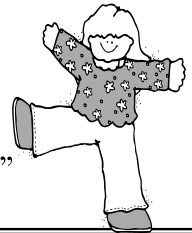




Principal's Newsletter

March 2010 St. Ann's Model Early Learning Center

"Given the right condition, all children can learn"



ELC Happenings

- Mar. 1 - 4 Good Touch/Bad Touch (3s)
- Mar. 3 1pm Faculty Mtg.
- Mar. 5 10:45am ELC Prayer/Ch
- Mar. 11 Spring Pictures
- Mar. 12 SCH/ELC Final Intent to Return Due
10:45am ELC Prayer/Ch
- Mar. 15-19 SCH Scholastic Book Fair in food court
- Mar. 18 Kinder - 1st Grade Exchange
- Mar. 19 9am Furry visitor
- Mar. 22-26 Spring Break
NO SCHOOL @ ELC
Offices open 7:30am-3:30pm
- Mar. 28 Holy Week Begins
- Mar. 31 ELC Tuition Due
- Apr. 1 Holy Thursday
12noon Early Dismissal
- Apr. 2 Good Friday
No School
- Apr. 4 Easter Sunday
Keiki Easter Egg Hunt after 8:45am Mass
- Apr. 5 Easter Monday
No School
- Apr. 7 1pm Faculty Mtg.
- Apr. 9 10:45am ELC Prayer/Ch

Fluffy Friends Visit the ELC

We are pleased to announce that in the early morning hours of March 17th thirteen baby chicks were born at the ELC!

On March 15th thirteen chicken eggs were delivered to the early learning center. As the teachers prepared for their arrival, 5 little Igloo coolers were turned into incubators for their soon-to-arrive visitors. Two days later, almost all of the baby chicks were hatched and eager to greet their new 'ohana (family). As part of our science curriculum, the children learn to recite the life cycle of a chicken and also to describe some of their body parts. This is an annual learning experience.

All were very intrigued by their new fluffy friends. By Friday all the baby chicks had been adopted by our very own ELC students. Of course, not all the children were able to take a baby chick home, but for those families who did, a grateful mahalo for making room for one more at home.



MDA Hop-A-Thon!

This year, the ELC participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association Hop-A-Thon which included a variety of hopping activities and a rest station with ice pops. Each child who raised



Pictured here are the students who raised \$100-\$499. David Yamashiro, Gabrielle Kamaka, Kahiau Chang, Adrienne Aquino, Noah Makiya, Maila Freitas, Amanda Cunha, Not Pictured: Matthew Kurata

\$100-\$499 received a \$5 Wal-Mart gift card. The Blue Bears (5-1 Miss Audrey Tim's class) collected the most donations and will receive a special class pizza party on April 9th, 2010!



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Our children's spiritual journey continues as they learn a deeper understanding of Lent. They are learning about new life - how caterpillars become butterflies, how seeds become plants & how eggs become chicks. They are also taught how we can all become new creations through Christ! Some ways we can all do this are: **PRAY MORE** - go to church as a family, reflect upon the various special services available at St. Ann's, especially during the Lenten season. It's also powerful and quite wonderful to pray the Rosary together.

BE KIND - Children see more than you know. They model your behavior in all things. Visit the sick or elderly together. Read a story. Share a smile. Just one kind word or gesture may make all the difference in someone's life. **GIVE ALMS** - Give of yourself, your time, money, and talent to those who are in need. We encourage the children to participate in Operation Rice Bowl annually. More than simply collecting loose change or just giving money to the "poor people," this is an exercise in Catholic Social Values. Teachers explained how to utilize the poster calendar and the Rice Bowl. Our children are always wonderfully generous and want to help others so much! Although the money is important, the underlying lesson is even more important. We thank each family that participated in Operation Rice Bowl for their contribution and for helping perpetuate the spirit of Christian charity here at St. Ann's.



A Surprise Visitor

The Dinosaurs, Dolphins, and Bears were all treated to a wonderful, furry visit from the Easter Bunny on Friday, March 19th, 2010.

