

# The Early Childhood Corner



## From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that there are only 7.5 weeks of school left. As nicer weather arrives, we can take walks around the property, look for birds and watch the plants grow, as well as play on the playground. Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing whenever necessary.

Parents of Preschoolers and children in Child Care may want to check the extra set of clothes kept at school. Your child has been growing and the weather will be getting warmer, so you may want something different stored at school.

Your child's clothes can be found in the labeled container in the floor cabinet of the appropriate bathroom.

In His service,

Mrs. Leuck  
Ms. Rajer  
Mrs. Stiemke  
Mrs. Zeuner

St. Paul Early  
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### Special points of Interest:

- Mon., April 7  
Picture Day
- Grandparents' Days  
April 23 & 24
- Family Fun Night  
Saturday, May 10  
4:00 - 6:30

## Child Care Corner

Happy Spring! The month of March flew by for our Child Care friends. We began with Transportation. First, they learned to define "transportation" and then identified various types. We learned the importance of wheels, which most forms of transportation need to move from one place to another. Finally, we built tunnels and ramps. The children could test different vehicles on ramps to see how they differ in speed and how far they would go.

Next, our theme was Spring. The children learned about wind, its effects and how it feels. We talked about how kites and windsocks need wind in order to fly or move. We also had a leprechaun hunt to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Our shapes this month were squares and diamonds. The older children began learning how to draw them. Our color was black. Everyone made fork painted black bears and black collages.

During Jesus' time, we talked about giving back to God through our offerings and forgiving one another as Jesus forgave Zacchaeus. In April, we will focus on the crucifixion and the joy of Easter morning, knowing our sins have been forgiven. Happy Easter to all!



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# Grandparents' Days

should expect.

Preschool and 4K families - ask your child's grandparents to check their calendars for the following date -

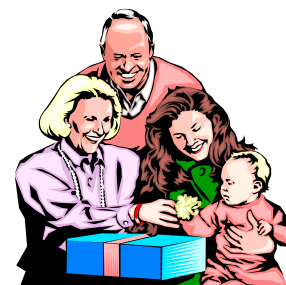
- 4K on Wednesday, April 23
- Preschool on Thursday, April 24

Attached, you will find a sign-up sheet giving the times and asking for advance notice of how many grandparents we

This is helpful for us so we have enough chairs in the rooms for everyone.

Tell them to enter at the Preschool entrance (not the Child Care entrance). We are inviting them to join us for chapel at 10:00 or 1:30. Then we will go to the 300

wing to play a game and make a project together.



## 3 Year Old Preschool in April

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
March 31— May 4	A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet	Spring Oval
April 7-11	Jesus Suffers and Dies	Spring #10
April 14-18	Easter Morning	Easter purple
April 21-25	Jesus is Alive	Farm/Garden green
April 28— May 2	Jesus' Ascension	Farm/Animals Color review

Preschool  
Grandparent's  
Day

April 23  
10:00-11:30  
or  
1:30-3:00 pm

## Spring Weather for PS/4K

As the weather warms up we will begin going outside again. Once the frost is out of the ground and there isn't mud, we will go out on the playground. Before that we will take walks and do activities on the sidewalk. Please make sure your child has enough outdoor clothes to keep warm.



## SCRIP

You can participate in SCRIP throughout the summer and bank your earnings for next year. Order forms and a list of cards that are available on-site can be found in the Preschool/4K classroom.

You can also purchase SCRIP on-line at any time of the day from your home. Mrs. Zeuner can give you more details.



Start  
saving now

## Field Trips - 4K

- We will go to the library on Wednesday, April 9. and then walk over to the library. If it rains that day, we will meet at school at the normal time and drive to the library at 10:50 am.
- As long as the weather is good, we will go to Memorial Park on May 7



**Life Skills:** Use "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" with our friends

**Family Toolbox:** Give your child a Bible story book. Take time to read it together.

## 4K in April

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
March 31 – April 4	A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet	Spring Oval, #13
April 7-11	Jesus Suffers & Dies	Spring Uu—umbrella , #14
April 14-18	Easter Morning	Spring Ee—eggs, Easter purple
April 21-25	Jesus is Alive	Farm/Garden Gg - garden green
April 28 – May 2	Jesus' Ascension	Farm/Animals Yy—yolk, yellow, #15

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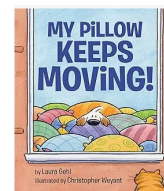
## Library

In March, Miss Britt visited the Preschool & Child Care classes. She read "Romping Monsters, Stomping Monsters" (we put colored spots on a monster that looked like a strawberry), "My Pillow Keeps Moving!" (does your child re-

member why?) and Finders Keepers".

The 4K had the same activity and heard the first two books, but the third book was "Touch the Sky", where Gwen taught a friend how to pump a swing.

Our April library days will be April 9 for 4K and April 10 for Pre-school. 4K will need drivers one last time to the library.



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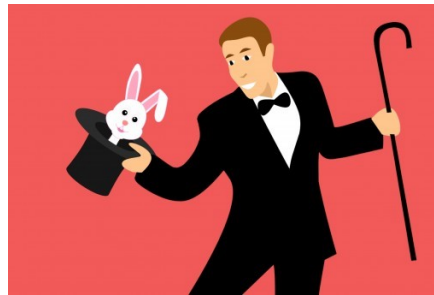
## Family Fun Night

Save the date - **Saturday, May 10** from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Magician Glen Gerard will be here to give us a magic show. All family members are invited to attend.

Following the entertainment, we will have pizza. This is a great time to have fun and visit with other families from St. Paul. Sign-up sheets are attached to this note and are due by **Tuesday, May 6**, if you want to eat with us. If you sign up after this date, you are welcome to come for the show, but we cannot guarantee food for you.



We're on the web!  
[www.stpaulfalls.com/school](http://www.stpaulfalls.com/school)



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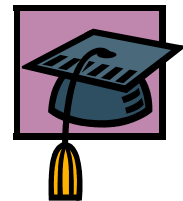
## Spring Pictures

- A Lifetouch photographer will be here Monday, April 7.



- If your child is in Preschool or Child Care but not attending that day, you may sign up electronically to have spring pictures taken. The link will be sent home.
- 4K graduation pictures will be taken. You have the option of having your child wear a graduation hat, hold a rolled up diploma, or both.

- A proof sheet will be sent home that day.
- Please fill out and return the attached forms by April 7.
- **There is no obligation for you to purchase anything.**



**4K Graduation is  
Wednesday,  
May 21 at  
6:30 pm  
in the church.**

You'll receive more information as we get closer to the end of school.