



SCCP Kids Connection

From the Director's Desk—"The Places You'll Go"

Children's author, Dr. Seuss, understood the importance of sharing a love of words with children and knew how to create excitement through story.

Because we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday this month, teachers and parents have a natural springboard from which to support pre-emergent and emergent readers with literary experiences.

Who can resist the ever-popular books, *Green Eggs and Ham* or *The Foot Book*? Perhaps you and your child can host your own Seuss Celebration. Why not invite some friends to join you for

a Dr. Seuss birthday party, complete with silly stories, songs, and costumes?

Or, you might visit the your favorite bookstore and read a few of the lesser known Dr. Seuss books.

Of course, reading with your child is **always** a beneficial activity.

In fact, research indicates that children who are read to benefit in a number of significant ways, including those listed below.

- Shared reading time is special and conveys the message, "You are important."
- Listening skills improve.

- Attention span lengthens.
- Vocabulary increases.
- New places and ideas are introduced.
- Frequent shared reading is a major factor in determining success in the later school years.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Going Behind Bars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association

On March 11th Tammy Kennington, preschool director, will serve time at an MDA "jail site" and needs to post bail in order to be released. Please help shorten her sentence by contributing to the Muscu-

lar Dystrophy Association.

Any funds raised will go toward helping 17 year-old Christopher attend summer camp and will assist in costs with research, services, health care, and education.

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Springs Community Church

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Dates to Remember

- ☉ 3/10 & 11—Rainbow Field Trip (Planetarium)
- ☉ 3/12—Workshop: A Never Give Up Heart
- ☉ 3/16 & 17—Praise Time with Parents
- ☉ 3/18 & 19— Butterflies Field Trip (KKTV)
- ☉ 3/22-3/26 Spring Break

Women Of Faith Conference

Who: All ladies

When: Sept. 24-25

Where: Denver

Cost: \$89+ lodging (if needed)

How: Register at womenoffaith.com

Group Name: *Pre-school Teachers with Purpose*

Congratulations, Staff Members!

The teachers at SCC Preschool take pride in pursuing best practices, sharing God's love with their students, and seeking professional growth.

In order to stay abreast of the latest information in the field of early childhood education, many of our staff members attended a workshop on February 23rd.

This exceptional 6 hour training session, entitled *Principles and Practices of Christian Early Education*, was facilitated by expert Debby Carter of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Some content areas addressed in-

cluded age appropriate Bible stories, inborn temperaments, curriculum development, and the role of child guidance in the preschool setting.

Congratulations are extended to the following teachers and staff members—

Leslie Byzewski, Denise Carson, Tammy Kennington, Nani Lincoln, Cindy Lindeman, Robin Lobban, Vicki Mensing, Debbie Mochowski, Elise Robinson, Julie Shade, and Nicole Tandy.

Your dedication to the profession is evident in all you do!



Going Behind Bars (continued)

Sadly, muscular dystrophy affects more than 50,000 Americans of all ages. The disease typically takes one of nine major forms and progressively limits personal control of voluntary muscles. Depending on the particular form of MD, the heart and organs are also affected.

Your generous donations WILL make a difference!

Did you know...

- Springs Community Church founding pastor, Steve Brooks, suffered from the related ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, in adulthood?
- all donations are tax deductible?
- a combined donation of \$30 will provide flu shots for children like

Christopher, for whom respiratory illnesses—and even colds—can be life threatening?

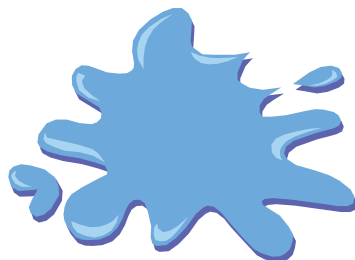
You can make donations online at www.joinmda.org/cscentral2010/kenningtontammy or contact the preschool office for more information.

Personalized Bright Spots

Teachers are in the field of education because they want to make a difference in the lives of children.

Many times, teachers are unaware of the impact they have on their students and families.

Would you consider



Be a teacher's "bright spot" today!

encouraging your child's teachers by adding a personalized "bright spot" to the bulletin board in the east hallway? Merely choose a shape from the basket, jot down one way in which your child's teachers have

made a difference this year, and attach the note to our bulletin board.

Your thoughtful words will bless the teachers as they continue to pour their hearts and time into these sweet little children.

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Proverbs 16:24



Sunbeams

A BIG thank you to all of those who donated toys, crayons, coloring books, etc. to the pediatric center at the hospital. The children had a good time putting the gift bags together and the medical staff really appreciated the thoughtful gifts. They are sure to boost spirits at the hospital!

During the month of March, we will be talking about spring, eggs, new life, baby animals and Easter. We'll be concentrating on the "oval" and the color "green".

Your children are a joy!

Classroom Capers

Butterflies



Dear Parents,

During the month of March we will be talking about different types of weather and begin to explore weather changes (so common to Colorado Springs).

We'll take a field trip to KKTU on March 18/19. The morning classes need to arrive at the TV station by 10:00 a.m. I know the boys and girls will use their best manners!

Also, please join us for Praise Time on March 16th and 17th. We meet at 9:20 and 12:50 in the sanctuary.

Rainbows



Although March is a short month, it will be packed full of FUN!

We'll celebrate Dr. Suess Day on Tuesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 3rd. We are very excited to welcome a special guest on these days!

On March 31 and April 1 we'll celebrate Easter. We ask that each child bring 2 candy filled plastic eggs for our egg hunt and 2 hardboiled eggs for dyeing. Thanks!

Our spring field trip will be at the Mitchell HS Planet

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Praise Time 9:20/12:55 Dr. Suess Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Rainbow Field Trip	11 Story Time-10:30 & MDA Lock-up	12	13 A Never Give Up Heart Workshop 8:30-12:00
14	15	16 9:20;12:55 Praise Time with Parents	17 9:20;12:55 Praise Time with Parents	18 Butterfly Field Trip	19	20
21	22 Spring Break Begins- No School	23	24	25 Story Time 10:30 (Atrium)	26	27
28	29 Welcome back to school!	30	31 Easter Parties			

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FAMILY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Complete at least 5 family activities with your child and visit Mrs. Kennington's office to choose something special from the Happy Box!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cut out a variety of shapes and create shape pictures.	2 Eat green eggs and ham for Dr. Seuss' Day.	3 Read your favorite Dr. Seuss book together.	4 Make a lion puppet and explain the phrase, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."	5 Make a paper plate tambourine and dance!	6
7	8 Play a BINGO game. Look for templates at www.dltk-kids.com .	9 Experiment with different items in the tub. What sinks? What floats?	10 Make play dough together. Add glitter or food coloring for extra fun! (Recipe on page 2)	11 Practice categorizing. Sort favorite toys according to color, size, etc.	12 Take a walk outside.	13
14	15 Draw or color a picture. Cut it into a 6-8 piece puzzle.	16 Sing your telephone number to the tune of <i>Mary Had a Little Lamb</i> .	17 Be "color detectives" and find as many green items as possible in five minutes.	18 Build with blocks.	19 Dictate a story to a grown up.	20
21	22 Set the table together.	23 Play tag.	24 Make a card for someone you love.	25 Go to the library, bookstore, or Springs Community Church for story time.	26 Take a "field trip" to the grocery store.	27
28	29 Set out glue, construction paper, ribbon and other items. Create a family collage.	30 Mix cornstarch and water and smear it on aluminum foil with your fingers, a paintbrush, or Q-tips.	31 Pop popcorn and play board games.	