



HILLTOP NEWS

Notes From the Director

February is a month for love and Valentines. It is the time of the year when we focus on telling friends and family how much we love them. However, I am reminded of an even more important love-- the love that God has given to us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 This month as we talk about love and we share our Valentines with each other, let's remember to focus on the best love gift of all -- Jesus!!!

Themes

The themes for the 2's are Valentine's Day, Love, and Sharing. They will be working on showing love to others, and understanding that they are loved; participating in make-believe and pretend play, and tossing or rolling a large ball. Their Bible verse is John 13:34, "Love one another."

The themes for the 3's are Valentine's Day, Love and Sharing. They will be working on helping with classroom chores; showing love to one another; catching a large ball; jumping & hopping; tracing simple shapes; and holding a book upright. Their Bible verse for the month is John 13:34, "Love one another as I love you."

The themes for the 4's are also Valentine's Day, Love and Sharing. They will be working on making healthy eating choices; caring for one's body and teeth; cutting curved lines; matching capital and lowercase letters; and showing love to one another. Their Bible verse is 1 John 4:19, "We love because God first loved us."

The theme for the 5's is Places in the World. They will be working on being honest; letters and sounds; number sets to 20; money; and the seven continents and countries around the world. Their Bible verse is Genesis 28:15, "God said, 'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.'"



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Special Days

Watch your child's calendar for some special upcoming days in February.

All of our classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day with parties. Each class will be taking time on that day to exchange Valentines. A list with your child's classmates is attached to this newsletter. Please be sure to bring in a Valentine for every student in your child's class. Thank you!

Dr. Bill Moffett, a Hilltop dad, will be here on Friday, February 8th to talk to some of our classes about dental health. We are so appreciative of the time and expertise he will share with us.

We are excited about Western Day which will be on Monday, February 25th for our 4's and 5's. Come dressed in your favorite Western attire for the day, and be ready to have a rootin' tootin' good time!!! YEE-HAW!! (Please do not send in any guns of any kind!)

Cute Kid Quips

Danny & Flynn Michel went to the Farm Show and came in the next day excited to tell me that they had some "flushies." I think they meant slushies. Too cute!

Don't they just make you smile!! I tell everyone that I have the best job in the world. Thank you so much for allowing us the privilege to be a part of their young lives. Keep sharing your cute stories with us...we love them!!

TEACHERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

I love how the Lord always places the perfect teaching team together at Hilltop. That's exactly what happened in our 2-year-old classes. "Miss" Kathleen Keefer and "Miss" Bonnie Valentine make a wonderful team that compliment one another so well. Their calm, loving ways are a true blessing for that unique age group. You can find them in Room 206 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with our 2's classes.

Kathleen and her husband, Andy, make their home in Palmyra. They have three children, Adeline, 18, Annabelle, 13, and Clara who is in Heaven. Adeline and Annabelle are Hilltop alumni.

The Keefer's attend Hershey Free.

When Kathleen has some free time she loves to knit and read.

Bonnie and her husband, Forrest, make their home in Middletown. They have two grown children, Ryan and Amanda. Ryan, his wife, Allyson, and their 5-year-old daughter, Margaret, live in Elizabethtown. Amanda, and her husband, Raph, live in Hershey. Amanda and Raph have two children, Aidan, 6th grade, and Andrew, 5.

The Valentine's attend Word of Life Chapel in Bainbridge where Bonnie serves in the nursery. When Bonnie has some free time she loves to read, cook, and spend time with her family.

It is truly a delight to my heart to have these two precious ladies with us as they love and care for your children. They make a wonderful team and we appreciate all that they bring to the classroom.

EITC Blessing

We wanted to take this time to give a large thank you to three area businesses that have donated funds to Hilltop as part of Pennsylvania's Pre-K Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). **LONGENECKER'S HATCHERY of Elizabethtown, SOCCER SHOTS of Hummelstown, and EBERSOLE EXCAVATING of Hummelstown** have generously donated to this fund again this year. If you deal with these wonderful businesses in any way, please thank them for their support of Hilltop!!! It means so much to us!

The Pre-K EITC program provides financial assistance through scholarships to families in need that are currently enrolled in early education programs. Many of the families that have received assistance from these donations would not otherwise be able to afford preschool education for their children.

This program is such a "win-win" situation!! The company that donates the funds is able to receive up to a 100% tax credit for the amount donated, and Hilltop receives the funds it needs to be able to support families in our community.

Many local businesses would be able to be a part of this very simple process!! If the business is paying any of the following taxes: Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, or Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax, their business can qualify. In many cases, the same amount that a business is paying in taxes can be sent to us at Hilltop!!!

If you know of any local business or business owner that may be interested in this program, please have them contact Miss Becky. We'd love to talk with them, and show them how easy it is to be a part of this wonderful program.



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