



ILS Connections

A monthly Newsletter Connecting our school families, teaching staff, school leaders, congregation, and community!

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Making Disciples for Life! March 2023



From our Preschool Director

As I was driving, a radio DJ was talking about the three questions every parent NEEDS to ask their child every day! I was blown away! I could hardly wait to get to my destination to write them down and share them. But I got distracted by a deer, and a train, and when I got there I couldn't remember the third question. I googled but could not find that set – I found lots of great lists of questions for parents to ask their children, including a great list of 30, not 3, thirty questions that I want to share with you (see our website!)

But perhaps more important than the specific questions you ask is the fact that you take a little time to ask your child about their day and listen (really listen!) to them! Such a great time of sharing could be the greatest affirmation of your love, care, and support for them; and help you to learn to listen (for a lifetime) how your child processes life situations! This is so so important for every relationship but especially for you and your child!!

1. How was your day? Do you need a hug?
2. What important thing happened today at school? Do you want to talk about it?
3. I love you! I am pleased with you!

All of us could benefit! Imagine if your boss asked you about your day and listened with care rather than talking down to you! Imagine if you and your spouse talked to one another like this each day!!

"Every day in a hundred small ways our children ask, 'Do you see me? Do you hear me? Do I matter?' Their behavior often reflects our response."

L.R.Knost
'The Gentle Parent'
www.littleheartsbooks.com

If you have questions or suggestions about our school please contact me: school office: 217-442-5036; text or call my cell: 217-516-0085; ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com or: ILS.PreschoolOffice@gmail.com.

Young Two's in Blue Toddler Room

February was a great month! Our new friends are settling in and having a great time! We loved learning the colors pink and purple. For the month of March, we will continue learning purple and also the color brown. I know the students will be excited to color brown bear, as "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" is still our class favorite! As the weather warms up we will be so happy to get to play outside!

I am happy to announce that I passed my CDA exam/observation and will be able to remain as teacher the rest of the school year!

Mrs. Ricketts



Two's Class in our Red Room

This month we had a special visitor for "pet week." Our boys and girls were so gentle and calm with Bethany, the Comfort dog. Then during "fairy tale week" a few were willing to kiss the live frogs (*but if course didn't*). I'm pretty excited that they've practically mastered recognizing the five vowels. Also after having a nice Presidents Day off, we celebrated America the rest of the week. In March we look forward to learning some numbers, having a birthday party for Dr. Seuss, and so much more.

Mrs. Lasher

Three's Class in the Yellow Room

How can it be March already? We will learn the letters S, T, U and V, the color purple, number 7 and the diamond/rhombus shape. We are going to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading several of his books, making fun crafts inspired by Dr. Seuss and even trying green eggs and ham. Oh, The fun we will have! We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with green inspired crafts and trying different foods that are green. We are looking forward to warmer days so we can enjoy the fresh air and play on the playground.

Mrs. Hammer

Three's Class in our Purple Room

We are starting March with my favorite theme: Dr. Seuss Week! All the fun stories, dress up days, and art projects we have planned are sure to be a blast! This month we are introducing a new color (purple), shape (diamond), number (7), and letters S, T, U, V. We will also do lots of exciting projects and games to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the middle of the month. In Jesus Time, we will continue to learn about the many miracles Jesus performed. The end of the month will hopefully bring us lots of sunshine so we can enjoy a warm spring break!

Mrs. Showers



PreK Class in our Green Room

What a great time the PreK class had once again singing for the residents at the Villas Nursing Home. We sang some chapel songs and Valentine's Day songs and gave them each a treat bag. We had a fun party and loved opening up all our valentines. We learned a fun song about the groundhog and have started making a president's day book. We continue working on our letter of the week and each day do a math question. We continue to grow in our Bible stories learning about Zachary's, prayer, Jesus stopping the storm and feeding 5000. We are excited for March because we hear a little green leprechaun will visit. We will also have *Muffins with Mom* and the school will host a grandparent's day. Mrs. Heidle

ILS Picture Day(s): Tuesday, Mar. 14 for most; Wednesday, Mar. 15 is make up day for those who were not here Tue, etc. Watch for more info!

Rummage Sale!

Immanuel hosts a HUGE Rummage Sale each Spring and Fall. As you begin Spring Cleaning, downsizing, or decluttering, you can begin bringing those items to school for our March 24-25 Rummage Sale! *Outgrown clothing and toys are greatly appreciated!*

Then, please come and find new "treasures" (clothing, shoes, toys, holiday decorations, books, movies, records, furniture, tools, and so much more! Friday, March 24: 4 to 7 pm; and Saturday, March 25: 8 am to noon!

BoxTops

Please use the BoxTops app to scan each store receipt to earn money to our school! Talk with Mike & Sue Heidle for a demonstration on your phone to begin scanning! You can bring your receipts to your child's teacher and we will scan them for you (especially receipts with snacks, breakfast, and baking purchases)! We have earned \$144.40 this year!

