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PRESCHOOL NEWS

“The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is to minister to preschool-aged children and their families in the congregation and community, by providing a Christian environment where children hear and learn God’s Word, and discover and develop their God-given gifts, with guidance from a Christian teaching staff.”

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Happy Summer and Blessings from the Two’s

It is hard to believe we only have about a month of preschool left this year. This is our last newsletter for the year. It has gone by so fast, again. Everyone has done fantastic this year with all the new learning we have placed on them. We are very proud of how everyone has developed and grown throughout the year. We will complete our alphabet and will have counted up to 20 and learned a lot of shapes by the time preschool ends. We are still practicing The Lord’s Prayer too. They are all doing great with this and I hope they will continue to practice throughout the summer. Your children are very special and unique in their own way and we have been truly blessed to have them in our lives to help guide them in their growth.

They continue to have fun in chapel with Pastor Beasley and his ukulele. They love to sing and say their prayers. They have come a long way since the start. They know the words, can repeat the prayer with Pastor and answer questions to the story he is telling. They have really grown and developed.

We have a great class that loves music. They know all the songs and which ones they like the best. They are asking Mrs. Trudy for what they want to hear and sing. And they all love to dance. Wish I could have a recorder for you to see. So please include lots of music in your summer break. Great exercise too!

We are keeping busy and will continue to do so with lots of activities during craft time to help with motor skills. We are using scissors and tearing and stringing to help with the fine motor skills and catching, tossing, blowing and gripping for the gross motor skills. They love to be moving. We have started running in the big room at the beginning of our class to get their heart rates up. They love chasing us. Hopefully we will get back outside soon.

We had a great Easter party once again. The parents did a great job again and the kids loved it. Thank you so much for all your hard work throughout the year!

We had two birthdays this month. Addison turned two and Delaney turned 3. Thank you so much for sharing your special day with us.

We have truly had a great year and a great class. Thank you so much for trusting us with your children. They are all so wonderful and we love them very much! We hope to see them back next year to watch their continued growth. Have a blessed summer!

Love and Hugs,

Mrs. Angela and Mrs. Connie

This month, we had some very special events. First, we had Party with Pop. After the children shared some fun "facts" about their very young dads (whose ages ranged from 3-1/2 to 20), everyone enjoyed some popcorn and brownies. Then it was time to do some painting with dad. The final product will be a surprise. Thanks to all the dads for coming and being such good sports about getting a little paint on their hands.

Next, we were finally able to go on our field trip to the lamb farm. The children wore their special yellow lamb shirts that they made with their moms back in January. Mr. Cloeter always enjoys seeing the lamb shirts every year. The class delighted in getting to pet, hold, and feed the lambs. This field trip is always a highlight of the year for everyone.

Since the beginning of the year, we have kept a weather graph. Every year when the total number of sunny days reaches the top of our graph, we have a sunny day celebration. This year's weather has been unusual, so the total number of sunny and cloudy days are in a dead heat to reach the top. We have promised a celebration for whatever day reaches the top first. Like in a hotly contested presidential election, the class is divided over which day will win. Either way, we can guarantee that there will be a celebration!

As part of our focus on the letter "V," we learned about artist Vincent Van Gogh. We looked at pictures of his many paintings. Our little Van Goghs painted some beautiful sunflower masterpieces. However, volcano was certainly the favorite "v" word. The class was so delighted watching our play dough volcano erupt that we had to have numerous eruptions. They also enjoyed painting their very own volcanoes.

We had a whale of a week for the letter "W." The week started with Wacky Tacky Tuesday. We all had so much fun getting dressed up in our own wacky style. Everyone brought some of their favorite snack so we could create a class wacky snack. We read about Jonah and the whale. The class got to paint their own whales and even act out what it would be like if they were swallowed by a whale.

As the school year draws to a close, we look forward to a few more weeks of fun and learning. We are looking forward to our Family Fiesta on May 14th to celebrate all that the children have accomplished this year. And of course, the children are excited about having Splash Day when we will have all kinds of water fun.

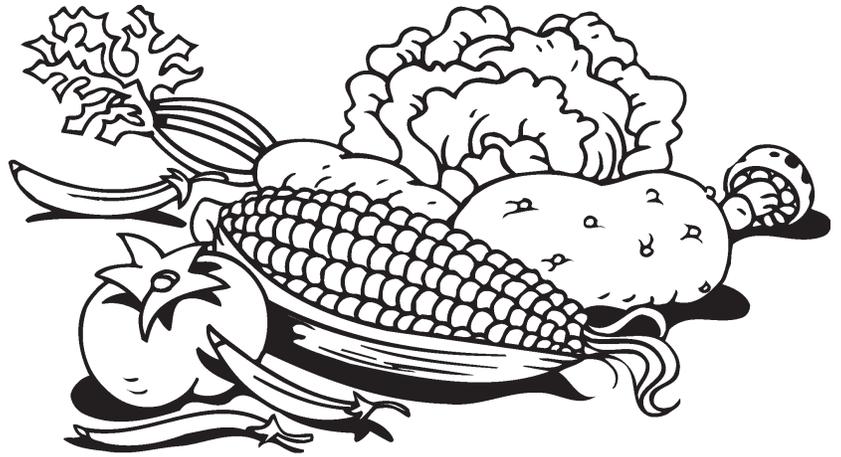
We have been blessed with having a wonderful group of children in our class this year. It has been a joy and a truly rewarding experience watching them learn and grow. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care.

