

Newsletter

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Director's Desk...

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Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms, Grandmas, Foster Moms and anyone who serves as a "Mom" in the life of a child. This day is for you! For all the love, selflessness, hard work, creativity, patience.... that you give everyday of the year. You are the best!

There are some other caregivers I'd like to celebrate this month and it's the staff here at Great Beginnings that are working throughout this pandemic. Thank you to this fine group of woman who put their safety at risk to care for the families of essential workers.

Miss Jacky
Miss De
Miss Ann
Miss Terrie
Miss Veronica
Miss Di
Miss Grace
Miss Reagan
Miss McKenzie
Miss Mattea

Thank you for being here everyday! They have all taken a cut in hours to help the center's bottom line. We couldn't do this without their brave, generous spirit and devotion to the children.

Thank you to all of our parents who are essential workers, you are doctors, nurses, health care workers, senior care workers,

foster care, protective services, financial workers, food supply, communications, prison workers and other fields that keep our lives going during this time of crisis! Thank you!

To our generous families staying at home who continue to support the center financially—thank you for keeping us alive!

To every person who has prayed for the safety of our center and everyone involved. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We pray for all your safety and a return to our fold.



We miss you!
Be safe!
God bless you all!

Infants

Hello from the infant department. All is pretty quiet still but we are blessed to care for 3 older infants and 3 young infants in attendance most days.

Our young infants are growing and changing everyday. Sloane is our oldest right now at 9 months. She is all smiles and getting on her belly and scooting backwards

to get to new places. She is also learning about new tastes and textures as she's trying soft table foods. Oh the faces she makes. Maverick will be 8 months and is so contented to set and play and jabber. He spins about on his bottom as he reaches for toys. Maverick and Sloane sit facing one another in the jumptees and hold quite the conversations. Willow is our

youngest baby and will be 4 months soon. Her smiles just make our day. She loves to talk—a true girl. What a joy she is and we are enjoying getting to know her and her family.

Our 3 older infants currently attending are 18 month old Wyatt and our two 17 month old girls Jade and Eva. It is so fun watching their independ-

ence emerging. They think they are such big kids and walk out to the playground. If you listen closely new words sneak out when we least expect it. The 3 friends are like the 3 musketeers—all for one and one for all. The older infants will go "down on the farm" for their theme this month. This is one of our favorite

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themes as we all can “moo, quack, woof, baa and neigh” to name a few of our favorite noises.

We pray to see more friends able to return in May and rest assured we are daily sanitizing surfaces, toys, seats and infants hands each day.

God's Blessings to all our families as we continue on facing our day to day challenges. Have a good month.

Toddlers

Happy Mothers Day to all our Fabulous moms! We hope you have a great day with your family. That may look a little different this year, but we still hope you are able to have a nice day.

I know this year has probably thrown some of us for a loop. I know we all process situations differently, and deal with our thoughts and emotions in various ways. Some exercise, or read or yoga, whatever you are doing to cope, know I am praying for you all. We are hoping to see you all back soon. One of my favorite verses in the bible is in the Psalms. It is Psalms

91, it says: “Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety: he is my God, and I trust him.” It goes on to talk about how He will cover us and rescues us how we don't need to fear the things that are going on. I enjoy reading the bible and the Psalms can be uplifting and encouraging. I would say if you are in need of a bit of encouragement, the book of Psalms would be a good read.

We are looking to hopefully see some of our families back sometime in the

near future. We miss you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Stay safe, be happy, and be blessed!



Preschool

Newsy Notes from Preschool

I hope that this months newsletter finds you and your family doing well and that you have been able to find some creative things to do together during this time. All of you have been in our hearts each day!☺

Through the month of April we spent a week listening to the Bible Stories leading up to Easter. The children also used special Easter Eggs to learn symbols that would help them recall the events in the Bible. Each day we would open one and talk about the symbol inside of it. It made it more fun for them!

Through the month of April we kept busy with a few art projects to brighten our room such as baby chicks, painting with water colors and decorating the letter or our names. Many of us have

gotten really good at putting together 24 piece puzzles. If you have any that you would like to donate please do!

Our outside time has been nice enough to be able to ride big wheels and bikes. We also have done some great Preschool Art with our chalk drawings. Bubble blowing and chasing the bubbles have been a popular choice as well. The friends try so hard to catch them.

During the month of May we will be celebrating how special our Moms are to us! Our friends will make a small gift to show you a little token of their love. Thank you to all of the Moms and for all that you do for them each day!

Our theme in May will also include “Plants & Growing Things”. We will explore what it takes to make plants grow and sort out what are vegetables and what are fruits. Our friends will

be able to plant their own sunflower seeds and watch them grow in a window in our room. Once the plants grow they are sent home for you to help your child plant at home. Please send a picture in to show us how big your child's sunflower grew! We love to see and hear about them.

We are all praying as staff at Great Beginnings for the safety and wellness of all of you! And we are hoping to be able to see you back within the next few months! We love you and miss you all!

Happy April Birthday to Zoey!

Happy May Birthday to Alaiya!

