

ST. ANDREW'S NURSERY SCHOOL  
2725 Egypt Road  
Audubon, PA 19403

February 2013

Dear Parents,

**Registration** time is here. As in the past, all children currently enrolled will be given the opportunity to register for the next school year prior to public registration. If a particular class is desired for the upcoming school year, then parents **MUST** attend Saturday Registration on Feb. 2, 2013.

Registration material for the 2013-2014 school year was mailed home to parents at the end of January. We urge you to read through the registration material as soon as possible to review the class options for next year.

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013 - Registration DEADLINE for *Currently Enrolled***

If you have any questions about registration, please feel free to call the school office at **610-666-6153**. We would be very happy to assist you. Class Assignment Letters for the 2013-2014 school year will be mailed to all families during the first week of March.

Supposedly, 4 year olds laugh out loud between 400 and 500 times a day! Guess how many times the average adult laughs, out loud, on a good day? Twelve. 12? Think about that for a minute. Who suffers from strokes, heart attacks, migraines, ulcers? Adults. It seems there is a strong correlation between the number of times a person laughs out loud, or the amount of time someone is having fun, and his or her health.

According to Dr. William Fry from Stanford University School of Medicine, "If you laugh out loud 20 times in a row, you get a similar cardiovascular workout to 3 minutes of hard rowing on a rowing machine. If you laugh out loud 100 times in a row, you get a similar cardiovascular workout to 10 minutes of rowing or 15 minutes on a stationary bike."

So laugh, even when you don't really feel like it - it's good for your soul, your body, and your mind. Rent a funny movie, go to a funny play, or play with your children - they are experts at making us laugh.

The Winter/Spring Fundraiser (February 1<sup>st</sup> - February 22<sup>nd</sup>) will offer the following products:

- |                 |                     |                             |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| * Gertrude Hawk | (Easter Candy)      | * Colorful Spring (Midland) |
| * Yankee Candle | (Spring Collection) | * School Store              |

Some of February curriculum highlights include:

People Who Help Us - Continuation of Community Helpers

Presidents' Day - How Presidents Help Our Country

Valentine's Day - Caring for Others

Pajama Day - Pre3's- 3's

"Winter Wonders" Program - Preschool Plus

Dental Hygiene - 4's and Preschool Plus

***Happy Valentine's Day to you and your family!***

Sincerely,  
Mary Jo Grieve  
Director



## February **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Wishes To:

7 Mrs. Brady (Teacher – 4A)	18 Mrs. Corr (Teacher- 3B)
10 Sean Crawford	23 Mrs. Cox (Lending Library Lady)
10 Gianna Rodelli	24 Chathura Ramprasad
10 Mason Rodelli	26 Rachita Jain
12 Jivin Krish Dhanasekaran	27 Mrs. Daniels (Teacher- Preschool Plus)
17 Claire Montgomery	27 Louis Lampe

*Happy Valentine's Day to all!*

### **Thank You ...**

to **Connor Slizofski** (P. Plus) who donated the book, A Pirate's Tale, in honor of his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Thanks, also, to EVERYONE** who participated in the pet item collection for the benefit of the S.P.C.A.

Their staff was extremely appreciative of the kind gesture and the tremendous amount of donations.



Boy

**Congratulations** to the the Mahajan family on the arrival of Baby Romir on January 3, 2013. Proud big brother Shaurya is in class 3A.



Joseph is in the

**Congratulations, also,** to the Moskal family on the arrival of Baby Boy Edward, who was born on January 17, 2013. Proud big sister Sophie Preschool Plus class, and proud big sister Ellie is in Pre-3B.

### **3A Parents:**

Please note a new address for Sejal Garg: 2839 Colony Drive, Apt. F 11, Audubon, PA 19403

Please join us in saying Goodbye to Zaina Sohail and her family, as they are returning to India next month. Zaina's mom, Zari, has been a tremendous help this year in the classroom and in the office. Thank you, Zari, for all of your hard work. You and Zaina will be missed!

### **Preschool Plus Parents:**

Please join us in saying goodbye to Chitraksh Uppal and his family, as they are returning to India next month. His Dad, Hitesh, has been a great help to us this year with our St. Andrew's Nursery School website, with being available as our Communication Liaison, and in educating our Staff on the Indian culture. Thank you for all of your hard work, Hitesh – you and your family will be missed!

Please add new student Paarth Yadav to your class list: 508 Mill Grove Dr., Audubon, PA 19403  
716-235-0097. Welcome, Paarth!