Ms. Gia
Ms. Jenny



Hello Preschool Families,

Spring has (finally) sprung!!! The children have made amazing progress with their letters this school year. This month we started our 22nd letter. (We are almost done.) Our letter V brought two of my favorite activities. And I can't think of a better way to start of month, than with Vegetables and Volcanoes. Your children were able to taste a variety of crunchy goodness, and some had third and fourth helpings of carrots, peppers, broccoli, and mushrooms.



I was so impressed. After eating a healthy snack we did the next best thing.....we painted with the fresh vegetables. Now for the volcano! We created our very own classroom volcano! I used up some of the classroom play dough and let the children construct a colorful volcano which we kept a close eye on throughout the day, because you never know when a Volcano might erupt. With a little help from baking soda and vinegar, our volcano erupted right on time when all my friends were watching with anticipation. But luckily for us, our volcano erupted 6 or 7 more times....the beauty of classroom science, but not so lucky for the dinosaurs back in the day.

Some exciting news from the preschool this month was the Chicks have hatched! Our 4 year old classes have 5 baby chicks that have hatched and our class was able to go and hold the chicks!!! Everyone was very gentle and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Our Easter celebration week started out with the story of the life of Jesus and our resurrection eggs. Each child was able to hold 2 plastic eggs with a hidden treasure inside each egg. Each treasure has a significant meaning to Jesus' life from his birth to his resurrection. Ask your child which treasure was hidden in their egg. By the end of the story, the children were chanting "He Rose, He Rose". It was beautiful.

I want to thank all the parents and grandparents who helped and came to our Easter party. I was so disappointed that I missed this fun celebration. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with lots of Easter egg hunts and even lots more family time.

The letter W started out pretty wacky with my friends dressed in all kinds of funky outfits. We had a couple of Dad's ties, a bunch of backwards clothes, and inside out PJ's and mismatched socks. Fun, fun day.

Peace and many blessings!

Ms. Sally

Ms. Margaret

Wow! I can't believe that we are in the last month of pre-school! Time has flown by! I want to thank Mrs. Schallon for organizing our wonderful Easter party and all of my parents who helped to make it so enjoyable for the kids! They had a wonderful time!

April kept us busy! We learned about plants and how they grow. We planted our own plants and have been watching them grow in our classroom. We can't wait to eat the radishes we planted! We learned how seeds travel and what plants need to survive.

We have also been learning about life cycles this month. First we learned about the life cycle of chickens as we watched baby chicks hatch from eggs in the incubator! It took 21 days for the chicks to get here! It was awesome watching them peck their way out of the shell and then seeing them all dry and fluffy walking around! Next we watched caterpillars eat and grow until they formed their chrysalises. Then we patiently watched and waited as they went thru metamorphosis and became butterflies! Our Painted Lady butterflies were beautiful! We also learned about silkworms as we watched them grow from a tiny worm, spin their silk cocoon, and emerge as a moth and lay their eggs!

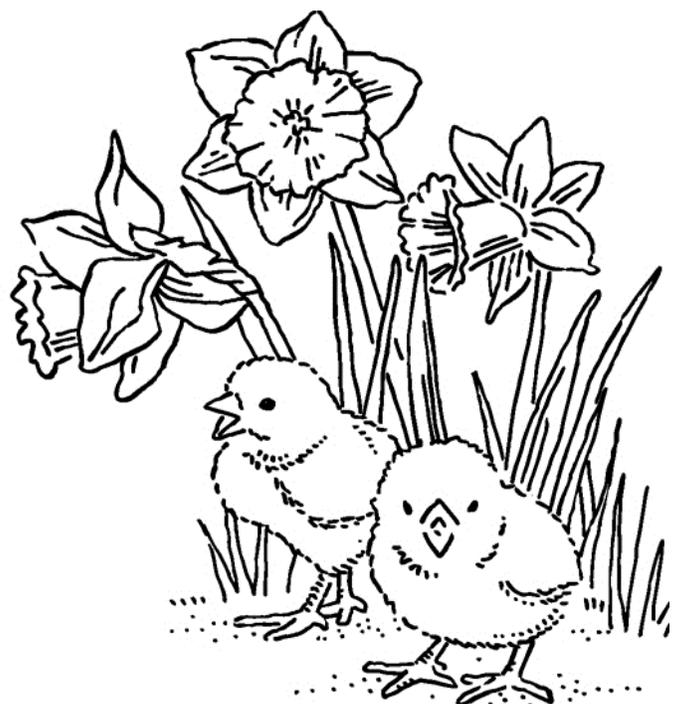
We celebrated the 100th day of school counting to 100! We made a 100 hat and wore it as we counted 100 stickers and put them under numbers 1-100. We counted out 100 pieces of food and grouped them in tens to count by 10 to 100. It was great when we got to eat 100 things! Counting to 100 is so much fun!

