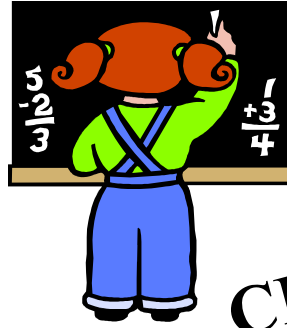




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Our Saviour's Celebration Community Life Center



From The CHALKBOARD

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Parent Education Series:

"From We to Three"

an interactive value based workshop for parents



**Monday morning,
March 7, 9 am
Or**

**Tuesday evening,
March 15, 7 pm**



This workshop helps you to

- ◇ learn how to make ends meet,
- ◇ understand the importance of protecting your family,
- ◇ Learn how to get your children started on the right foot financially
- ◇ Achieve financial balance



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Child Care is available by reservation at both presentations.

There is no cost for this workshop.

However, we ask that you call Celebration Children's Center for seating reservations: 630-281-4300.

February Highlights

This month it was all about \$. What do we do with it besides spend it? We learned that it "saves" well and "shares" well, too; and sometimes it's hard to make those decisions. So we counted, and we played. We learned there are 5 pennies in a nickel, 10 pennies in a dime, 25 pennies in a quarter, and WOW! ... 100 pennies in \$1. Pennies are important, because they add up. With envelope wallets filled with paper dollars that had been earned, children shopped in their classroom stores. The plastic bananas, apples and oranges from the play kitchen all of the sudden wore price tags; and children learned that the food taken for granted everyday costs money. They can't spend all they earn on toys they need. And what did they do when the wallet became empty? This was a test of problem solving skills. However, one little boy had a light bulb moment solution. "I know! .. just go to the bank and get some more!?" So then some rooms set up bank areas; and they were the most benevolent banks; trying to satisfy all their customers! Pastor Janelle told us the story of a woman who had a shiny coin and lost it. She didn't have a lot of money; so this coin was very special. She looked everywhere and finally found it. How happy she was! Did you know that God is just as happy when he finds each of us when we loose track of Him? That was a happy story. We became scientists when we saw how dirty money looks sometimes. Pennies should be gold. So we washed them with soap and water, but it didn't work. So we tried ketchup. We also tried lemon juice, vinegar, and tomato sauce. They all made our money shiny. It's about something called "acid" that gets rid of the yuck on money. It snowed this month, too; sometimes so much that we couldn't come to school. Then it snowed again and again. We like snow; but this year ... "not so much".

A Family Night With Pizza Supper and the Fitz Family!



Tuesday,
April 26

Mark it on your
calendar and
watch for
details.



Phonemic Awareness

It's All About The Way You Say It

At a parent teacher conference, the preschool teacher gently shared with a father and son that they were working on sharing because the young boy's behavior was sometimes a bit *selfish*. The little student looked down. His father spoke up, asking his son, "Do you understand what that means? *Selfish*?" The preschooler replied sadly, "Yes," sheepishly adding, "But, I'm allergic to *shellfish*."



Lutheran Schools and Early Childhood Centers

National Lutheran Schools' Week 2011
March 6 –13



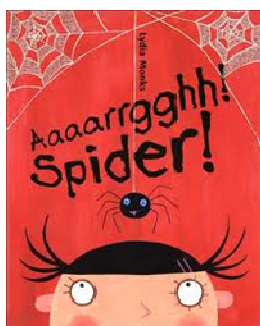
Come worship with us as our children participate in the service on Sunday, March 13, at 10:00 am, at the Celebration Campus.

Celebration Children's Center is just one of thousands of Lutheran Schools and Early Childhood Centers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the United States and the Caribbean.

The Children's Center is also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association.

March Learning Through Literature

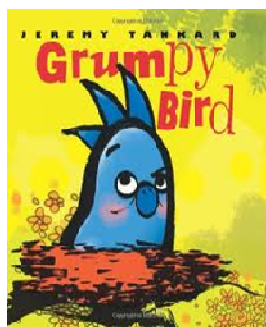
A tiny spider and little bird have hopped from the MEADOW and onto the pages of our March selections.



Aaaaarrgghh Spider! by Lydia Monks

Spider has entered a PEOPLE home and would very much like to be part of the family! We'll be looking at the word choices and fonts chosen by author and illustrator Lydia Monks to enhance the meaning of her story. Hmmmmmmm. Will spider be coming to YOUR home?

Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard



Have you ever gotten up "on the wrong side of the bed?" Bird is having one of THOSE mornings. Who helps him? How do we help others? We'll continue our text-to-self comprehension strategies and use our emergent writing skills. Jeremy Tankard's story parallels Jesus' unconditional love for us...even on grumpy days!



PRESCHOOL CAMPS

For children who have completed at least one year of preschool up to and including children who have just finished kindergarten

"Balls of Fun" June 13-16 (morning session only)

"The Interesting Life of Bugs" June 27-30

"Pirates on the Playground" July 5-8

"Surf's Up" July 11-14

Online Registration at

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