### **Special Upcoming Events:** (Please refer to the attached calendar for additional events)

	Jan. 31 & Feb. 1	Winter/Spring Fundraiser Begins	
	Feb. 5	Registration DEADLINE	Currently enrolled only
	Feb. 7	"Winter Wonders" Program	Preschool Plus Class
Feb. 8		Dental Hygienist visits	4's and Preschool Plus Class
	<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>VERA BRADLEY BINGO FUNDRAISER</b>	
	Feb. 21 & 22	Winter/Spring Fundraiser Ends	
	Feb. 15 - 18	President's Day Weekend	SCHOOL CLOSED
	Feb. 19	Pajama Day – Pre-3B and 3's	
	Feb. 20	Pajama Day – Pre-3A	
	Feb. 23	Saturday School (4A)	Additional information
follows			
	March 2	Saturday School (3A)	Additional information
follows			
	March 9	Saturday School (3B & 3C)	Additional information
follows			
	March 16	Saturday School (4B)	Additional information
follows			

**Saturday School** A special day when each child may attend school with the parent least likely to be able to attend during the week-- **SPACE IS LIMITED - ONE parent per child, please.**  
Families with TWINS may send ONE ADULT with EACH CHILD.



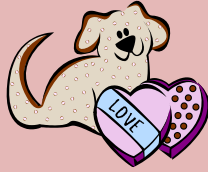
<b>Sat., Feb. 23</b>	<b>4A</b>	9:00 - 10:30.
<b>Sat., March 2</b>	<b>3A</b>	9:00 - 10:30
<b>Sat., March 9</b>	<b>3B</b>	9:00 – 10:30
<b>Sat., March 9</b>	<b>3C</b>	11:00 – 12:30
<b>Sat., March 16</b>	<b>4B</b>	9:00 - 10:30

# **Preschool Plus Family Fun Night**

Preschool Plus children and their families share dinner and games.

Friday, April 5

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.



## **MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS**

### **Absences**



**Please call the Classroom Number (610-666-0426)** to notify the Teacher/Teacher Aide if your child is going to be absent. The best time to report absences is 15-30 minutes prior to the beginning of the session. Thank you!



### **Cell Phone Use**

Please be sure to turn your cell phone ON after dropping your child off at school. We recently had several instances where we were unable to reach parents whose children became ill during class.



### **Clothing Identification**

Thank you for marking your child's removable clothing with his/her name. Please continue to mark clothing such as snowsuits, parkas, sweaters, gloves/mittens, hats, and boots. If you do not have name labels, we suggest using masking tape marked with permanent ink.



### **Inclement Weather Procedure**

School will be closed due to inclement weather when the Methacton School District closes. The School Closing Number for **Methacton School District** is # 316.

#### **When Methacton School District is closed:**

- *St. Andrew's classes will be cancelled.*

#### **When Methacton School District opens two hours late:**

- *St. Andrew's classes will meet as regularly scheduled.*

School closing information can also be found at **www.cancellations.com**. This site also offers an e-mail notification service. Postings of cancellations/delays will be sent directly to you via your e-mail address - go to [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) and click on "Join for Free" under the e-mail notification section. If, *after listening to your radio or checking the internet*, you have questions, please call your Class Captain.

## **SMART Tuition**

For tuition concerns/questions: **Parent Line:** 1-888-868-8828

**E-Mail:** [customerservice@smarttuition.com](mailto:customerservice@smarttuition.com)

**Website:** [www.smarttuition.com](http://www.smarttuition.com).

Receipts, for reimbursement purposes, can be obtained at the SMART website.

Please note ... **St. Andrew's Nursery School Tax ID #: 23-1863-089**

## **Lost and Found**

Please be sure to check the Lost and Found Basket in the foyer (by the Women's Room). Something in there just might belong to you!

### **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

**St. Andrew's Nursery School is holding its third annual Vera Bradley Bingo! The cost of a ticket is \$25 and includes 20 bingo games, plus door prizes. Refreshments will be available. We will also offer an additional raffle of some very lovely gifts.**

**Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 8 and plan to join us. Bring your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun, and support St. Andrew's at the same time!**



## **REGISTRATION for the **2013-2014 school year****

As in the past, children currently enrolled have pre-registration rights before registration opens to the public.

**REGISTRATION** material for **CURRENTLY ENROLLED CHILDREN** was MAILED in late **January, 2013** to:

All children in the Pre-3A, Pre-3B, 3A, 3B and 3C Classes AND those in the 4A & 4B Classes who have requested Preschool Plus Class information

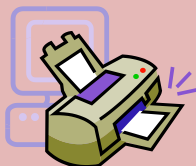
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** for **Currently Enrolled children** is **February 5, 2013**

Although ALL currently enrolled children who are returning are *guaranteed* a place in one of our 3 year-old, 4 year-old and Preschool Plus classes, these classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, if you wish to have your child assigned to a **particular** Three-Year, Four-Year or Preschool Plus Class you may bring the application form (mailed to you in late January) and \$50 Registration Fee to the School Foyer on Saturday, 2/2/13, at 11:00 A.M.. Please Note: **NO FORMS will be accepted prior to Saturday, 2/2/13.**

If you are willing to have your child assigned to any one of our fine classes, it is not necessary for you to bring the form to school on Saturday, February 2, 2013. You may simply send the application form and application fee to school so that it is received by the **CURRENTLY ENROLLED DEADLINE on February 5, 2013.** Should your friends or neighbors ask, the PUBLIC REGISTRATION DEADLINE is February 8, 2013.

