



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

January 2023 Newsletter

OPEN MLK Jr. Day

We will be **OPEN** Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thank you

Parents, thank you for all the lovely Holiday cards, treats and gifts we were given in December. We are so grateful!

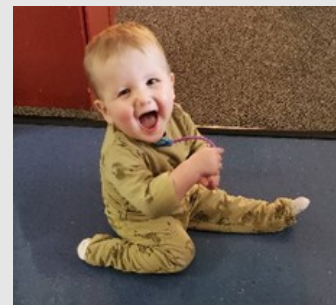
Valentine's Day 2023

We celebrate Valentine's Day in a big way around here! Next month on Tuesday, February 14, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with class parties and a Valentine exchange. Children are welcome to bring in Valentines to exchange with their friends and teachers, although this is entirely optional. A full list of names of people in each class will be emailed out later this month.

Inspection Season is Upon Us

As we start the new year, we are preparing for our annual inspections from the Health Department, Fire Department and state Early Learning Division Office of Child Care. We look forward to showing these entities our Center and the hard work we do.

2021 & 2022 Brought Us These Little Ones:



— Jaime Snider, director

The center of her life is singing

By PAULETTE AVERY

As Kathy Gordon talked to me about her life, she pictured it as a wheel with singing as the hub and spokes representing such things as family, friendships, travel, and her talent.

“Pretty much everything in my life is connected to my singing,” she says.

Kathy has been singing as far back as she can remember. As a child she sang along when her mom played the piano and also with the old 78 records she frequently listened to. People began recognizing her talent when she started school and by the fourth grade she performed for the first time as a soloist. Kathy began voice lessons in the seventh grade and has taken them for many years.

She grew up in a religious family and her mom played piano for the Sunday School at Bethany Presbyterian in Grants Pass. Kathy sang in the church’s children’s choir and later in the adult choir. A couple of women in the church recognized her gift and became mentors, helping her further develop her talent.

In 1963, the summer before she entered college at the University of Oregon, Kathy worked at the Oregon Caves and met her future husband Dick.



Kathy Gordon

“I think maybe he noticed me when he heard me sing at the campfires.”

They worked together at the Caves for another couple of years and were married in 1965. Many years later Dick became the concessionaire manager at the Oregon Caves and Crater Lake National Park and he and Kathy were featured in a PBS special about the National Parks of the Northwest. They have three sons and six grandchildren.

The Gordon’s first home was in Vancouver, Wash., where Kathy attended a Methodist church. Through connections there she entered the young singer’s program at the Portland Opera Company, obtaining more training and additional opportunities to sing.

Kathy and Dick moved to Medford in 1968 and Kathy joined First Presbyterian. In addition to singing in the choir and often doing solos for the video services, she has served several terms on Session and is currently on the Nominating and Worship committees. She has also sung with the Rogue Valley Chorale since its founding five decades ago.



Kathy sang Christmas Eve as part of the Chancel Choir’s soprano section