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## News from St. Mark Community Preschool

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### A Word About Earthquake Readiness

As we hear about the big earthquakes around the world, especially last Friday in Japan, we are reminded again that we live in earthquake country. As part of the Preschool's licensing requirements, we maintain a 3-days' supply of food, water, and equipment in bins outside our preschool kitchen.

We do earthquake drills and fire drills with the children so they know how to evacuate the classrooms and how to "duck and cover." The staff are all trained in First Aid and CPR. We are prepared to care for your children for up to 3 days in case of emergency.

No one likes to talk about or think about the need to be prepared, but we must do it. Do you have a family plan and emergency supplies?

Keep the people of Japan in your prayers. They have a massive clean-up ahead. It may be years before they fully recover.

### From the Desk of Mary Hornbuckle: News for Current Preschool Families

March and April are very busy months for the preschool, so we're sending this "special edition" e-newsletter with a few key updates and reminders.

- Be sure to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher on March 16. We do not have school that day so that we can get all the conferences done. Your child may come to play on the yard while you meet



with the teacher.

- We will offer a fingerprinting service on March 23 and 24, through Permanent Impressions. Flyers will go out next week - be sure to return the form by Monday, March 21. See the display on the patio.
- Along with St. Mark Presbyterian Church, we are collecting books for Glenn Martin Elementary School in Santa Ana, now through March 25. Children's books for Kindergarten through Grade 6 are appreciated.
- We have a few new families in the preschool. Look for the address roster in your child's cubby, and greet our new friends when you see them.
- Open House is early this year, on Sunday, April 3, from 2 - 4 PM. Join your friends for classroom tours and refreshments on the patio.
- Spring Break has no connection to Easter this year. We will close preschool April 11 - April 15 along with the public schools in the area. Easter is 4/24.

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