Each class took turns taking class pictures with our special visitor and asking the Easter Bunny where she lived and if she was tired from hopping over the Ko'olau Mountains. Classes returned back to their classroom to continue their Easter festivities and passed out treats to classmates.

March 28 thru April 2 marks Holy week. This is the time to reflect on our Lenten journey and the sacrifice Jesus has made for us. The ELC and School students will all attend a Holy Thursday Prayer Service on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 8:15 in Church. Parents and family members are all welcome to join us.



Please note that there will be a 12 Noon Early dismissal for all faculty, staff and students on Holy Thursday. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

Mark Your Calendar...keeping you posted ☺

- * April 1 12:00pm Dismissal - Holy Thursday
- * April 2 NO School - Good Friday
- * April 4 Easter Sunday - Keiki Egg Hunt to follow 8:45am Mass
- * April 5 NO School - Easter Monday
- * April 9 Blue Bears MDA Pizza Party
- * April 13 MAPA Performance of The Ugly Duckling
- * April 16 Dinosaurs visit Arcadia Care Home - Service Learning Project
- * April 22 Bears clean Heeia Community Park - It's Earth Day ☺
- * April 30 May Day Performance - 11:00am Dismissal for All



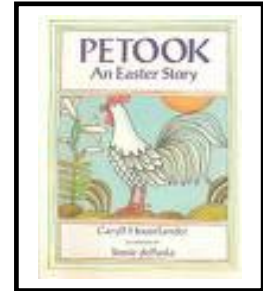
March Bookshelf

Spring has sprung and Easter comes early to us this year! It's a wonderful time of year when we teach our children to celebrate the wonder of new life. Here are some wonderful springtime reads. All these stories and many more can be found right at our public library...

Petook: An Easter Story

by Caryll Houselander

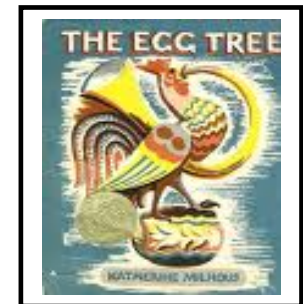
Petook is a rooster who becomes a very proud papa. He understands how special it is to see his wife sitting on her nest of eggs. He is also very special, because he gets to meet Jesus as a young boy. Follow along & hear the Easter story through the eyes of a rooster.



The Egg Tree

by Katherine Milhous

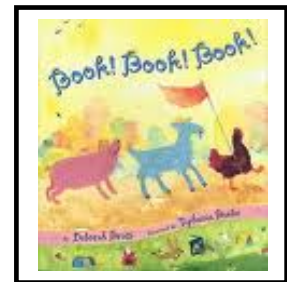
A Caldecott Medal winning story about youngsters Katy & Carl who spend a memorable Easter on their grandmother's farm with their cousins. Everyone seems to be finding Easter eggs during the egg hunt – all except Katy. Will she find eggs hidden in the attic – or maybe even something really special?



Book! Book! Book!

by Deborah Bruss

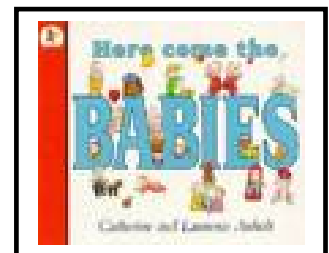
Down on the farm all the animals are bored now that the children have all gone back to school. They head to town in search of something interesting to do and they find the public library!! Will the librarian understand just what it is they want? Come and see in this cute, brightly illustrated tale.



Here Come the Babies

by Catherine and Laurence Anholt

This is a fun rhyming romp all about babies – what they look like, what they do, their toys and daily routines. Perfect for any child who has a baby at home or who has one on the way...



I Love You Like Crazy Cakes

by Rose Lewis

A woman writes to Chinese officials to see if she can adopt a Chinese baby. When she got her new baby from China, she said, "I love you like crazy cakes." This is a beautiful journey based upon the author's own life experience.

