a complete change of clothing kept in their lockers.
- March 2 is Dr. Seuss' birthday—Please send some of his favorite Dr. Seuss books to share.
- March 17 is St. Patrick's Day—wear something green on Friday, March 15. 
- March 21 is the first day of Spring.

Anytime that you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We will be glad to set a time when we can sit down and talk together.

We hope you really enjoy the coming spring weather!

—Ms. Chely, Ms. Mary, & Ms. Janet



## Friendship Room



The groundhog promised spring is coming soon...Spring is coming March 20. Friendship Room hopes spring weather comes, too.



Your teachers spent a day at a workshop learning, collaborating, and networking with teachers and resources from around the area.



One resource that Friendship Room want to share with all of you is Illinois Learning Project. They can be found at [illinoisearlylearning.org](http://illinoisearlylearning.org). They have a Twitter and Facebook site also.

This site has blogs, pod casts, videos, and resource lists on a variety of topics. You will be seeing tip sheets in your child's cans over the next few weeks.

The first week of March we will celebrate Read Across America, and the writings and rhymings of Dr. Seuss. Reading Is Fundamental is proud to partner with National Education Association to promote Read Across America. Celebrate and grow a community of readers.



The teachers will be exploring culture as part of our growth in being educators. A project for families to do is:

### Exploring skin color, hair, and eyes

Children are active observers of physical characteristics. As they become familiar with some of their own features and those of their classmates, help them to have vocabulary and ideas to understand sameness and difference. There are many ways to involve children in discovering similarities and differences among themselves, their teachers, and their families.



Later this month Friendship Room will be exploring pets. If you have a pet, please send a photo of your child and their pet(s).

Also, we still need photos of our parents at work. This is part of our ongoing project on diversity.

As with any photos, please drop off or email them to the school at [fbc820@yahoo.com](mailto:fbc820@yahoo.com). Please put "print for Friendship" in subject line.

—Ms. Rita & Ms. Netty



## Rainbow Room



Welcome to another month, and what an exciting one it is as we can finally prepare for Spring! We're hoping to see a change in the weather so we

can begin exploring outdoors again. It's been a long and cold winter, and we're noticing the effects of cabin fever. There's an old saying, "March winds come in like a lion and go out like a lamb!" Let's hope for winds instead of more snow.



February went by so quickly. There was the Valentine Family Fun Night which rocked! We're so happy that so many of you could join us! Then we all celebrated Valentine's Day with a party and healthy treats. Birthdays were celebrated as **Beckett, Aaron, and Lily** turned 5!

During all that fun we found time for some interesting units. We learned how the heart works, and the things we must do in order to keep it healthy. We talked about how to keep our teeth healthy and white. Finally, we learned about some interesting African Americans and the contributions they made to society.



March brings more discoveries and fun. We'll welcome the month with a tribute to Dr. Seuss. We'll talk about pets and different animals and the importance of "going green."

St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, so please dress your child all in green on Friday, March 15. A special party is planned and healthy snacks are welcome.



Happy birthday to **Brooklyn** (March 18).

—Ms. Rebekah, Ms. Erica & Ms. Amber

## Kindergarten



This year is moving right along. It is March already and we only have three more months of school to go. Hopefully, spring will be in the air soon. The temperature is changing and it is lighter outside when it's time to go home.

We will be discussing more about the change of the weather and the new season we will be in. Throughout the month we will look at more common spring activities. We will start to go outside and begin to plant flowers. We will take walks around the neighborhood and observe the signs of spring.



Please discuss with your child the changes around your home and what will happen as spring arrives. If you are putting out flowers or changing colors around your home, explain to your child how spring is the beginning of new life and bolder colors.

Let's enjoy this coming weather!

—Ms. Debra



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There are 2 shamrocks on Page 2.  
There are 6 shamrocks on Page 3.  
There are 4 shamrocks on Page 4.  
There are a total of 15 shamrocks!

## After School Program—Boys



Hello parents, we have been busy celebrating Black History month and Valentine's Day. The class has also been working hard on our reading skills and working on homework.

This month we will continue to explore our STE(A)M skills through fun classroom projects. We will also be having three new clubs: **The Cooking Club:** one a month students will have a chance to explore new recipes and learn cooking techniques; **The Gardening Club:** Students will work with ASP staff to learn how to care for plants; **Reading Buddies:** students will be assigned to preschool classrooms for reading time. More information will be given for these clubs. **Please bring Containers Metal and plastic only.**



Thank you for your support!

—Ms. Sharonda

## After School Program—Girls (The Cheer Cheetahs)



**MARCH MADNESS!!!** - Spring is coming! The Cheer Cheetahs are SUPER EXCITED for SPRING this month! We are cheering on the Spring Season this year, All Things Green! - by venturing out into the world... visiting nearby parks, learning about seeds, plants, and plant life cycle, as well as planting seeds in the classroom and watching them grow.

Craft projects will include making flowers as we wait for our classroom plants to grow and bloom.



We will continue our sports and games in the gym combined with the ASP Boys and will be having pro social group conversations on various interesting topics such as solving problems, our feelings, and working together.



Thank you to all of you who participated in our Valentine's Family Fun Night last month! Please visit our blog to see photos from the event: [1stbaptistpk.blogspot.com](http://1stbaptistpk.blogspot.com)

We are open full days 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for D97 Spring Break.

—Ms. Laura and The Cheer Cheetahs



***Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 19: 14***