



# SCCP Kids Connection

January 2010 Edition

## From the Director's Desk— The Kindergarten Quandary



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Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed a special Christmas and Happy New Year with your family and friends.

All of us at SCC Preschool are excited to see the children again and are looking forward to a month full of learning, laughter, and play.

While the children will be immersed in a range of winter-time activities, we will be opening up registration for next fall. Most other schools—including those at the elementary level—are doing the same.

Sometimes, deciding whether to register a child for another year of preschool or to move ahead to kindergarten can be a difficult choice.

A few things you may want to keep in mind if you are

uncertain or undecided about what will most benefit your little one include:

**Developmental milestones** These are the best indicators of kindergarten readiness. Is your child continuing to struggle with separation anxiety? Perhaps another year at preschool would boost his confidence. Or, does your child have a difficult time staying on task? Maybe a few more months in a less rigorous environment would

provide just the opportunity she needs to grow in this area.

**Kindergarten curriculum** Because educational expectations exceed those of even ten years ago,

students are being taught from what had previously been a first grade curriculum. While your child may be more than ready for the academic challenges of modern education, don't be concerned if he isn't quite prepared for such a demanding curriculum.

Remember, development occurs on to its own timetable.

**Go on tour** Often, visiting a prospective school will provide invaluable insight and assist you in making your decision.

And, as always, the teachers and staff are more than happy to visit with you if you have any questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to make an appointment if we can help in any way!

## Moms & Mocha

### What:

De-clutter in a Day with professional organizer, Linda Reinberger

### When:

January 13-  
January 14  
9-10 a.m.

### Where:

Springs Community Church  
Atrium

Please join us as Linda shares tips and techniques to help us stay organized.

Invite your friends and enjoy an hour designed just for moms!

## January Praise Time

Topic- The Golden Rule  
Verse-Matthew 7:12



Many thanks to the Parent-Teacher Appreciate committee for treating us to such wonderful meals just prior to Christmas break!

## Registration Dates

January 21- Church and preschool families only

January 22- Alumni

January 26-29 Open to the public



## Who's Who at SCC Preschool?



**Name:** Debbie Mochowski

**I love working with children because:** they are eager to learn and very loving. I love to see them grow both physically and mentally! They are gifts from God.

**My favorite subject(s) in school:** history, English

**In my spare time, I enjoy:** reading, spending time with family, and traveling.

**If I weren't working at SCC Preschool:** I'd substitute teach for D20 schools.

**Favorite Bible verse:** "Love is patient, love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13



**Name:** Elise Robinson

**I love working with children because:** it's an opportunity to influence the future.

**My favorite subject(s) in school:** history

**In my spare time, I enjoy:** cooking, reading, hiking.

**If I weren't working at SCC Preschool, I'd:** be cooking, reading or hiking!

**Favorite Bible verse:** "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."

## Prayer Partners

Christ instructs us to pray for one another and, as part of our ministry to your family, we are here to do just that. If we can pray for or with you in any way, please stop by Tammy's office or fill out the attached form and place it in the Prayer Request Envelope posted on the Information Board.

Name (optional)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request

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## Cherishing Cherling

As you know, the preschool has recently begun sponsoring four-year-old Cherling Jasoara Cano Cruz through the reputable organization, Compassion International. A few days ago, we received our first letter from little Cherling and have included portions of her correspondence for you to enjoy. The full letter is posted on the parent information board just outside the preschool office.

*The girl Cherling and her family are very grateful for your loving gesture of sponsoring her. She wants to introduce you to her family. Her mom's name is Dora and she is 25 years old. Her dad's name is Pedro and he is 27 years old. She has a sister who is 9 years old. All together they are praying for you and she asks you to pray for her as well and for her family.*

*Kisses,  
Cherling Cano*

Aren't those words beautiful? Certainly, Cherling will bless those involved with SCC Preschool more than we can serve to bless her! Please pray for Cherling with you own child. And, if you'd like, perhaps you and your family could write a letter to her. Wouldn't that be a wonderful way to actively teach these young ones the joy of looking "to the interests of others" (Phil. 2:4)?



### Sunbeams

Happy New Year! We can't believe the school year is already half over! We want to thank each of you for your kindness and support during these past months. Your participation and interest have certainly enriched our program.

We will start our winter unit by talking about changes in the weather. The shape for the month is a snowflake and the colors for the month are blue and white.

While we do keep a few extra items on hand, please check your child's extra clothes to be sure they are appropriate for the colder weather.

**January 7/8**-Everyone brings show-and-tell

**January 27/28**- Wear something with your favorite team name or color on it. We'll also order pizza!

## Classroom Capers

### Butterflies

Dear Parents,

We want to thank each of you for your kindness and support during the past months. Your interest and involvement have helped make preschool special for all of the children.

We will start 2010 with a dinosaur unit. This is a fun unit and we plan to spend several days studying different dinosaurs. The children always amaze us when they correct our pronunciation of the names of the different dinosaurs! This unit tends to bring out the "dinosaur" in each child so we will be ready for some crazy behavior. Later in the month we will begin talking about the changes in the weather—especially Colorado weather!

We have really enjoyed teaching and working with your children. Thank you for sharing them with us!



Sincerely,

Mrs.Lobban & Mrs. Mensing



### Rainbows

This month's letters are "L", "M" and "N", "O", and "P". We will also be working on the number "5".

We'll begin January by learning about the winter season and end by "travelling" to different countries and regions as we explore our multicultural unit. We will learn about life in the Antarctica, Australia, Italy, Africa, Mexico and Asia. *If you have any items from these areas of the world, we would love to borrow them!* We also like to sample foods from each country and are asking parents to see the special sign-up sheet in the classroom if you're able to help. **Pizza Day will be Wednesday, January 27th and Thursday, January 28th** when we "visit" Italy.

See you in 2010!

The Rainbow Teachers

# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3	4	5	6	7 School Resumes	8 School Resumes	9
10	11	12	13 Moms and Mocha @ 9-10 Praise Time 9:20/12:50	14 Moms and Mocha @ 9-10	15	16
17	18 No School MLK Day	19	20 Praise Time 9:20/12:5	21 Registration 8:30-12:30	22 Alumni Registration 9-12	23
24	25	26	27 Open Registration 9:00-12:00	28 Team	29 Spirit Days	30
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