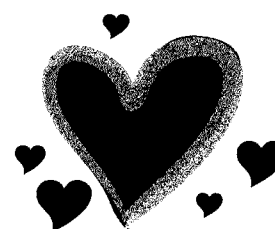
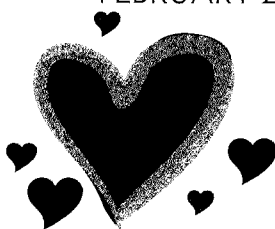
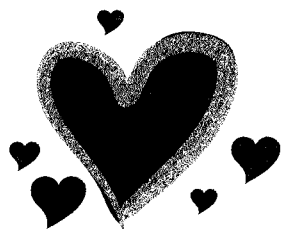


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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that January has come to an end and we are already at the beginning of February. The children have had great fun learning about hibernation, bears, penguins and snowmen.

As we begin February, the month of celebrating Valentine's Day, I am sure you will begin to hear about love and hearts. We want to encourage you to continue this theme of "February – The Month of Kindness" at home. Each class will have a Valentine's Day party and your child's teacher will send more details later. We will also celebrate Dental Health month and Presidents' Day.

Lastly, we are going to postpone our Open House to the end of March. We hope that by postponing for a few more weeks we will have all classes healthy and everyone will be back at school. We continue to have cases of COVID in our school, but with your diligence in reporting a positive test result in a timely manner we have been able to quarantine and keep it from spreading to a whole class. I am most appreciative of all your cooperation pertaining our COVID policies.

With Gratitude,

Mellie

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, February 7
Wednesday, February 16
Thursday, February 17
Friday, February 18
Monday, February 21
Thursday, February 24
Wednesday, March 2
Thursday, March 10

Friday, March 11
Thursday, March 24
Mon – Fri, April 4 – 8
Saturday, April 9
Wednesday, April 13
Friday, April 15
Friday, April 15
Sunday, April 17
Thursday, April 21
Thursday, April 28

Dental Health Month; Dr. Bill Jamieson (dentist) will visit
Chapel 9:15 – Herring, Germann, Kester, Kindergarten
Chapel 9:15 – Rowell, Locarnini, Payne, Nortje, Clemens
School Make-up day-Kindergarten, Clemens, Germann, Herring
NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day weekend)
Staff Meeting; school closes at Noon; Kindergarten closes 12:45
Chapel 9:15; Ash Wednesday; Ashes available after chapel
School make up day for Kindergarten, PreK, Payne, Kester,
Locarnini, Rowell
NO SCHOOL (DeKalb schools closed)
Chapel 9:15
NO SCHOOL (spring break)
CFUMC Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am, front lawn
Chapel 9:15
NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
Tuition Deposit DUE – Kindergarten class
Easter Sunday
Staff meeting; school closes at Noon; Kindergarten closes 12:45
Chapel 9:15

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Last week we held registration and we still have some openings in each age level. We greatly appreciate those of you who have recommended our program to others, since almost all of our new families came for a tour because of a parent recommendation. If you have questions about your child's registration, please let Mellie know.

SCHOOL MAKE UP DAYS

At CMK our policy is to not make missed school days cancelled due to weather, etc. However, this year we are making an exception. Since we delayed opening school after the Christmas holiday, we want to offer the opportunity to make up some of the missed days. This can be challenging since not all classes come to school each day. If your child comes to school on Friday, those classes will have a school day on Friday, February 18 to make up for Wednesday, January 5. If your child comes to school on a Thursday, those classes will have a make-up day on Thursday, March 10 (previously a teacher workday). Unfortunately, there is not a way to make up both days missed by the 4 day per week threes and PreK classes. These classes will make up one day on Thursday, March 10, but for the second missed day those classes will be sent several activities to be completed at home. We appreciate your understanding of this unprecedented situation and hope that our effort to make up as much missed school as possible is appreciated.

SUMMER CAMP

Join us for summer camp this summer! Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten will have summer camp for children who will be 3 by 9/1/22 through rising 1st graders. Each week is filled with a variety of fun activities and staffed by CMK teachers. Camp dates are June 20-23 and June 27 - 30 from 9:00 – 1:00. Snacks will be provided and each child will bring a lunch from home. Registration will begin in late spring.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School at Chamblee First UMC will be June 13-17 from 9 -12 for children ages kindergarten – 5th grade. More information can be found on the church website in the coming weeks.

PARENT INFORMATION

How are nursery rhymes memory-boosting?

Nursery rhymes are full of patterns, and they are great for learning language and helping the reader identify similarities between words and syllables. This is especially true for unfamiliar or strange words and sounds. Since they're so separate from day-to-day language, using them in a rhyme or song helps set a foundation for associating those sounds with memory and introduces them easily into the vocabulary.

You've probably noticed that many rhymes seem to contain odd phrases, terms, and words that you wouldn't otherwise encounter, so why is this? It all comes down to memory-building.

Nursery rhymes are a tried and tested tool when it comes to supporting child emotional and cognitive development. They're ideal for speech development, emotional learning, and memory-building, so it won't hurt at all to introduce a few to everyday life. Just remember to keep it fun, consistent, and let the children lead with the rhymes they like the most. Then, when they're ready, support their learning by introducing new ones when the time is right.

From: Bright Classroom Ideas

Below are two websites that give more information about the benefits of learning nursely rhymes to help working memory as a pre-reading skill.

<https://pambarnhill.com/nursery-rhyme-benefits/>

<https://www.playgroupnsw.org.au/ParentResources/ParentingYoungChildren/benefits-of-nursery-rhymes>