**Regarding registration for future years...** Each child in a family must be placed on the INFORMATION LIST separately. Calls to the School Office (610-666-6153) may be placed at any time for this purpose.

## So many ways to show your support!



### Ink Cartridge Recycling

Printer cartridges (from inkjet and laser printers) may be deposited in the recycling bin, located in the School Foyer. It is helpful, but not mandatory, if cartridges are in boxes or plastic bags. Periodically, collected cartridges are taken to Office Depot or Staples for their Rewards Programs, which give us a discount on our office supplies. We welcome all cartridges - from you, your family, your friends, and your workplace!



### Zwahlen Bucks make great Valentine ♥ treats!

Zwahlen's Ice Cream & Chocolate Co. offers "Zwahlen Bucks" at their shop on Shannondell Blvd. in Audubon to anyone who purchases a **specialty apple** or an "**Avalanche**". *Just mention St. Andrew's Nursery School and ask for a Zwahlen Buck.* These can be left in the "Zwahlen Bucks" container in the School Foyer. What a delicious way to help St. Andrew's!

### Plaza Flowers Community Assistance Program – Mention referral code AMO

Each time you shop at Plaza Flowers and order an arrangement worth at least \$34, St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of your purchase! Just mention the school's referral code, **AMO**, at the time of purchase!

Plaza flowers is located at 417 Egypt Rd., Audubon, PA. 610-630-8825

## Thank You!!!

Pre-3 Class Notes  
February, 2013

Dear Pre-3 Parents,

January has been an exciting month in our classroom. The children transitioned back into school after the Christmas vacation beautifully! As many of you learned at conferences, we spent the first half of the year adjusting to being in school, learning how to follow directions, and playing with other children. Now we will really begin to work on "academics" in our classroom.

This month we learned about penguins. We discussed where penguins live, what they eat, and that they swim. We constructed a penguin and made penguin footprints. We are also working on shapes and colors and will be doing so for the next few months. The children enjoyed sponge painting a snowman out of circles. We had a lot of fun at our Winter Festival, pretending to play in the snow. Now if only we could get some real snow!

Some popular books we read this month were Snowballs by Lois Ehlert, Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney and Where is Home, Little Pip? by Karma Wilson.

We love to read at Circle Time. We are learning to sit with pretzel legs on the rug, and that once we find a spot during Circle Time the Teachers would like us to stay there. This way we can all pay attention to our story and our discussion.

We are looking forward to Valentine's Day, when we will be handing out Valentines to our classmates. Please remember that if you are sending in Valentines there must be one for every child in our class. Also, they are much easier to "mail" if they do not have names on them. **Any treats that you might send in must be peanut butter and nut free.**

Also on our February calendar is Pajama Day (Feb.19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) when Teachers and children come to school in pajamas. The children are welcome to bring along a teddy bear or other stuffed animal.

Thank you for all that you do.

Fondly,

Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Veronese

**Pre-3A Parents: Please note that school is CLOSED for Presidents' Day Weekend Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.**

3A CLASS NOTES  
FEBRUARY 2013

Dear Parents,

The children settled back into our classroom routine quite well after our Christmas vacation. It is amazing how quickly and smoothly they can pick up right where we left off. Our January activities have kept us very busy, including our Winter Festival. It would just be nice if Mother Nature could provide a little snow to correspond with what we are doing in the classroom!!

Mr. Steve from the SPCA came to visit us in St. Andrews Hall with his beautiful golden retriever, Faith. He taught us how to be safe around animals, especially dogs, and also how to be kind to animals. The children were invited to pet Faith, and most of them accepted this opportunity.

We enjoyed our monthly visit from Mrs. Stickleby and Pastor Mueller on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me for conferences. It is crucial for all of us to be sure that we are doing what is best for these precious little people. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any future concerns you may have.

Our Valentine Party will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The children can bring cards to give to each other. If they sign their name, but don't put names on the envelopes, it is easier for them to put one card in each "card bag."

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Pajama Day. The children and teachers come to school in their PJs. The children are welcome to bring to school their teddy bear or "bedtime buddy." Both of these days will be filled with fun activities.