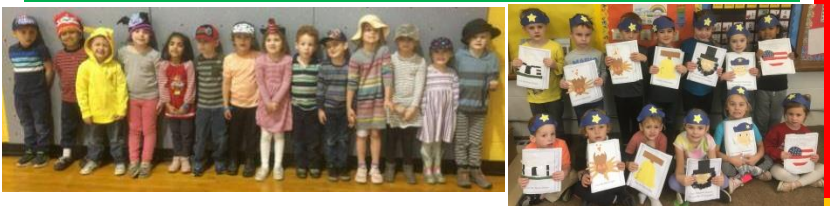
Upcoming Dates for ILS!

Mar. 14, 15: ILS Spring Picture Days

Mar. 20-24: No School: Spring Break

Apr. 7, 10: No School: Good Friday; Easter Mon

Please visit our Immanuel website: www.ilcdanville.com and click on our School tab for info and *more* photos of our ILS! And be sure to follow Immanuel Lutheran Church & School on Facebook for photos, videos, and updates! Check out our Facebook page often!!



Join our ILS Staff Team!!

If you're looking for a part time job and love working with young children, we invite you to join our happy ILS Staff team! We are still looking for an afternoon Aide: Mon – Fri, 2:00 – 4:30 pm and for Subs! Speak with Mr Heidle for details! Starts immediately or get your name in for next year!

Reminder...

If your child gets sick with vomiting or fever, please follow our handbook guideline and keep them home until they do not vomit for 24 hours without aid of medicine, and until their temperature stays down for 24 hours after their last dose of medicine. Please don't send them back too soon! Either they will have a relapse or they will spread it to others!

Special Grant – Special Offering!

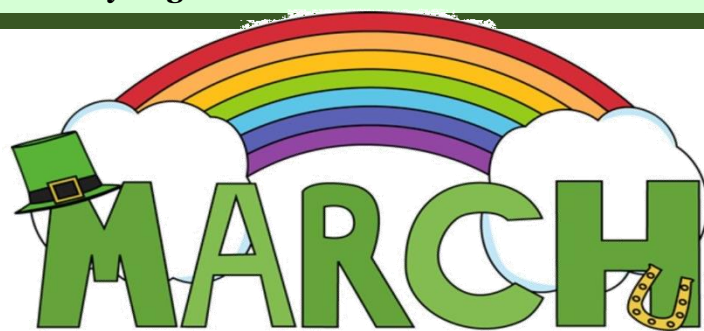
We have reached our goal of 150 items collected by March 30 and we did it by February 27!! YAY!! Thus, we will receive the full Grant so that Thrivent will give \$150 to the Immanuel Food Pantry! Thank you for your support! Since we still have another month ... how about a challenge?! Can we double the amount of items to doubly bless the Immanuel Food Pantry's help people in our community? We can with your help!!

Spring Flowers!

ILS will take orders for Spring Flowers to be delivered in time for Easter festivities and home decorations. This is a major fundraiser for ILS! Please help take orders! A Spring Flower Fundraiser Form will come home with your child soon so he/she can sell to relatives/neighbors and you can take it to work! Thank you for your support for our ILS!

Tuition / Fees

ILS now has 78 students! Thank you to EVERYONE staying current on tuition, lunch, BeforeCare, and other payments! Your prompt payments are greatly appreciated! All tuition and other fees are due on the 10th and late after the 15th! Lunch and other fees can be paid by cash, check, or EFT – if you want to use EFT simply write "EFT" by the balance due with your signature or initials and return it to the school office and we'll set it up! It's not automatic—unless you gave written instructions to do so!



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School Mission Offerings

Even while gathering food for the grant, we gathered 105 items and \$125.50 for our ILS Mission (Jan/Feb) to extend God's love to elderly residents at Villas of Holly Brook. Our next ILS Mission support is for the VA. Watch for a list of items we will collect.

ILS PARENTS SURVEY!

It's too late to fill out the ILS Parents Survey, right? Nope! We'd still love to hear from you! Your feedback is very important to us! Need a new copy? Text or call Mike in the school office! Your feedback on our promotional flier could help another person decide ILS is the right place for their child to grow and develop! Thanks!



Grandparents Day at ILS!

Grandparents are a big deal to preschoolers! So Grandparents Day is a big deal at ILS! Last year we had 49 students; this year 78 ... so it will be twice the FUN with a different format! All grandparents for your preschooler are invited and encouraged to join us: Wednesday, March 29 from 9 to 11:30 am with a program on stage, special chapel, and activities! It's a big deal! Watch for more info in your child's backpack! Do, please, look in their backpack every day: LOTS of info, notes, art, activities coming out every week!



Emergency Closings!

IF we close for weather (or any other purpose) you will receive an email from ILS or a group text from your child's teacher. Or listen for "Immanuel Lutheran School, Danville" (not Immanuel Lutheran Preschool – there is another in our region) on WCIA, D102, KRock, WDAN, WITY, KISS, KOOL for closing information.

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