

January News

Happy New Year!!! We hope that all of you had a joyous Christmas season with your family and friends and that the new year brings you much happiness and good health.

Winter Weather is typical of how our January curriculum emerges. Freezing temperatures, snow, hail, frost, steaming roofs, clouds, rain, rainbows, wind, puddles for jumping in and lots of great mud for sensory encounters. It makes learning so much more fun and meaningful when we learn by doing and live the experiences as they are happening. There will be lots of opportunity for Math Concepts, Science Discovery and ways to explore the Wonder of why God made the raindrops or how He made the snowflakes.....



Martin Luther King Jr. Had a Dream: We'll gently share how he worked hard for unity and peace and of how he believed that God would guide him.

School will be closed Monday, January 16th to honor his B-day.

Chapel Time and Bible Stories: We will begin to share the New Testament with the children as we review the Birth of Jesus and share the following stories: Jesus Grows Up, Jesus is Baptized, Jesus Chooses His Disciples and Jesus Teaches on a Mountain

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Pizza Days---Wednesday and Thursday January 4th and 5th.

Marin Formative Registration for Returning Families and New Families Starting Soon.

We will begin our 2012-2013 registration on January 23rd for returning families and February 1st for new families. Forms, rates, program schedules and additional information will be available at that time to help you with your decision. We have full classes this year moving up into Koalas and Pre-k with waiting lists for new families. Our Teddy's also have a waiting list for the upcoming school year. So, we expect that our classes will fill up quickly. Please share this information with your families and friends.

Announcements



Marin Formative Family Pasta Feed Fundraiser

Volunteers to help plan and organize this fun family event for friends and extended family too.

This is our first attempt so we are open to your ideas. Here are some preliminary thoughts:

- We are hoping for an April date
- Easy Menu/Food Preparation
- Include a live/silent auction. We have done this before and have some leads for donors.
- Parent contacts have also been successful in gathering auction items from friends, family and local businesses that are willing to support our school. All donation letters and forms are already created.
- Access to the Fully Equipped Church Kitchen and Hall with plenty of tables, chairs and room for entertainment if desired. Playground available for extra kid area with activities.
- Opportunity for older high-school siblings to earn community service and help with serving, etc...
- Other ideas.....
- Please contact Mrs. Sandy if you are able to support and help. We will set up a time to meet soon.

Outdoor Playground Project

Our Pasta Feed Fundraiser will help us to continue in the on-going effort to raise funds to launch our outdoor classroom. As we investigate how children learn and the importance of extending teaching to the outdoor environment, the desire for a more “green” and natural “back to basics” approach is emerging.

“The **playground** of the future is beginning to take shape, and it looks a lot like the backyard of the past.”

Please visit <http://www.planeteearthplayscapes.com/> for some general ideas and slideshow.

We have been granted permission from the Church to utilize the areas along Ellen Avenue (extension of our garden area towards Las Gallinas as well as a separate playground for our Teddy’s right outside their classroom facing Las Gallinas). We are excited about the possibilities and look forward to inviting you to share in our visioning.

Thank you for all of the Food Drive Donations

You “can” continue to bring your donations to school. White cart is located outside the Koala sliding glass door. We will add ours to the Lucas Valley Community Church Barrel which collects all year long.

Help Support the Homeless Community

This is another wonderful opportunity to teach our children how we can help our homeless friends to stay warm and dry during the cold winter season. We will be collecting outgrown and/or gently worn jackets, sweaters, gloves, hats, socks, blankets and sleeping bags for Local Bay Area adults and children.

Comfort Bags for Homeless Children

Please look for flyers located outside next to sign-in sheets for additional information. Or see attachment.