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Dear Families,

1. **March Tuition Due** by the 10th to avoid late fees.
2. **Easter Parties, Wednesday and Thursday, March 23 & 24.** The party sign-up sheets will be on the check-in counter starting next week. There is no obligation to sign up for anything, but if you want to help in the classroom you must be cleared as a volunteer. If you have any questions, ask me, Kahleen.
3. **Vacation Day: We have Friday, March 25th off. Also the week of April 4-8.**
4. **Make-A-Plate Project:** You have all been given the order forms for this project. There is no obligation to pay for your plate if you are tight with money. However, if you want more than one, just let us know on the order form. Mrs. Zweers will be showing you some really cute plates done with the help of her daughter, Amy. If you have any questions, just check with Miss Filey.
5. **We are down to one duck, Pepper.** She is so calm and has been eating worms out of the children's hands today. She needs more greens, so if your lettuce of any kind goes bad, please send it in, as she eats almost any kind of greens. Our new ducklings arrive on Tuesday, April 12th. They are all ordered.
6. **Spring Social Festival:** It is on the calendar for Sunday, May 22nd. Tanya is hard at work, sending out letters to get donations. Theo's Mom has already sent in a donation. If you have a personal donation, please mark it well and Bring them to my office. There is a shelf there where I will be collecting them for Tanya. If in doubt, just put them on my desk. Thanks so much.
7. **Special requests:** Wrapping paper rolls. The long ones that the wrapping paper is on. We use them for rocket construction. Sun Butter for our snacks. This can be found at Trader Joe's. **Christmas Cards:** These are the ones that you are getting rid of that have pictures of snow OR anything to do with the birth of Jesus in the picture. We use them in crafts.
8. Remember to shop with **smile.amazon.com** and select Mount Hermon Association when you shop on Amazon. Thanks so much!!! Thanks to Tanya for discovering this. By the way, Tanya had her baby!!! Congrats to Jake's family on their new baby girl.

Week 22 Themes: March 7-11, 2016 Ezra, Stella & Stevie start the caterpillars today!

- LETTER: "V", as in volcano, Velcro, velvet, vet, van and vase.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Mrs. Edeal, is still downstairs with the children in the game room with the "big boxes" making tunnels.
- Mrs. Zweers will be cooking "Bunny Bread" on Wednesday.
- Miss Filey will be planting our Easter grass with all the children. Thanks to everyone for the milk cartons.

Week 23 Themes: March 14-18, 2016

- LETTER: "M", as in monkey, magnet, magenta, mom.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Miss Filey will be working with your children on their drawings for their "Make-a-plate", all week.
- Mrs. Zweers will have the MWF class hammer crosses and on TTh will be doing handprint crosses.

Week 24 Themes: Monday - Thursday, March 21-24, 2016

We have Friday, March 25th, OFF.

- LETTER: None this week with the parties and Friday off.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Parties on Thursday and Friday. Be sure to sign up with me, Kahleen, if you want to volunteer to help this day. We will dye eggs, have an egg hunt, eat a special snack and have a really fun day!!!

Birthdays: Here is the list dates of the birthdays that I plan to give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day.

Noah on March 15, Harrison on April 13, Idra on April 15, Annea on April 28 .

I have posted these dates on the big calendar on the website (<http://mounthermon.org/playschool#calendar>). If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. You may bring a treat to celebrate the birthday crown day. We suggest small, non gooey treats are great. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit, rice crispy treats are great!!! These are just some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free (really the only seed/nut we have at school this year is sunflower). **On MWF if you want Eliana** to eat what you bring, call her MOM, Janelle at 408.710.1290

About FOOD ALLERGYIES: No food can come to school with peanuts. If your child has a food allergy, please be sure you have talked to Kahleen so we can be sure our lists are up-to-date. Please also provide a birthday treat for your child to be kept at school for any celebrations. Thanks

Helpful tips for success at school:

1. BATHROOM: The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. SHOES: Open shoes allow the sand to get in too easily, and there was some frustration today when the sand just would not stay out. If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Yes, I know, some of those come with all the holes for the sand to get in. Oh well, just think about it. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed.

New Class: On February 2nd we started our Caterpillar Class for children 2.5 yrs old by February 1st. We now have 8 children in that class. We are thinking about offering a Caterpillar Class, starting in September if there is interest.

March and April Vacation Days: Friday, March 25, Monday - Friday, April 4-8.

Blessings to all from us: Faith Filey, Monica Zweers, Brigette Ross, Kate Wadhams and Kahleen Edeal.