Preschool Press



From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

Although it isn't officially summer on the calendar, we are moving into summer mode at St. Paul.

The children hope to enjoy nicer weather, being outside for much of the day and doing activities that we don't normally do. The awnings and trees will give us shade. We just need it to rain a little less so we can be outside more often.



If you will be taking any days off or going on a vacation this summer, please remember to give us that schedule the week before your child will be gone. Please let us know if you are using one of your vacation days. You have 3 if only here for the summer or 12 if your child was here for the school year and now the summer.

We can't wait to get outside!

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Summer begins June 20.



Things to Do Outside with Your Preschooler

- Build a fort using lawn furniture.
- Film a home movie.
- Find a shady tree and read.
- Go "fishing." Set up a wading pool with objects and let your little one try to catch them.
- Host a <u>nature scavenger hunt</u>. Look for pine cones, acorns, and other common outdoor items and tally who found the most pieces.
- Is it getting dark outside? Play hide and seek with flashlights
- Water the plants. Give your preschooler some basic experiments to consider: Does the hose make water come out faster than the watering can? Which is easier to control?



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Child Care Corner

May was another fun-filled month for our Child Care friends. We had themes of farm (animals), ocean (animals) and beach. We also reviewed colors, shapes and numbers. During Jesus' time, we learned how to be good disciples and what it means to be a good friend. We practiced being kind, caring and helpful to our friends. As we said, "Good-bye" to some of our friends, we will be welcoming new friends to our classroom as the summer begins.

June 2nd is the start of our summer program. Everyone should have gotten a letter that explains all the important information about the summer. If you misplaced your letter and need a new one, please ask on of the teachers for a new one.

As the letter states, we will be outside each day from drop-off to pick-up (except for lunch and rest), unless there is bad weather or the temperature is too hot. Please read your letter for all the other details and items your child will need to allow him/her to have a positive summer experience.

Our themes for June will be forest animals, camping & picnic, spiders & insects, pond & frogs and Independence Day. During our picnic theme, we ask your child to bring a teddy bear to do activities with. We will send a note in Lillio to let you know the exact date.

Child Care in June

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills	Special Activity	
June 2-6	The Lost Son	Forest Animals	Go on a Hike	We will be closed Monday, June 23
June 9-13	Elijah and the Widow	Camping/Picnic	Teddy Bear Picnic	
June 16-20	The 10 Plagues	Spiders/Insects	Bug Hunt	for a Staff Retreat
June 23-27	Jonah and the Big Fish	Pond/Frogs	Frog Day	

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