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## Friends of Jesus Preschool

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## February is Read-A-Thon Month

We love Read-A-Thon month at Friends of Jesus Preschool! It is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their children each day to show them how great books and reading can be – you can go interesting places, learn new things, experience beauty, let your imagination wander AND snuggle – all at the same time! It is also a meaningful way to raise funds for special preschool events, like our recent movie matinee day and free field trip to Kids Gym.

Read-A-Thon information and pledge sheets are coming home to you this week. Pledges are due February 14. Pledges can come from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors. If you get more pledges after your initial pledge sheet is turned in and you need another one, be sure to ask your child's classroom teacher or assistant teacher. Your child has the whole month of February to read. He/she will receive graduated prizes the more books they read. The three students who read the most books will receive the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place grand prize baskets. Happy Reading! And let's be honest, we know how much parents are reading during this time, so there are 3 parent prizes too! Watch your child's progress on our brand new Read-A-Thon bulletin board in the hallway.



## Upcoming Events

**February 1-28**

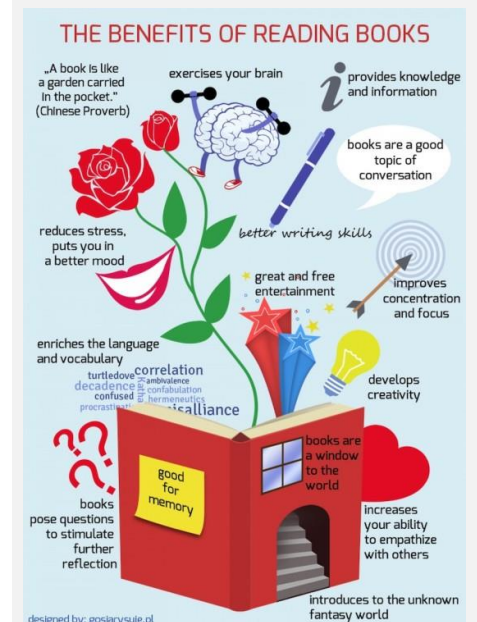
**Read-a-Thon Fundraiser**

**February 13**

**Yellow Bug Valentine Party**

**February 14**

**Orange & Red Bug Valentine Party**



Our culminating activity for the 2020 Read-A-Thon is a FOJ night at Treat Street in Oakwood Plaza on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00pm. We will receive 20% of the proceeds from the entire register receipts during that time! Dinner, dessert and \$\$\$ for the preschool! Win!



Rory & Tessa Dall (YB).....2/5

Lola Frazier (RB) .....2/16

Freya Schneider (YB) .....2/20



Zion will offer two Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – one at noon and the other at 6:30, both with the imposition of ashes. Then, each Wednesday during Lent (the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, not counting Sundays) there will be a noon and 6:30 Lenten service at Zion. These

services are a time for contemplation about the great sacrifice that Jesus has made for us, as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Lenten soup supper is provided before the evening services on Wednesdays, beginning at 5:15. Need more information or have questions? See Mrs. V.

#### Enrollment for 2020-2021

The Friends of Jesus Preschool staff thanks all of our families for your prompt responses to re-enrollment for next year. Friends of Jesus students love returning to school in the fall to find familiar friends have returned to their class. Teachers and assistant teachers look forward to continuing the progress we are making with our students and welcoming new students. Our roster for next year is now FULL. Interested families will be placed on a waitlist.

**Our observance of National Lutheran Schools Week is coming! March 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. There will be special event days each day that week for students, and Friends of Jesus staff will host and serve the midweek dinner for Zion on Wednesday of that week – March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! Watch for more detailed information in your family folder coming later this month.**



Did you and your family enjoy our movie matinee day? Take a minute (either in person, text or email) to let Mrs. V know your feelings about the experience. We had such a great turnout!