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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Hi Parents!

January flew by and we are now getting close to Valentine's Day! Dads and Doughnuts was a huge success with 122 dads attending with their precious little ones! Pictures should have all gone home by now.

We will have a busy month with registration and placement for the fall! Please remember to register on February 10th so that I may begin placement that weekend! The link, as always, will be on our webpage under Registration Information.

Class pictures are in now! Check them out at your child's classroom or

in the office! Individual pictures will be on February 21st and 22nd. As always, if your child is not registered for one of those days, you may bring them in at about 9:30 and we will work you in!

Happy Valentine's Day!  
Candice

## Upcoming Events and Special Days

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

As a reminder, online registration for Little School families will begin on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Yellow School letters will be going out this week so you should know in time to coordinate sibling schedules for Little School registration! As soon as I have finished placement, (by February 17th) I will send home letters with the day and classroom information.

Summer registration will be on March 10<sup>th</sup>!

Listed below are step by step instructions if you need them:

- Go to the [mdpc.org](http://mdpc.org) website, Little School and then, under Registration Information, there will be a link for Fall 2017 Registration for Current

Families

- Once you have landed on the registration page, logging in may allow much of your contact information to auto-fill on the registration form, since many of you have already been entered into the data base. If it doesn't auto-fill, just go ahead and complete the form yourself. You will see the term "Attendee" used in the top portion of the registration. This refers to your child. Make sure you put in your child's name along with preferred email and phone for contact purposes.
- Any fields marked by a red asterisk are required.
- After making your selections, the total amount to be charged will be indicated at the bottom of the page.
- Clicking "Next" will take you to a Summary page where you will

again see the amount that will be charged to your account.

- After verifying that this is the correct amount, click "Complete" to reach the final page where you may use the Pre-fill form option OR enter new credit card information for the person paying for the registration.
- After clicking "Submit", you will receive an email confirmation for the total amount being charged (no breakdown of individual payment amounts). The email will be sent to the Email Address indicated on the Payment page.



# Important Information

## CHAPEL CHAT

Love is in the air in February with Valentine's Day and with Chapel! This month we will be learning how to serve each other with love, from the Bible verse of Galatians 5:13. We will hear scripture from the book of Luke, examples of how to treat one another lovingly, through caring for the sick, including everyone, forgiving others, and listening to God. What a lovely time of the year.

## Looking Ahead

- February 10th - 6 AM - Fall registration 2017 - Current families
- The Little School closed - February 20th - Presidents' Day
- February 17th - Placement letters go out
- February 21st and 22nd - Individual pictures
- March 3rd - 10 AM - Rodeo Parade
- March 10th - Summer Registration - 6 AM - Current and new families

## Parents' Night Out

On Saturday, February 11th, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, Child Care Plus will offer a Parents' Night Out. Register at [ccp.mdpc.org](http://ccp.mdpc.org) as soon as possible.

## Pictures

Class pictures are now available for sale (\$10). They are posted at each classroom and available in the office.

Spring individual pictures will be taken February 21st and 22nd. If your child is not registered for one of those days, just bring them at 9:30 to the playroom!

## How to Spot a Common, Potentially Dangerous, Childhood Illness

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is similar to a cold but can lead to complications that include pneumonia.

Nearly all children get respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) by age 2. But just because the infection is common doesn't mean it should be taken lightly, one nursing specialist warns.

Symptoms of this lung and respiratory infection -- coughing, sneezing and a runny nose -- are often mistaken for a cold, according to Alison Pittman, clinical assistant professor at Texas A&M College of Nursing.

"Most healthy children will experience cold-like symptoms, but it can easily spread to babies with pre-existing conditions," and put them at risk for serious health problems, she said in a college news release.

Those at greatest risk for a severe infection include premature babies, children born with heart or lung problems, and people of any age who have weakened immune systems.

Most babies with RSV develop a cough, runny nose and other cold-like symptoms for one to two weeks.

Parents should contact their pediatrician if their baby is wheezing or has trouble breathing; has a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or more;

coughs up yellow, green or gray mucus; has a thick nasal discharge; refuses to eat; becomes dehydrated; or has blue discoloration of the lips or nails.

Severe RSV can lead to dangerous infections like pneumonia and bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the smallest air branches in the lungs, Pittman said.

"The body's response to these infections is to secrete more fluid in the lungs. This makes it more difficult for a child to breathe and can cause a child to start wheezing," she said.

The only way to tell if a child has the virus is through a rapid RSV test done by a health care provider, Pittman added.

~Courtesy of Texas A & M College of Nursing News Release, January 12, 2017~



## RODEO PARADE

On Friday, March 3rd (Go Texan Day) at 10 AM, the children will parade around the hallways of the church with their stick horses, bandanas or wagons that they make in their classes. Parents should dress their children in their rodeo outfits and watch the fun (be sure to bring your camera)! Yeehaw!

