



# TodayCare Times

March, 2023

A Newsletter for St. Joseph's Child Care Center

## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

### Up-Coming...

- **Dr. Seuss Day** - March 2
- **World Wildlife Day** - March 3
- **Intl's Women Day** - March 8
- **Daylight Savings Begins** - Mar. 12
- **World Panda Day** - Mar. 16
- **St. Patrick's Day** - March 17
- **World Down Syndrome** - Mar. 21

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday, and a good time to remind all of us to read to and with our children. Children who are read to and who see their parent read have a greater interest in reading, giving them the foundation for better success in school. Here are some tips to help make reading a better experience for both you and your child.

In addition to reading to your child, let them see you reading as part of your daily life (the newspaper after breakfast, a magazine while waiting for an appointment, or even a cookbook while preparing dinner). And if you haven't done so, consider taking them to the local library. Almost all of the Hillsborough County Public libraries have story time for different ages, some offer bedtime stories and there are numerous activities centered around reading offered throughout the year.

### World Wildlife Day

World Wildlife Day is celebrated on March 3 to raise awareness of all the endangered species that are on the verge of extinction all over the world, and the damage that their disappearing will cause to their ecosystems and the health of our planet.

Did you know that there only around 40 Amur Leopards, 60 Javan Rhinos, 600 Sudan Island Tigers, 800 Tapanuli Orangutans, 1,000 Yangtze Finless Porpoise, and 1,000 Mountain Gorillas in the entire world? And that's just to mention a few of the thousands of species that are disappearing forever.

To put it very simply, if certain creatures were to die out, it would send our food chain far out of whack. In a strong ecosystem, if any link in the food chain breaks, it causes ripples far and wide.

While there are certainly reasons beyond humanity's control for a species to die off, in many cases today, it's due to human activity. However, the good news is that if we caused it, we have the power to fix it. We all share one planet.

Ensuring Earth remains a thriving, living, breathing planet means taking care of everything in it. The loss of a species can lead to changes in the local environment, which can directly affect the humans living there. Wildlife conservation is an integral part of creating a sustainable world.

I believe it is our duty to do something about, not just for our children, but for the generations that come after. The future of our world depends on getting together, and plant in our children the love for nature, and a strong desire to become advocates and defenders of our planet, and all its inhabitants. So it is time to spread the word and get involved today!!!

Parents,

Don't forget to keep two full changes of clothes in your child's cubby for those little emergencies. And please remember to include socks and extra underwear (for children who wear them), and to label all of the items. Also, please check often to make sure the extra clothes are weather appropriate, and that they still fit your child.

The SJCC Parent Advisory Board meets on the

third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in our Teacher's Lounge

### Meeting Dates

2023:

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 18

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

Please join us.



