

# St. Augustine South ECCE Centre Newsletter

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## HAPPY EASTER!

### Principal's News

Welcome to our first newsletter!

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last term of school! The school year has been filled with various activities, such as carnival celebration, field trip and various fund raising activities. I would like to thank everyone who made these events a success and requests your ongoing support.

### New Staff

Two Interns/Student Teachers from the University of the West Indies Open Campus will be with us on their Practicum Exercise until the end of the term.

Miss Lou-Ann Maxime has been placed with Miss Ramsarran's three plus group and Mrs. Dionne Simpson will be working with Mrs. Karl's four plus group.

On your behalf, we welcome these additions to our staff as they will continue to work with us for the following year.

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- ◆ March 26 -  
April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Break  
(school closed)
- ◆ April 12<sup>th</sup> -  
School  
reopens
- ◆ May 22nd -  
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### Hand Washing



Because of the present health issues and an increase in hand washing by the children, we have had to ask for three-one per month instead of two rolls of hand towels.

### Wish List



Our student interns are working on getting the children more active in sports. They have put together a wish list of items that the center needs.

- ❖ Basketballs
- ❖ Footballs
- ❖ Cricket sets
- ❖ Bowling sets
- ❖ Tennis rackets
- ❖ Skipping ropes
- ❖ Toy vehicles
- ❖ Miniature beach sets

## Upcoming Events



### Easter Fiesta

On Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12:00 noon, the Centre will be putting on an Easter fiesta where the children will have an opportunity to try different Easter foods common to Trinidad & Tobago.

There will also be an Easter egg hunt, prizes, music and lots of fun. Parents are asked to provide some Easter treats for the class Easter egg hunt by March 22nd.



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On the day of the Fiesta, the boys will be required to wear long dress pants, shirt and dress shoes. The girls are to dress in pretty pastel Coloured dresses and dress shoes.

### May Fair

The Centre will be holding a May Fair on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This family- fun event, will include games, pony rides, face painting, plant sale, raffle prizes, a used toy and children's clothing sale, and a "Wild Wild West" themed play area. There will also be a silent auction with exciting items such as vacations, zoo admission, etc.

If you can volunteer at the May Fair, please let your child's teacher know by Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Practical tips for Reading Aloud to Preschoolers

Years of research have demonstrated that reading is critical to a child's development, academic success, and success in life. Take steps to create an environment that fosters a love for reading, and you will equip the children in your care with tools that will set the stage for life long learning.

- Move your finger under the words as you read aloud. This helps children connect printed word to spoken word.
- Point out the similarities in words when you can: tri-cycle, tri-angle, tri-pod. Can your preschooler notice what these words have in common?
- Ask open ended questions such as, "what do you think is going to happen next?"
- Use different voices to different characters.

(Adapted from Bower, D. (2001) Tips for Parents: Creating Reading Readiness. The University of Georgia, Cooperative Extension Service.)