

# March

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Read Across America Day. To celebrate, I will read across the preschool and kindergarten that week, visiting each classroom to read with the children. Reading is so important! See this list of benefits:

## 10 Reasons Why You Should Read to Your Kids (from early moments.com)

A stronger relationship with you	Academic excellence
Basic speech skills	The basics of how to read a book
Better communication skills	Mastery of language
More logical thinking skills	Acclimation to new experiences
Enhanced concentration and discipline	The knowledge that reading is fun

## Important March Happenings

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - School is closed for Staff Development Day**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Special Guest's Day for the 2s, 3s, 4s, PreK and Kindergarten**

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Photo Days**

Envelopes came home earlier this week that you can use to sign up for photos. *Be sure to return the envelopes to school before photo day so your child can be photographed!* Envelopes can go in the blue box on the entry table.

Conferences continue throughout the month.

**Looking Ahead - Knights of North Castle VBS at NPPC - July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (9 AM-Noon)**

All children ages 4 years-old (by 9/30/20) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join us for "Knights of North Castle" VBS where children will learn to "Armor up and be strong in the Lord!" Join us as we transform our church into a kingdom castle where children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, science, missions, rec, snack and more. Registration information will be online through [thecornernj.com](http://thecornernj.com) on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM**. (Don't delay as the preschool classes fill quickly!) If you would like to be added to our VBS E-mail List (and would like to be kept up to date on important VBS information) please email Christine Voegeli at [cvoegeli@thecornernj.com](mailto:cvoegeli@thecornernj.com).

**School Tuition** - Your March tuition payment is the final payment for the 2019-2020 school year – yay! Thank you for your Feb.13<sup>th</sup> deposit payment. Future deposits will be due April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Thank you**

**Huge Garage Sale!** Saturday, March 28 (9am-3PM).

Donation drop off dates: March 26 (10am-7pm), March 27 (10am-5pm).

All proceeds from the garage sale will go to fund a team high school students on their summer mission trip to Jackson, Mississippi.

*We cannot accept: sofas, stuffed animals, entertainment centers, beds, clothing or tube tv's.*

**Please never leave children unattended in your car.**

If you need me to come get your preschooler out of the car, I will gladly do this as occasionally needed. Or if you need him/her brought to you at the end of the day, just ask!

In closing, I'd like to share some of Jeff Ebert's wisdom from a recent sermon in his Faith in the Age of Anxiety sermon series. Jeff talked about "Margin".

Dr Richard Swenson defines margin as the space between our load and our limits. Preschool parents have a heavy load....parenting, working, maintaining a home, dealing with extended family....Does your load exceed your limits? Are you struggling to keep up with everything on your plate and on time? As Jeff said, "Too many of us are living this way every day. Our plans go awry, our emotions start churning, traffic slows us down, the train is late, the kids aren't ready, the clock is ticking, the bank account is too low, so and so doesn't follow through, you forgot to send that email and our stress level goes through the roof....we're used to it. We've grown accustomed to having no margin....its just the way we choose to live.

Christian writer Henri Nouwen says 'The spiritual life....means the effort to create some space in which God can act....to prevent everything in your life from being filled up....that somewhere you're not occupied...to create that space in which something can happen that you hadn't planned or counted on'."

Do you have any of that space in your life? As Jeff encouraged us, "Don't let your load exceed your limits....create some margin in your life this week. Look at your schedule. How does God want you to invest your time?...Seriously look at what you are doing and then ask, is it working? Or is it time for a change?"

Change isn't easy at all but the great news is that you don't have to do this alone! Since God wants you to experience His peace, He'll help you find it. If you ask Him where and what to change, if you seriously look at your schedule and if you put your life and everything in it into His hands, He will help you create margin and find more peace in your life. I encourage you to try this!

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