

April 2019



Newsletter

Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center

Director's Desk...

Amy Bartlett

April, what a great month!! So much is happening with the celebration of Easter. The children are learning about Jesus and his great love for us. Easter eggs will be decorated along with many other fun projects. April is also Month of the Young Child where we take time to recognize the importance of childhood, parenting and education/caregiving. There will be different activities to celebrate for the children, parents and staff.

April is also such a great month for the awakening of the outdoors, grass turns green, spring flowers start coming up, the geese and other birds return to our area and start nesting. There are so many wonderful concepts

for the children to learn about our great outdoors. Bugs are always a favorite! Get your catchers ready!

As I shared with you all last month, we are in the planning stages of the tire playground project. We will be looking for lots of help in making this happen for the children. We will be looking for bids

for excavating and lots of volunteers to help with placing tires, shoveling sand placing posts etc. If you have connections to service groups or know anyone with "digger" equipment, come and see me. When we are ready to install, we'll set up a Saturday parent/staff volunteer day to make this project happen! Thanks.



Young Infants

Miss Jenny

Happy Spring from the Young Infants! We are excited that spring has arrived, hopefully that means we can say goodbye to snow but I know that might be a little premature for Michigan. As the temperatures start to get warmer we would like to take the babies out for a buggy ride, so if you could please bring jackets for them to wear outside that would be great.

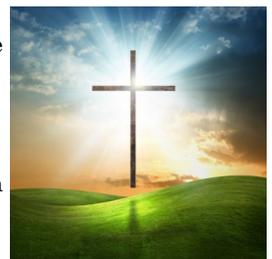
We have been working on lots of

different activities to develop our friends fine and gross motor skills. Our older friends are working on baby sign for "eat" and "more" and also waving bye and playing peek a boo. Our younger friends are working on creeping forward and crawling over obstacles, we have a busy little bunch.

This month we celebrate Easter on April 21st. Easter isn't at all about Easter bunnies and Easter

eggs and such though these things are nice to have at Easter time. Easter represents 'new life'. Let's remember the real meaning of Easter, that our Lord and Savior died for the forgiveness of our sins.

Happy Resurrection Day!



Older Infants

Every day you go to work but do you know your older infant does too? Their work is called play. They play to be healthy. They grow stronger and build muscles. They play to reduce stress. The joy in playing helps your child grow emotionally and helps provide an outlet for anxiety.

Play is more than meets the eye. Sometimes it can be simple but other times it's complex and they engage in many imaginative and creative use for toys both inside and outside. In going to work/playing everyday, they enhance

their physical, cognitive, language, literacy and social/emotional skills. Play and learning go hand in hand. They learn how things go together and come



Toddlers

Happy Easter! Happy Spring! We wish you all a blessed, fun filled Easter. We hope you will get to spend time enjoying the warmer weather and maybe



time with your extended families. I pray the weather will cooperate and it will indeed be spring like.

We have been getting outside more since it's warmed up, the friends are enjoying their hour out. They have been eating more, falling asleep quicker and sleeping longer. The great outdoors is truly great. The friends, depending on the day may see the turkeys or deer or hear the geese flying overhead. We are blessed to have this property to run and play and explore.

Our theme for this month will be

Threes

Happy Spring Everyone! What a great feeling to know that the warmer weather is on the way. ☺

We will spend the month of April celebrating Spring, Easter and also talking about the weather. Our days will be filled with lots of time outside in the play yard, blowing bubbles, riding bikes and possibly flying a kite! We will also be able to explore outside to notice the changes that are occurring ~

buds are blooming on the trees, the birds are back again and flowers will soon appear again. Hopefully you will be able to take a spring walk to come up with signs of spring from a child's perspective.

As we prepare for Easter, we will be creating many projects such as coloring eggs, painting eggs, tissue paper projects etc.. We will plan to have an Easter egg hunt also. We will be spending

Miss Ann

apart. They also learn cause and effect. Your child's work known as play is their context for learning. They practice new skills over and over until they master them and they do the same with the next thing they learn.

So what profession is your child pursuing, maybe a scientist or an engineer using their brains and abilities in everything they do. We owe it to children to provide opportunities for them to engage deeply in the big work they are drawn to each and every day.

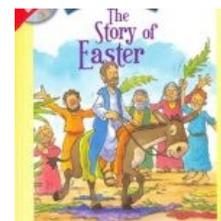
Miss De

Easter and Spring. We will be reading the Easter story and celebrating what Jesus did for us. We will color eggs and have an egg hunt. We will take walks out on the hills and paths, we may try and fly a kite too. We will still need our friends to bring their winter gear for our morning outside time, but if you want you may bring rain boots instead of snow boots.

As we've stated before we hope you all have a wonderful Spring and an awesome Easter.

Miss Di

time following our Bible stories that lead us to Easter and learn about the resurrection of Jesus. ☺ We have some plastics eggs with the symbols of the bible stories that we will be following.



Wishing all of you a Jesus filled Easter!

Fours

April is a special month... “Month of the Young Child”. It focuses on children and the special little people they are! All throughout the month there will be special days, so be sure and keep your calendar handy! To give you a glimpse into a few of our special days, here are a few listed:

Pajama Day
Costume Day
Special Lunch
Ice cream Social
Favorite Toy Day
Movie Time on the Big Screen!

Other themes in April are: “It’s

Raining-It’s Pouring, Spring Concepts, and Safety. Easter is a special theme that is always enjoyed celebrating the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We’ve been learning a special “Easter Song” and we’ll also be making “Empty Tomb Cookie” and having an egg hunt!

In Phonics we’ll be focusing on Xx, Yy, and Zz. In math we’ll be exploring the scale and the concept of “equal to” and “balance.” We’ll be graphing, charting, and predicting also. We have been on the look-out for all those fantastic signs of Spring and the boys and girls just love filling out our chart.

Miss Heidi



We’ll be posting our “Robin Club” chart soon, so keep spying those robins!

Spring is so exciting and filled with excitement for all good things to come! Happy Easter! Happy April!

Happy Birthday to Emma!
Happy Birthday to Joey!
Happy Birthday to Daxton!

Kindergarten News

Jesus is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Matthew 28:6

Don’t you just love April! We actually have sunshine and warm air!! Our theme for the month is “Animals”. We begin the month studying about whales, sharks, dolphins and the spiny sea-horse. Then on to woodland animals, jungle animals, desert animals, and the last week of the month dinosaurs!

Our field trip for April will be to the Saginaw Children’s Museum. This is a really fun play-place but it is super fun to be there with all the friends. We are planning that trip for April 30th. Details posted soon.

The “Reading Club” is going along really well. Some of the boys and girls have read 43, 45, even 47 books. We are now reading 1 and 2 vowels (example: Tim, time). Usually the boys and girls can not go in the kitchen but after they read to me they can go to any room in the building to read their book. The boys and girls love to read to Miss Terrie in the kitchen. She has really good treats.

Our new focus in our math center is telling time on the hour and half hour. We are counting in the 140 family. We are writing numerals from 1 to 100 in a beautiful way. We are still identifying shapes like octagon, hexagon and pentagon.

We are reading this month about the real first Easter. Jesus knew when He was born that He came to earth to take care of our sin problem. He died on the cross on Good Friday and He took His life back again on Easter Sunday. Now if we are sorry for our sin, Jesus is getting a home ready for us in Heaven!

Mrs. Layer

Have a wonderful Easter Vacation, April 19th - April 28th! Kindergarten is not in session, but child care is provided.

