

# School News

February 2019



## First Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten



***"Continue to live in Christ Jesus,  
rooted and built up in Him,  
strengthened in the faith  
as you were taught."***

**Colossians 2: 6-7**

### From the Director

Dear Parents,

January 2019 is one for the record book with wind chill factors of -45. We hope that February treats us better!

Parents, please help us keep children warm by dressing your child in layers of clothing, particularly undershirts and a sweater or jacket that can be worn all day if necessary. I have also seen children wearing ankle socks. Little ankles really should be covered. We will be outside on days that are 30° and above.



Everyone seems to have a runny nose. Please bring in boxes of tissue and, if you will, bags of oranges or clementines so we can supplement the healthy snacks we provide.

We asked parents of our preschool children to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaire regarding the social and emotional

### Important Dates

**Friday, February 8**

615 p.m. Valentine Family Fun Night


**Monday, February 18**


Dist. 97 Closed; First Baptist Open


**Saturday, February 23**

Early Childhood Symposium

### School Colors

 **Mondays:** yellow and/or white

 **Tuesdays:** red

 **Wednesdays:** orange and/or brown

 **Thursdays:** blue and/or purple

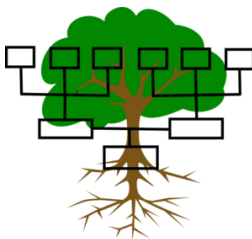
 **Fridays:** green



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The answer is on page 4.

development of your child. **The completion of this questionnaire is a requirement for attending school.** During your Parent/Teacher Conference in February you may discuss the questionnaire, as well as the mid-year Progress Report sent home. We asked parents to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher.

As we celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in January, we now mark the important contributions of African-Americans to our American history. **At First Baptist we do not see Black History Month as a limited celebration, but as an all-inclusive celebration of all cultures and races that are part of us.** My ancestry includes African, Choctaw Native American, German, Welsh, and Philadelphia Dutch. I am proud of my heritage and know that who I am is a reflection of all those who have come before. **Help us celebrate this month by sharing stories of your family's history, and wearing ethnic clothing on Thursdays.**



Join us this Friday, February 8,

6:15-7:30 p.m. for our Annual Valentine Family Fun Night. We will have "games of chance" in which all children will win prizes, and a real, old-fashioned Cake Walk. **There is a \$5.00 per person charge.**

Pizza, salad, and juice will be provided so that you will not have to go home for dinner first!



### Calendar

Feb. 8 Valentine Family Fun Night  
Feb. 18 Dist. 97 Closed: First Baptist Open  
Feb. 23 Early Childhood Symposium, Percy Julian Middle School: Hands On, Minds On

With God's blessings we continue to move forward as our children say, "Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better for the positive and the productive."

Peace & love,

—Ms. Barbara  
Director

## 123 Sesame Street Room



What a wonderful winter we are experiencing this year. The 123 classroom has spent a lot of time exploring all the aspects of winter.

We have talked about what to wear during winter, what animals loved the winter and all about snow! We have

even had the opportunity to play with snow inside the classroom.



Throughout the month of February the 123 classroom will be discussing Black History Month. We will discuss many heroic figures that have created great inventions and made equal opportunities for African Americans everywhere.

February is also the month we celebrate Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day. We will have a small celebration in the 123 classroom for Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14.



First Baptist invites you to our annual Valentine Family Fun Night Friday, February 8, 6:15-7:30 p.m. in our gymnasium. There will be lots of food, games, prizes and our famous Cake Walk.

I would like to congratulate **Alexandria** as she graduates to the Sunshine Room. We wish you all the best in your new room.

We welcome **Noelle Nash** to the 123 Sesame Street Room. We hope you enjoy your new classroom.

We will continue working with your child on their letters, colors, shapes and numbers through various engaging activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please stop by the classroom or send an email to [pariswilson1109@gmail.com](mailto:pariswilson1109@gmail.com)



### Reminders

- Feb. 8 6:15-7:30 p.m. Valentine Family Fun Night
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Party
- Feb. 26 **Happy Birthday** Cassidy

Please be sure to check your child's locker to see if they have the correct change of clothes for the cold weather.

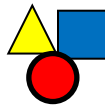
—Ms. Paris, Ms. Elise, & Ms. Sharonda

## Sunshine Room



It's hard to believe that half of our school year has already gone by.

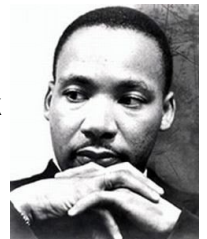
First, we have finished the first semester and have provided reports for everyone. If anyone has any questions, just let us know. We will continue working with shapes, colors, numbers, letters, and social skills activities.



February is also the month of Valentine's Day in Sunshine Class. We will celebrate the day as Friendship Day to show respect, affection, and to share feelings. We will send home more information about our Valentine's Day party.

On February 8 First Baptist will be having a Valentine's Family Fun Night. Sunshine will be there with activities for all that want to participate.

As you know, each month our school has a theme. Our theme this month is "From the Heart." February is also Black History Month. We will continue learning about the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



### Important Reminders

- All children need an extra set of clothes to keep at school at all times.
- Tuesday, February 8 is Valentine Family Fun Night.
- Thursday, February 14 is our Valentine's Day Party for Sunshine Class.



Hoping the groundhog does not see his shadow!!!

Keep warm and healthy!

