

Preschool Press



From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

The year has flown by and we will begin the last month of school in a few days.

We have gotten much accomplished this year and have enjoyed watching your child learn and grow. You have also helped with the success of the year. Whether you helped with a party, drove for field trips or just made sure forms were filled out and returned,

it helped the year to run smoothly and we thank you.

If you would like to give us feedback about the year, you will find a survey attached. last day of school. This helps us evaluate how we are doing and if there are things we could do to make our programs even better. Please put it in the black basket near the Preschool/4K coat room by the last day of school.

As you plan for the end of the year, the last day for Preschool is Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21 for 4k.

4K Graduation is that night in the church at 6:30 pm.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe!!

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Special points of Interest:

- Last days of school are May 20 & 21



- Graduation is Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm
- Things you and your child can practice during the summer.

Child Care Corner

We hope everyone had a Happy Easter! April brought themes of spring, Easter and farm.

During our Spring theme, the children learned about birds and flowers. Along with a variety of books and art projects, the children were able to play with bird seeds and pretend to plant flowers in our sensory table. Our Jesus' time was spent talking about the crucifixion. The children learned about sins and how Jesus died to take away those sins.

Our Easter theme included eggs, butterflies and of course, the excitement of Easter morning. The children made Easter baskets, had an egg hunt, played Easter Bingo and learned about the true meaning of Easter (Jesus dying AND rising again.)

We finished the month talking about seeds and what they need to grow, as well as how farmers plant their crops. The children planted carrot, tomato, pea and bean seeds. We also painted with a variety of vegetables.

As we now are in the month of May, we ask that you take any winter clothing home. We also will be sending a letter home in a few weeks explaining more about our summer program and the items you will need to send for your child. Please read that letter carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.

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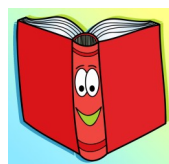
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Library Days

The 4K class went to the library on Wed., April 9 and Miss Britt came to see the Preschool & Child Care classes on Thur. April 10.

That week was National Library Week, so we learned a cheer to celebrate all the different kinds of books you can find at the

library. We also heard books about a library card finding out what his job was, how a library is built and a fun book where everything was mixed up.



Our last library days will be May 7 & 8. On the 7th, the 4K class will meet at the library at 8:30 am., walk to the falls, play at the park & end the morning at the library (weather permitting).

3 Year Old Preschool in May

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
April 28-May 2	Jesus' Ascension	Farm Animals Color review
May 5-9	Pentecost	Summer/ ocean Shape review
May 12-16	David the Singing Shepherd- David & Jonathan	Summer/Beach Number review
May 19-21	Review of the Year	End of the year party

Last Day of
School for
Preschool

Tuesday,
May 20

Life Skills: Talk about things that happened during the day. Talk about what Jesus wants us to do for sick or hurt friends, what to do when we are scared, sad, etc. or how He wants us to act if someone is mean.

Family Toolbox: Follow 2 or 3 step directions.

SCRIP

Thank you to everyone who has participated this year. Half of the earnings went to the ECC and the other half to participating parents. Since Child Care is open all summer, Mrs. Zeuner will be in the office on most Mondays and Wednesdays and will fill SCRIP orders between 9 am & 2 pm.

If those days and times are not convenient, you can drop off orders any day between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm. We will get them filled as soon as possible. Percentages earned can be applied to Summer Child Care or **banked for the 2025-26 school year.**



Grandparents' Day

grandparents visited us during the last hour and a half of each class on April 23 & 4. We met in the church for our monthly chapel service, heard about Jesus and the Emmaus Disciples (PS) or Jesus having a picnic on the beach (4K) and sang our songs of praise. Then we moved to

the 300 wing where everyone was introduced. The children sang songs or did finger plays about their grandparents.

Since all the classes have been talking about farms and gardening, 4K read *Tops and Bottoms* with Preschool heard

Up, Down & Around.

Then we divided into 2 groups and took turns playing Fruit Bingo and making a project - a corn stalk with 3 cobs on it.

When we were finished, there was enough time for the children to show their visitors around the classroom.



Everyone had a great time!

4K in May

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
April 28-May 2	Jesus' Ascension	Farm Animals Yy - Yolk Yellow #15
May 5-9	Blesses at Pentecost	Summer/Ocean Color review Oo - ocean, octopus
May 13-17	Paul & Silas in Jail	Summer/Beach Ii - island #0 - 15 review
May 20-22	Review of the Year	Alphabet Review

Last Day of
School for
4K

Wednesday,
May 21

Summer Child Care

Child Care will be open throughout the summer as we continue to provide care for 2 1/2 - 5 year olds on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am - 5:30 pm. The children will spend a good portion of the day outside as the teachers will bring circle time, snack and centers outside whenever the weather is good.



We will only be closed

- May 26
(Memorial Day)
- July 4
(Independence Day)
- June 23
(Staff retreat)
- Aug. 29 & Sept. 1
(Labor Day weekend)

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End of the Year

Family Fun Night - Saturday, May 10

Magician Glen Gerard will do a magic show for us from 4:00-4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Doors will open at 3:45 pm (enter at Preschool/4K entrance and continue forward down the hall to a large room on the left.) After the show, we will eat pizza and take time to visit.

If you would like to attend, the form is due by **Tuesday, May 6.**

Open House - An Open House is scheduled for Saturday, **May 17 from 10:00 - 11:00 am.** This is a time for prospective families or anyone who has signed up but has never seen the center to stop by and take a look around or enroll.

Housekeeping

As the year quickly winds down, all school tuition & fees must be paid by **Tuesday, May 13** for your child to participate in the end of year party (Preschool or 4K) and Graduation (4K). Child Care tuition needs to be paid to a \$0 balance by Memorial Day (May 26) to use summer Child Care.

Thank you for your help.

Graduation

Graduation for the 4K class is at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., May 21 at St. Paul's church. That night the church doors will open at 6:15. pm. The children are to meet in Room 100 (glassed in room at far end of the Gathering Area).

We ask that girls do not wear their hair up. This makes it easier for the graduation hats to fit.

We are asking that the following be provided for the

reception following graduation:

- **Child's first name beginning with A-C:** bring a bottle of light colored juice or soda.
- **Child's first name beginning with E-W:** bring a dozen cookies

These may be dropped off in the classroom anytime during the last week of school.

Please watch for further information regarding graduation.

