

## Important Dates

- **Feb. 26 – March 1** – Scholastic Book Fair
- **March 1** – Family Literacy Night 6:00 -7:30 pm
- **March 16** – Parent’s Night Out 5:30 – 8:30
- **March 19 – 23** – Spring Break
- **March 25** – Journey With Jesus 3:30 – 5:00 pm at PUMC
- **March 28 & 29** – Class, individual and Grad. portrait days
- **March 30** – School Closed for Good Friday

## Registration Updates

Classroom placement notification emails have been sent. If you have not received one, please come see Tricia, Candi or Emily in the office. **All registration and supply fees are due March 2 to hold your child’s classroom spot.**



## Spring Break Care at our Plaza Campus

Care will be available at our Plaza Campus over Spring Break, March 19 -23 from 9am – 5pm. \*\* Cost for care is \$9/hr (1 child) and \$11/hr (2 children) Schedule your care today to reserve your child’s spot. **Email [judi@parkerumc.org](mailto:judi@parkerumc.org) to reserve your Spring Break spot.**  
\*\* If we do not reach our minimum number for enrollment, the hours of care will adjust to 9 am – 3 pm

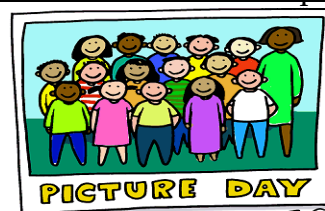
## Scholastic Book Fair & Literacy Night

Our book fair has begun and the children are excited to see all of the fun titles. Come downstairs to the Narthex area and take a look. We are open for sales from 8:45–3:00 daily until Thursday 3/1.

Join us Thursday March 1 at 6:00 for our Family Literacy Night. It will be lots of fun. Our marvelous teachers will be reading, there will be crafts, a photo booth, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and cookies and milk as well as a local children’s author attending to read and visit with children about being an author. It promises to be a great night.

## SPRING PICTURES (March 28 &29)

- Van Gogh Portraits will be here on Wed. & Thurs. 3/28 & 3/29 for our spring portraits. Class and individual pictures will be taken; all children will be photographed. Cap and gown photos will be taken for all children advancing onto Kindergarten or who are currently in Kindergarten.
- Look for a sign up genius invite for sibling picture appointments
- We are participating in the online proof program. You will receive your proof, access number and ordering instructions from you classroom teachers about 2 weeks after portraits are taken. Make sure to view the proofs online; more options are available online than are on the proof sheet





Colorado Shines utilizes a comprehensive approach to evaluate early learning programs for children ages 0-5 years in areas such as health and safety, training and teacher effectiveness, positive learning environment, continuing education and leadership - all characteristics that point to a program's level of quality and ensures parents' confidence in the program.

Little Blessings completed our Colorado Shines quality rating and received a Level 3 rating which included an intensive school process to demonstrate quality in the following areas:

- Support for children's health and safety
- Well-trained and effective staff
- Supportive learning environment that teaches children new skills
- Helping families be active in their child's learning
- Strong leadership and business practices

Some of the findings for Little Blessings from the evaluation process included:

- Family Partnerships- Little Blessings staff greet children and parents warmly at drop off and pick up times as well as include parents in classroom and school activities.
- Language and Reasoning - Little Blessings has a nice balance from it's staff between listening and talking to children in the classroom. Staff models polite and appropriate conversations. In addition, staff take time to have individual conversations with all students in the classroom in a respectful manner.
- Interaction - Little Blessings staff provide resources in the classroom to enhance play, provide opportunities for children to develop positive social interactions, and have a balance approach to embed teacher directed learning opportunities in the classroom.
- Classroom Activities and Schedules - Little Blessings classrooms are organized and child independence is promoted. Child related work is displayed and activities are diverse and developmentally appropriate.

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