—Ms. Chely, Ms. Mary, & Ms. Janet

## Friendship Room



If you look at the lesson plan and “see question of the day” and wonder why we ask it, don’t worry, your child isn’t initially excited about answering our questions—we don’t rush

them to answer or move on to another one too quickly. Letting your child take their time shows that we are genuinely interested in what they have to say, and not just robotically asking.



And for us adults, it’s a great way to exercise our own creativity and imagination. We are modeling curiosity, discussion, listening and thinking skills.

We are also showing our children that we often have things in common, and sometimes have a difference of opinion, and that is good, too.



**Show and Tell is every Friday!** Help your child find something to show and tell about. Ask your child what they want to say about their item. This positive interaction builds confidence

and self-esteem. It gives them a chance to be the center of attention and to show off what they have to discuss, and, in turn, makes them feel good about themselves. Because this is a group activity, it helps teach children appropriate social skills.

*Thanks for helping with SouperBowl of Caring!*



### Important Dates

- Feb. 1 Field Trip: Go, Dog, Go!
- Feb. 8 6:15-7:30 p.m. Valentine Family Fun Night
- Feb. 13 11-11:30 a.m. Friendship is singing in Chapel; families welcome!
- Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day classroom party



—Ms. Rita & Ms. Netty

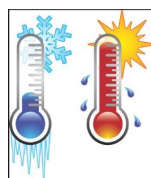
## Rainbow Room



During the month of January we learned so many new things and explored activities that focused on seasons (winter), measuring, weather climates, and health and cleanliness.

Our kiddos had a blast measuring each other to see who was the tallest, smallest, same height, and in-between. For measuring, we also learned how to bake a super chocolaty cake by following specific measurements and ingredients.

For our mathematical component children have been graphing, measuring and counting using blocks and other items in our classroom.



Because this month was particularly our coldest, we thought it would be a great idea to incorporate a weather guy/girl for each day of the week. Children would sing our “What’s the Weather” song and proceed to the window, viewing all of the visible climates outside. Learning about Fahrenheit vs.

Celsius was also part of their task. They loved being quizzed on when and where to use these degree measurements.

We all know cold weather brings on germs and colds. Let’s keep those germs away by learning and practicing safe ways to stay clean and healthy. Children talked about the importance of washing their hands throughout the day so that they wouldn’t get their friends sick. They all named common places and things germs are usually found on to make us all aware.



We conducted a science project using a balloon, confetti, and a yellow blank piece of construction paper to see how far germs could actually travel.

Placing the construction paper on the table, blowing up two balloons and filling them with confetti, children were asked if they thought the confetti would stay on the yellow paper or spread past the yellow paper when the balloons were popped (**hypothesis**). We then conducted our **experiment** by popping both balloons. Our **results** showed us that the germs spread off of our yellow paper even further than we thought. They loved this science experiment.

Happy birthday to **Beckett Davis** (Feb. 3), **Aaron Klein** (Feb. 15), and **Lily Giberson** (Feb. 17).

Please come to our Valentine Family Fun Night on Friday, February 8, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Our 100th Day Party will also be on February 8.



—Ms. Rebekah, Ms. Erica & Ms. Amber

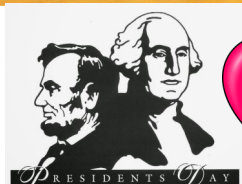
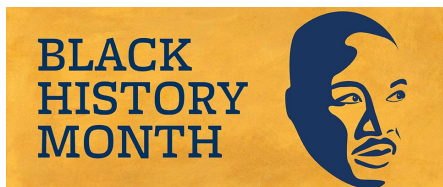


## Kindergarten



Can you believe it, we are now into our second month of a new year. I am always so surprised at how the time can fly.

This month we will be observing Black History Month, President's Day, and Valentine's Day. These are days that the children will learn more about our country's history.



Please spend time at the library with your child to teach them about on what our country was built. I feel we must know our past to get to our future.

Valentine's Day is important also. Let us show our love by coming out to our Valentine Family Fun Night, 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 8.



—Ms. Debra



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There are 6 hearts on Page 4.  
There are a total of 14 hearts!

## After School Program—Boys



We have been busy exploring and making fun projects like slime and foam fungi.

The class has also been working hard on practicing our reading skills and working on our homework.

This month we will continue to explore our STE(A)M skills through fun classroom projects and experiments.



Thank you for your support!

—Ms. Sharonda

## After School Program—Girls (The Cheer Cheetahs)

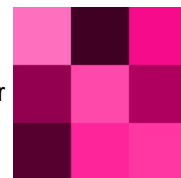


The Cheers Cheetahs have announced BRING IT! to the chilly weather... and have been warming up with increased physical activity. In a heart smart move by Ms.

Sharonda, ASP Boys Teacher, we have been combining our gym time with the ASP Boys class - for an extended gym period with a variety of super fun games: creative relay races, freeze dance, sharks and minnows, virus, four corners, Simon says... as well as traditional games such as basketball, football, and kickball. In this month of love we LOVE sports and physical activity!



We will celebrate Valentine's Day this month with All Things Pink - creating crafts and sweet things in shades of pink - (and in shades of various other favorite colors, as we also LOVE blue, and purple, and many of the other colors!)



We have continued receiving homework tutors from Trinity High School. We are very grateful for their volunteer assistance!

The Cheer Cheetahs have been doing an amazing job at working as a group, keeping track of each others' things - as this is the time of year for many additional articles of clothing - and in being willing to try new things and activities! Great job Cheer Cheetahs!!!

Keep up the great work in school Cheer Cheetahs!

—Ms. Laura and The Cheer Cheetahs





***Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."***  
*Matthew 19: 14*