



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S CENTER



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March Newsletter



Director's Corner

GCC's **Summer Program "STEAM'n Thru Summer"** will be June 29th-August 7th. We will be adding more, "**STEAM**" to our summer program. "**STEAM**" is an acronym for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**ath. Children currently enrolled in the GCC program will transition into this 6 week Summer Program. This is also the time when several new friends will be joining GCC.

The staff has begun to plan for this special time with great themes and fun activities. They are working with outside vendors who will visit GCC to enhance the summer program. Please review your Parent Handbook regarding the Summer Camp Fee. A fee of \$100 will be assessed May 1st to help cover costs for vendors, i.e. Bubblemania, Petting Zoo and other special activities and events for summer. If we have an event that occurs on a day that your child does not attend GCC you are welcome to accompany your child and be a part of any activity. **The \$100 summer fee, per child, is due in full on or before May 1st.** More information and summer calendar will follow.

Remember GCC is a year-round program and we look forward to a fun filled summer taught by our wonderful GCC staff.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Scheduled for March 23rd -

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held, Monday-Friday, March 23-27. Conference days are prescheduled, please sign up for your conference time with the teacher.

This is an important time for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress. It is the time to meet one on one regarding any needs or concerns you may have or how we can better help your child achieve greater school success.

Chancy & Bruce Kindergarten Readiness

"School readiness is defined as the ability to cope, learn and achieve without undue stress." For a child to be ready for kindergarten they need developmental skills and maturation for success in school.

Readiness testing to be held at GCC on **Wed. March 18th.** Please return signed form with a \$50 check payable to Chancy & Bruce, to GCC on or before March 9th.

If more information is needed regarding readiness testing please review the website at www.chancyandbruce.com/kindergarten.html

Sensory Screening Wed. March 11th

So. Cal. Sensory Screening Inc. is coming to our school to conduct our yearly educational health assessment program for children 3 yrs. and up.

Four screenings are available, Hearing, Vision, Gross/Fine motor skill, and Speech/Language. Cost is \$35 for 2 assessments and \$40 for all 4.

If interested please return form with check payable to SCSS.

For further questions please see Mrs. Sherry.

Calendar

3/1	Tuition Due
3/8	Daylight Savings Begins
3/11	Sensory Screening
3/13	Summer & Fall Registration Current Families— changes to program days and times
3/17	St. Patrick's Day Fun Wear Green
3/18	Chancy and Bruce
3/23-27	Parent/Teacher Conferences
5/1	\$100 Summer Fee Due

Mark Your Calendar

GCC will be closed the week of August 10-14 for fall preparation. Full tuition is due for the month as staff will be working. This is the time for staff to clean, organize and prepare for the coming school year.

GCC's first day for the 2020-21 school year will be Monday, Aug. 17th and children will transition into their new classrooms. Saddleback District also begins Aug. 17th, Capo Unified begins Aug. 18th and Laguna Beach District begins Aug. 24th.

Please notify the Director, Mrs. Sherry if you are interested in changing your child's current schedule and/or times of attendance for the coming school year.

Daylight Savings Time Begins



Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 8th at 2 a.m.** Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" and set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!



Sweet Memories of February's Valentine and Friendship Fun



GCC children
performed for the
Geneva Women

Singing:

[Down in My Heart](#)
[The Jesus Medley](#)
[He's Got the Whole](#)
[World in His Hands](#)

Children recited
The February Bible
Verse: "Love One
Another, John 13:34



Curriculum Standards include Learning Without Tears

This year again, we are using the "Get Set for School" curriculum designed by "Learning Without Tears". This award winning preschool curriculum is developmentally appropriate and designed so that all children can thrive and build a strong foundation for kindergarten. The program uses music and movement to engage children and help them develop good learning habits. Children learn actively as they play, color, draw, count, build and sing. The program enhances social-emotional skills builds physical coordination, recognition of letters and numbers and more.

GCC curriculum includes the CA Preschool Learning Foundation Domains as part of the weekly lesson plans. Please refer to GCC Preschool Curriculum handout given at time of enrollment, see Director for extra copies. Weekly lesson plans are developed by each teacher, specifically designed for the development of each class and include "Learning Without Tears" curriculum appropriate for 3-6 year olds. Pre-K children participate in weekly Spanish classes presented by teacher Mickey from "Language Book".

In Chapel children will learn a different Bible verse each month. Classroom Curriculum and activities will support an understanding of the Bible verse and applications to our daily life.