



## Preschool Peek

April 2018

Week of April 9

### Spring Is Marvelous

#### Music:

- Oh, how I love Jesus
- Three Little Ducks
- Counting 1-10 song
- The More We Get Together

#### Stories:

- Ten Rubber Ducks
- The Story of Easter
- Ducks—See how they grow
- The Day the Wind Obeyed (from our Bible)

#### Special Projects:

- Finger painted a blue pond
- Decorated a Spring waver/streamer
- Colored duck beaks and glued on pond

#### Alphabet Activities:

- Letter M: marshmallows and sharing “M” things

#### Activities:

- big and small pipe builders
- play dough & duck cookie cutters
- construction zone floor puzzle
- construction tubes/pipes w/ cars in sensory table
- construction sewing cards
- number puzzles
- dramatic play: construction site
- spring type books in the library
- free exploration in side sensory: nests, eggs, etc.
- wooden and plastic dollhouse
- Jesus prayer table
- metal cars and town rug
- Resurrection table of tomb and characters
- Spring baby animal puppets
- Spring walk with our streamers

#### Jesus Song

Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Because he first loved me.

Week of April 16 & 23

### Weather Watchers/Incredible Insects

#### Music:

- Rain poem w/ rain stick
- Oh, What a Miracle
- Jesus, I love you
- Counting 1-10
- Alphabet song

#### Stories:

- What will the Weather be like today? (Read Aloud)
- Bear loves Weather
- Umbrella Parade
- Little Cloud
- Ladybugs—Red, Fiery and Bright
- Ten Little Ladybugs
- Noah’s Big Boat (our Bible Read Aloud)

#### Special Projects:

- Puffy Paint Clouds
- Scissors practice
- Paper Plate Ladybug

#### Alphabet Activities:

- Letter Q: quilt squares & sharing time
- Letter I: inchworm clipart & sharing time

#### Activities:

- I SPY books with magnifying glasses in library corner
- Noah’s Ark toy boat/characters
- Jesus table - area to pray
- dramatic play: construction site
- standard measurement bin-tape measures, paper...
- big chalkboard easel
- big tubes (ramps) and cars with blocks
- ABC stampers/ink at the Maker Table
- life cycles, birds nests and nature items at science
- light table
- sugar cubes for building structures
- playdough and scissors practice
- pre-writing cards with white board markers
- duplo table
- Jesus prayer table
- side sensory bin: ducks and water

## Other News in Preschool

I encourage you to send mittens, hats, snow pants until the weather is much, much warmer. The preschool playground area can be sloppy, wet and muddy. The spring wind can be a factor, too. Thank you.

### April Concepts

Letters: Z, M, Q, I & the Alphabet song      Counting 1-10

Shape: Oval (review circle, square, triangle, rectangle, heart, diamond)      Color: Yellow

### Easter Joy (week of April 2)

The month of April began with lessons of Easter. An age appropriate approach is used when teaching all of our lessons including Jesus dying on the cross and rising on Easter Sunday. The children listened to the story titled "A Sad and Happy Day" from our Read Aloud Bible, as well as other First Easter books. During Jesus time the children discussed the reason for our Easter celebration with family and friends.

To extend the joy of Easter, the children partook in a variety of activities including an egg hunt, egg/spoon balance game, Easter sensory basket, egg sorting, a big egg painting, learned a few songs and even had time for bunny stories. Our classroom has a beautiful 3D tomb with characters and flannel story which allows the children to retell the Easter story in their own words. I hope you will continue to have conversations at home about the First Easter. I like to say we are all "planting seeds" in our little one hearts for future faith lessons.

### Spring Shoes

Whenever the season of Spring decides to show up—please be aware of our shoe policy. It is best for the children to wear sturdy shoes covering their toes. It is tempting to wear cute sandals and crocs, but for safety reasons these are discouraged at Preschool. Please see the parent handbook you received in August if you have questions. Thank you.

### Preschool Summer Camp

We are offering a summer camp opportunity in June. We will be having a week-long Summer Safari camp --morning only. A hard copy of the summer camp form was placed in the family files a few weeks ago. The forms are also on the school website. If you are interested please register by early May.

### Night of the Arts:

Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is our PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade display of Arts and Literature. The Terrific Threes class completed a Polar Bear painting with a bath puff and read stories on polar bears. This work was completed in January during our Polar Bear Express theme. I saved the children's work and it will be on display outside of the Preschool rooms. Please stop by on Thursday evening, April 26 to see your child's art displayed in our school cafeteria—and check out the entire school for beautiful creations.

### Spring Assessments and Conferences:

I have had the privilege of working 1:1 with your little one this month to go over the preschool readiness concepts that have been taught and reviewed all year long. I am looking forward to sharing your child's assessments with you at conferences on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn Pilney will send out a notification regarding sign-ups soon.

### **End of the Year Program:**

Please mark your calendars for our spring program which is held on the very last day of preschool. The program is on Thursday, May 24 at 10:00 am in the St. Joseph's Great Room. The children are preparing a few spring songs for you and your family. All are welcome to join us. We will have a little treat after our program, too.

**\*\*\*Note: your child comes to Preschool at the regular time: 9:00 am. We will meet you in the Great Room at 10:00.**

### **Our Time Together:**

It has been a year of growth, development and true blossoming! I often reflect on the beginning of the year and how far we have come since September. It is amazing to me and such an incredible gift to be a part of your child's early years of learning. Both Kathy and I look forward to watching more learning and delight to take place in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for sharing your bundle of joy with our preschool staff.

### **Looking Ahead:** *Mark your calendars.*

April 26: Night of the Arts. Our hallway galleries will be open from 6-8:30 pm. Please join us.

May 3: No Preschool for our Terrific Threes---Conferences

May 4: Conferences

May 24: Our Last Day of Preschool

Spring Program 10:00 am in the Great Room.

Treats after the program.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

June: Summer Camp opportunities. Deadline to sign up is early May.

# Happy Easter!

# Happy Spring!

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