

Newsletter

Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center

April 2021

Director's Desk...

Amy Bartlett

I hope you all had a lovely Easter! It is surely a wonder, the vastness of God's love for us. Jesus died for us. He knew what was coming and still chose to take the suffering for us, so we could have life everlasting in heaven. Just like we would willingly stand in our child's place if they faced great pain, so Jesus did this for us, but on an eternal level! Thank you Lord!

Spring is definitely with us and we welcome it with open arms! The warm weather seems to be setting in earlier than usual, but I'd like to make sure it will be consistent before we move our drop off/pick up back outside. I'll let you know when we are going to start the car line at the front door again.

Flower Basket Fundraiser will be running from April 13-26, with a delivery date the first week of May. This will be get you ready for **Mother's Day** which is Sunday, May 9th. The baskets will be from **Keit's Greenhouse** in Bay City. Hopefully I'll get some sample baskets in the lobby for you to check out.

Young Infants

Welcome into April. As a class we are looking forward to nice weather so please make sure your child has a light coat for walks. We would like to wish a Happy 1st Birthday to Teddy at the end of April. Our infants continue to grow and develop their skills through exercise, learning activities and playtime that all connect to our themes. The babies all love the stories, songs,

games and interactions that they receive from the teachers each day.

This month is very important as we encounter the greatest celebration, Easter! As we celebrate new life in Christ, the infants will enjoy the sights and sounds of the new life found in Spring especially during our walks outside.

We thank you for your continued support of our school and



Young 5's/Kindergarten fall registration is open at this time, a \$100 non-refundable registration fee will secure your spot for the 2021-2022 school year.

Miss Ann

hope you all have/had a Happy and Blessed Easter.

XOXO

The Young Infants



Older Infants

April

Rain has such fun in April, it patters through the trees
Talking to all the leaf buds and robins that it sees
It splashes through the puddles and skips along the walks
Goes coasting down the grass blades and dandelion stalks
It dips in all the flowers and when the clouds blow by
It paints with flower colors a rainbow in the sky.

~ Author Unknown ~



The Older Infants all continue to change, much like our seasons. All their growth and new development—it's a wonder to watch! This month we are joined by a new friend. Welcome to Teagan and her family!! We're so glad you're here!
Happy April!

Toddlers

Happy Spring! Happy Easter! Hope you all enjoyed your Easter, spending time enjoying family and the beautiful weather God blessed us with. I enjoyed taking a walk and going to church and spending the time with family and friends.

This month of April we will talk about Spring. We will talk about what we see, hear, smell in this season. We hope we will be able to take some walks on the hills to see spring blooming and

budding. Please send puddle/rain stomping boots.



Miss De

We are still continuing on our journey of toilet learning. All the older toddlers are either in underpants or moving in that direction, so yay for them! If you have any questions about this or anything else, please ask, that is what I am here for.

Have a wonderful,
joy filled month!

Threes

I hope that everyone had a blessed Easter! He is Risen! We were able to spend some time listening to Bible Stories and following our Bible Easter Eggs to learn about the True meaning of the Easter Season. Our friends really enjoy the short Bible Stories and are fast learners in retelling the story!

During the month of April, we will be focusing on the theme "Think Spring" and "Weather". There are so many things to notice as our season changes over to Spring! I just love this time of year. We have noticed several

robins in the play yard and I have pointed out to the friends the buds that are forming on the trees. One exciting thing each year that we get to watch and listen for are the baby birds that are born in the birds nests created up high in the sandbox roof. What a miracle it is to see this!

We will talk about "Weather" at the end of the month and watch for the different types to graph—Is it sunny, cloudy, or a rainy day? You can have your child guess what kind of day it may be on the way in the morning. I

Miss Di

hope that you find some time to be outside and enjoy the nice weather with your child ~ whether it be chalk drawings, hopscotch, bubbles or bikes being outside is so important!

May you have a great start to the Spring Season and enjoy the Month of April.

Happy Birthday April 2nd to Brynn!

Happy Spring
Miss Di

Fours

We had a great time celebrating the resurrection of Christ at the beginning of April and now the rest of the month will be filled with more spring concepts and celebrating “The Month of the Young Child”. April is a special month that focuses on children and everything that encompasses who they are. All throughout the month there will be special days, so be sure to keep your calendar handy! A few special days will be: pajama day, costume day, ice cream social, favorites day, show and tell day, and a special Friday lunch! Fun stuff!

Other themes will be “It’s Raining,

Its’ Pouring, Spring Concepts and Safety All Around.” In phonics we will finish up with Yy and Zz and “beginning blends” like “ch, th, and sh”. In math, we will be learning about estimating, more graphing, charting and predicting. And of course, more



Miss Heidi

and more patterning!!

The boys and girls have been “having a ball” looking for the signs of spring for our Spring Chart. Spring is so exciting with all the changes and new life occurring all around us! Spring is filled with lots of good things to come!

Happy April!



Young 5’s/Kindergarten

April showers bring May flowers.

Welcome April and Happy spring. This is the month we study about animals. We begin with ocean life, then

on to mammals and we will end the month with a week of dearly loved dinosaurs. One afternoon, the last week of April we will create a dinosaur habitat in the sandbox. We will build a

Mrs. Layer

huge volcano and everyone will have a turn making it erupt.—great fun!!

Our phonics and writing centers have just exploded with words. We introduced the two vowel rule that says: if there are two vowels in a word, the first vowel says it’s name and the second vowel is silent; examples—rain, cube, team etc. In a week or so we will be reading thousands of new words! It is actually amazing!! Our reading club is coming along really well. Some boys and girls have read 29, 35 even 43 books.

Our math centers are pretty exciting too. We are working on telling time on the hour, half hour and quarter hour. We are reading and writing numerals in the hundreds and thousands!! Pretty cool for kindergarten. 😊

