



First Presbyterian Church Weekday School January 2011



From the Desk of Moira Schæel ❄️

January Calendar ❄️

If there is one thing that I love (aside from little people) it would have to be traditions! My boys are often heard saying, "That's a family tradition!" (Though sometimes they try to suggest this for things like drinking Pepsi for breakfast or staying up til 2 am on school nights - NOT family traditions I can assure you!☺️) A wonderful part of working at the Weekday School is being able to create some traditions and then looking forward to them rolling around again. February brings two of my favorite events! Imagination City will soon be back, as will our awesome evening of family fellowship - the Sweethearts Supper! Though this is an important fundraising event for us, what I love most is the chance for us all to share a meal, enjoy some music and spend an evening together. Hope you will plan to join us (and bring friends and family members too)!

While we love to repeat the things that work, we also love to add new things to our curriculum here at the Weekday School. This semester our teachers (Twos, Threes and Fours) will be leading their classes in Author Studies! An author study involves an in depth exploration of multiple books written by a particular author. Several authors we will focus on include Jan Brett and Eric Carle. This is a wonderful way to aid children in developing "concepts about print". These concepts include terminology such as author, illustrator, cover, title page, etc. Author studies also encourage children to look for similarities and differences (compare and contrast!) among the various books. This is a fun way to delve into literature at home too!

Thank you to all the parents who gave time and treasure to shop for, wrap and give class gifts to our children at Christmas! They were so excited to return to the new learning materials! You are so good to us!

- ❄️ **January 16- No School**
MLK Holiday
- ❄️ **January 30th- Fours Field Trip to**
Publix 10:00
- ❄️ **February 3rd- Imagination City** (Twos
, Threes, Fours)
- ❄️ **Feb. 10th- No School**
District 7 Teacher Work Day
- ❄️ **February 16th - Sweethearts Supper 5-**
7 Fogarty Hall

2012-2013 REGISTRATION

Within a few weeks, you will receive your 2012-2013 registration information in your child's folder or book bag. Registration begins February 20th. Can you believe it?

Please save plastic mayonnaise-type jars for us!

Please remember if you are Dropping In your child on a day they normally don't come (per notification of the teachers first) there is \$10 charge each drop-in day. Thanks so much!



PLEASE BUNDLE YOUR BABIES UP!

At this time of year, it is helpful to have your child's name on all your winter outerwear. Our policy is that we will only go outside on days when the temperature is 40 degrees or above. If you are missing anything, please check our Lost and Found. It is the yellow tub in front of Moira's office.

News for the Month



***Imagination City** returns to the Weekday School! Many of you will remember our own mini-children's museum – with a grocery store, art studio, Home Depot, Vet clinic and grocery store! This amazing event will take place **Friday, Feb. 3rd** for our Twos, Threes and Fours! *Look for more info to come on our annual fundraising event– **the Sweethearts Supper!** This fun, family evening will include a chicken finger dinner, musical entertainment, Book Fair, Bake Sale, and Baskets of Love silent auction. Look for more info **VERY** soon!

*We are starting something new! The **WDS Swap Board!** There is a small bulletin board to the right of the Crib Room. A parent suggested (great idea!) that we set up a place for people to advertise anything they may be selling or simply looking to give away and/or anything you are in the market for (toys, baby equipment, clothing, etc.) If you have something to post, please drop it by the office and we will put it up for you. Be sure to include contact information. Hope this will be helpful!



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Bible Verse of the Month
The child Jesus grew. He became strong and wise, and God blessed him.
Luke 2:40