

March
2020



Read Across America Day

The infamous Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, 1904. He has written countless children's classics, so it's only natural that "Read Across America" would celebrate him with his own special day. Let's all bring our FAVORITE book (*labeled with your name*) to school to read with our friends on "Read Across America Day" on **Monday, March 2nd**. We will also be celebrating his birthday ALL week with fun dress up days.

Monday – funny hair style

Wednesday – wacky outfit

Thursday – silly socks

Friday - dress up as your fav Seuss character!

Can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!

School Closure

Reminder that all Rutherford County Schools and LBP will be closed on **Tuesday, March 3rd** for Election Day.

Early Childhood Screening

The annual Rutherford County Schools free early childhood screening will be held at Barfield Elementary and Stewartsboro Elementary schools on **Saturday, March 7th** from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The event is intended for children ages 2^{1/2} to four years old suspected of vision, hearing, speech language or learning problems. No appointment needed.

Daylight Savings Time!

Don't forget to move your clocks forward on **Sunday, March 8th**. Who's ready for longer days and more sunshine?! I know I am!

Crunch, crunch!

We will be celebrating National Potato Chip Day on **Monday, March 16th**. We will have a taste test of many different kinds of chips!

PICTURE DAY!

Spring picture day will be held on **Tuesday, March 17th**. This includes every child's individual, class groups, and graduate individuals and groups. There is not a make-up day for those photos. Visit us in the office if you have any questions at all.

March 17th is also St. Patrick's Day! Wear your favorite bit of green for your spring photos!



Monthly Mission Projects

Each month, we participate in activities to help people of our community and to spread the love of Christ! We are asking families in our

Pre-K Two Classroom to donate snacks for the Lascassas Volunteer Fire Department – crackers, granola bars, etc! You can leave your donations in the bin outside of our office.



We have once again decided to support the Good Shepherd Children's Home. This home is a voluntary placement program in Murfreesboro, meaning that children are voluntarily placed with the home by their parents or guardians. The program is focused on providing for children who, at no fault of their own, find themselves in unfortunate home situations where they are not, or cannot, be cared for. The ultimate goal is to reunite children with their parents whenever possible. Currently, they are in great need of **MANY** items. Here are a few ways we can help:

**ramen noodles pop tarts individual fruit cups cheese crackers
individual microwavable mac & cheese or ravioli cups**

Place all your donations in the bin outside of our office!

Remember that LBP is closed
Monday, March 30th through **Friday, April 3rd** for Spring Break!



April Sneak Peek



- Friday, April 10th Closed for Good Friday
- Saturday, April 11th LBC Eggstravaganza - 10 am
- Sunday, April 12th LBC Easter Service - 9 am
- Monday, April 13th Week of the Young Child Begins
- Tuesday, April 21st Parent Appreciation Breakfast

Lascassas Baptist Preschool Monthly Devotion

Here's a word of encouragement for you!

Living by God's Sovereignty, Not by Luck or Chance

You may hear a lot about luck this month. "Good Luck" is often spoken by well-wishers who certainly have kind intentions, but yet it seems to fall short of one overriding truth. Mere luck or simple happenstance does not direct our lives. God does. As believers we can be assured, our days are not directed by wondering if the stars are lining up in our favor. Our future is not dictated by chance encounters, wishful thinking, or how people and life circumstances may treat us. Our success in life is not determined by the roll of a dice or a lottery number. We are children of the King. He is Sovereign and He reigns Supreme. He gives favor, guidance, and blessings to those who seek after Him.

Proverbs 16:33 says this, "The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the Lord."

Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, "The mind of man plans his way but the Lord directs his steps."

St. Patrick lived his years as a great example for us today. Whether or not one believes his life held the "luck of the Irish," doesn't matter, for this theme shines through it all, God's Presence and Sovereignty were powerful throughout his years. At the age of 16, St. Patrick was taken from Britain to Ireland, and sold into slavery at the hands of pirates. He spent 6 years as a shepherd, living under harsh authority and difficult conditions. In his hunger, enslavement, and loneliness, he began to find deep closeness with God. And one day, God set him free, miraculously providing a way of escape for Patrick on a ship. He made his way back home, and after some time of study, seeking direction, and much guidance by God through prayer, this dear soul traveled back to Ireland, to share Christ with the people. History tells us that thousands were saved. Revival broke out. Lives were changed.

Though God doesn't "cause" everything that happens in our lives, we can know that He remains in control over all. Nothing happens without first passing by Him, and if, in His Sovereignty, He allows it, even the hardest struggles and deepest pain we may experience, it's for a deeper purpose. That can be a tough thing to grasp. It's difficult to understand why a good God would allow us to endure such dark times. Joseph tells us in Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

God will not allow any circumstance, or any person, to hold us back from His blessing, favor, and purpose for our lives. Because we belong to Him. And we can trust Him with our days. In both of these lives, God turned the toughest, darkest times, around for good. He will not waste our pain, but will use the difficulty of what we walk through for greater good, to bring blessing and freedom to others.

His Presence is with us and His plans for us are good.

Adapted from:

www.crosswalk.com/blogs/debbie-mcdaniel/living-by-gods-sovereignty-not-by-luck-or-chance-17-verses-to-remind-us-of-his-favor.html

Healthy Recipe of the Month

Mini Corned Beef & Cabbage Shamrock Tostadas

Ingredients:

4 9-inch spinach wraps

1 ½ teaspoons Dijon mustard

20 thin strips deli corned beef (about 2 ounces)

½ cup sauerkraut

¼ cup shredded carrots

Chopped parsley for garnish, if desired

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Using a 3-inch shamrock cookie cutter, cut 5 shamrocks from each tortilla. Coat both sides with cooking spray. Place the shamrocks on a wire baking rack on top of a baking sheet. Bake until lightly browned and crisp, 10 to 15 minutes. Let cool completely. When cool, brush the shamrocks with mustard. Top with corned beef, sauerkraut, carrots and parsley.

www.eatingwell.com/recipe/251386/mini-corned-beef-cabbage-shamrock-tostadas/