

Ark of Angels Montessori Preschool

January, 2010

Everyone is happy to be back in school with their friends. Thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts, we appreciate your support and generosity.

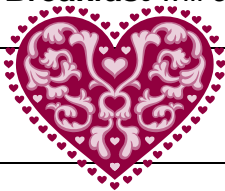
We have a new teacher's aide in our afternoons, Tuesday thru Friday. Her name Ms. Julie, and she is very excited to get to know all of the children. Julie is the after school child care teacher at St. Croix Catholic and we are thankful for her help and creativity.

Open House and Preschool Registration for 2010 – 2011

We have started registering returning students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have not turned in your registration and plan for your child to return to Ark of Angels Preschool next year, you should have it in by January 22nd. This will give you priority placement over new students. Class schedules have remained the same, however tuition has changed slightly. You can find a registration form on the St. Croix Catholic School website, www.stcroixcatholic.com or we can send one home for you.

On **Sunday, January 24th from 8:30 am to 12:30**, St. Croix Catholic School and Ark of Angels Preschool will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with an all school Open House. During the Open House, both Ark of Angels Preschool and the SCCS Kindergarten will be accepting registrations for **new** students for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Our parents are our best form of advertising so tell your friends and invite them to come and visit us.

A **Pancake Breakfast** will also be held in St. Michael's Social Hall from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.



Valentines Day Celebration

Please bring in an empty shoe box for your child to decorate and hold his or her Valentines. If you have extra boxes and would like to send them for other children to use, that would be wonderful.

Each class will exchange valentines with classmates. If you would like to participate we ask that you send valentines with "**To: My Friend**" written on it and **From: (your child's name)**. Please do not put the individual classmate names on the Valentines. This will make it much easier for your child to pass out their own valentines. If you would like to attach a non-candy item, some suggestions might be... pencils, stickers, fruit snacks or a cereal bar.

We will be exchanging Valentines on:

February 5 th for the (there is NO SCHOOL on Friday February 12th)	Friday class	20 Valentines
February 10 th for the	AM class	20 Valentines
February 10 th for the	PM class	20 Valentines
February 11 th for the	Thursday class	20 Valentines

In the Classroom

Religion:

- The *Our Father* prayer continues to be a work in progress.
- Manners - We are teaching the value of self control, for example controlling our voices by speaking softly and our bodies by keeping our hands to ourselves and walking quietly. We are learning to be patient while waiting our turn, and to not interrupt when someone else is talking.
- We will start learning about the life of Jesus and some of his stories. Some of our stories will be: Jesus in the Temple, Jonah, Loaves and Fishes, and Jesus' Twelve Friends.

Science:

- We have started a unit on *weight measurement* using different kinds of scales.

Culture:

- We are currently talking about *winter, snow, and penguins*
- Soon we will begin learning about *magnets and magnifying*



Dates to Remember

Monday January 18 th	Ark of Angels Preschool IS in session
Sunday, January 24 th	8:30 am – 12:30 Ark of Angels and St. Croix Catholic School Open House Registration for new students Pancake Breakfast in St. Michael's Social Hall (8:30 – 12:30)
Monday January 25 th	School IS in session
Friday February 12 th	NO SCHOOL
Monday February 15 th	NO SCHOOL Presidents Day