Please make sure the children have a hat and mittens for the colder days. We try to get outside to the playground as weather permits. As always, thank you so much for all you do.

Happy February!  
Wendy Sedlak and Noreen Estock



3B CLASS NOTES  
FEBRUARY 2013

Dear Parents,

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St. Andrew's offered hearing and speech & language testing in January for the students. Many of the families took advantage of this opportunity.

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Pastor and Mrs. Stickley will be visiting our class again on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure we will all enjoy listening to a story and singing along with the guitar.

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Kate Corr and Joanne Sobocinski

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Happy Valentine's Day  
Kate Corr and Chrissy McKenna

## 4A Class Notes – February 2013

*Live Every Moment*

*Laugh Every Day*

*Love Beyond Words*

### Valentines

Please have your child print his/her name on the card, but leave the envelope blank for easy distribution to classmates.

Please send in a medium size shoe box for the children to make valentine boxes.



## Playdough Recipe

### Ingredients for Jello Playdough recipe:

white flour – 1 cup

cooking oil – 2 tbsp.

salt – 2 tbsp.

warm water – 1 cup

cream of tartar – 2 tbsp.

Jello – 1 3oz pkg.

- Place all the ingredients together in a large mixing bowl
- Mix all the ingredients together until consistent
- Pour into a pan and stir continuously
- Wait for it to thicken into a big ball and then place it on a piece of waxed paper to cool
- Knead it for a few minutes (once cooled) with some flour

### Dates to Remember

Winter/Spring Fundraiser Begins – February 1

Dental Hygienist Visits – February 8

Vera Bradley Bingo Night – February 8

Valentine's Party – February 13 (No party bags, please)

President's Day Weekend – February 15-18 – School Closed

Winter/Spring Fundraiser Ends – February 22

Saturday School – February 23 (9:00-10:30)

Mrs. Stickley and Pastor Visit – February 25

### Contact Information

Mary Rose Brady

Home – 215-343-7216

Email – [bunchof4@verizon.net](mailto:bunchof4@verizon.net)

4B CLASS NOTES  
February 2013

Dear 4B Families,

February is a short month, but filled with fun and learning! This month we will continue our Letter of the Week program with the letters P, B, R and K. The children have been doing such a wonderful job with their letters and projects so far. It is great to see the progress they are making in understanding the alphabet as well as the development of their fine motor skills.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have a visit from the Dental Hygienist. We will learn all about the importance of taking care of our teeth and gums, and how to do so.

Our Valentine party in 4B will be on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Besides sharing our love with many hugs throughout the day, the children will have the chance to pass out Valentines to one another in our beautifully decorated shoebox mailboxes. When preparing your Valentine cards at home, please have your child sign each card (in the "from" space) but **DO NOT** put a "TO" name on the envelope. This way they can have fun passing out their Valentines to their classmates' mailboxes by themselves and do not have to worry about recognizing the other students' names.

Please continue to help your child at home to recognize the letters of the alphabet, especially the ones in their own names. Also, any opportunity you can get to help them in writing their names and letters of the alphabet will greatly benefit them as they go on to their next year of schooling. Fine motor skill practice is very important at this age! Remember, fine motor development does not need to be just practicing writing with a writing tool. There are many ways you can develop fine motor skills at home including playing with Legos or Play-Doh, cooking, using clothespins, coloring, etc. If you need some ideas, please ask!

As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day Weekend.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled month in 4B!

Jen Cadden and Joanne Sobocinski



Class Notes  
Preschool Plus  
February 2013



Dear Parents,

Through the month of January the children have been learning about our planet and a little about the solar system, sun and moon. They have found this so fascinating! They are now learning about Earth, and why some places are hot and others are cold. They have been looking at the globe and learning terms such as equator, north, south, land, ocean, continent and country. The children are really interested in learning about the world and they have many questions.

We have now begun our journey around the world at home, here in the United States of America. The children are identifying states on the map of the USA and their home state of Pennsylvania. We are learning how to say the Pledge of Allegiance. We've talked about the colors that represent our country, and what the flag symbolizes.

Over the coming weeks we will be studying the seven continents in a very practical and 'hands on' way. For each continent we will learn a little bit about its weather, people and culture. We will be singing some songs, making some food, creating art, writing, drawing and listening to stories.

Places we will be visiting during our journey in February and into March:

The United States of America  
Antarctica  
Europe- United Kingdom, Italy

Upcoming events:

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - Perkiomen Watershed "Winter Wonders" Program

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - our Valentine Party.

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> & Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - Presidents Day Weekend –

**School will be closed.**

The children are welcome to bring an item to school to show the class if it relates to our topic. For example, children may have special items or artifacts that relate to their culture/ heritage or a country we are learning about.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Daniels  
Mrs. Gambone