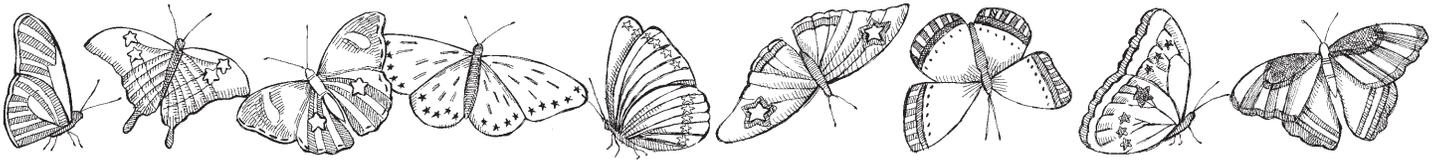
We learned about the death and resurrection of Jesus as we prepared for Easter. We made a beautiful art project to remind us that Jesus died and rose again to save us from our sins.

May will keep us busy as we learn about space and the ocean. We will continue to learn nursery rhymes and review our letters and numbers. We will be practicing for our end of the year program and have a beach day!

We have had a wonderful year! We have enjoyed getting to know your children and watch them learn and grow this year! We are so thankful to have been a part of their pre-school experience at Good Shepherd. They have been a joy and a blessing to teach. Thank you for sharing them with us! We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,
Mrs. Delonnia King
Mrs. Brenda





This year has gone by so fast. It is hard to believe it is almost coming to an end. I hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break. We ended the month of March with our science experiment with an egg, watching how soda and vinegar can eat away at the shell just like it would if we never brushed our teeth. Dr. Lubeck came to visit and talked to us about how to take care of our teeth.

Not only did we spring forward, but we also got to observe and raise cute little spring chickens. We watched and saw how they develop every 3 days and when they were old enough, the children got to hold and play with them. Some even got to watch them hatch. Of course, they all picked out names for them.

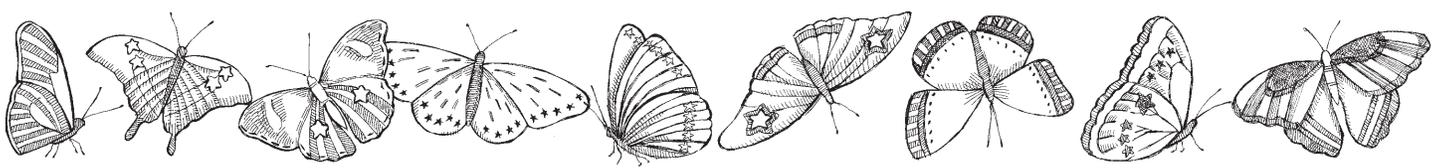
We have been learning the life-cycle of the butterfly and the ladybug. We do have some caterpillars in our classroom and will be watching them grow from stage to stage.

As we get closer to the end of the year, we only have one letter left to work on. That is the letter N for Nursery Rhymes which will be coming up. Throughout the rest of April and into May, I will be going over letters, numbers, rhyming and of course their writing. Over the summer, please have your child work on these as well, along with scissor skills. Kindergarten is this fall and will be here before you know it. Working on one thing a day will make a difference when school starts. We have been reading beginner books in the class. It amazes me how quick they pick up on reading.

The month of May, we will have our end of the year 4 year old program. Don't forget to mark it on your calendar.

Since this will be our last newsletter for the year, I want to thank all of the parents for all the support and for sharing your child with us. Good Shepherd Preschool is a great place to be and I have enjoyed working with the children. I have had a very bright class this year and will be thinking of them as they move on to Kindergarten in the fall. Have a fun and safe summer.

Love,
Mrs. Cooper





Winter is officially over and spring has arrived! Even with a few cold days here and there that hasn't stopped the music room from "Springing Into Action!"

Before we left for Easter break we enjoyed a week of rejoicing! Our songs for that week were "Jesus Loves Me" and "He is Risen." We even learned a little sign language to use when singing these beautiful songs. After we sang we warmed up with the "Easter Freeze Dance" and "The Bunny Hop." With each activity the kids had fun, but also practiced their listening skills, body control and creative moves!

When we returned to school after our break we became busy bees and spent a week singing about and moving like insects. For this lesson we were quick thinkers and increased our awareness by pretending to be caterpillars, ants and bees...just to name a few! I think my favorite activity this week was called "Musical Beehives." Each child pretended he or she was a busy bee and flew from flower to flower while listening to busy music!

Of course April wouldn't be complete without a few rain showers. So we spent a week, kind of, singing in the rain. Ask your child what happens if it doesn't rain anymore! You may just get a crazy answer!

The last week in April we worked on developing creativity and our imagination pretending to be frogs. Green and Speckled Frogs to be exact. Oh how "hoppy" we were singing and leaping from one lily pad to another.

Lastly, our four year olds are busy learning songs for the end-of-year program. This year it will be on Thursday, May 20th. Four year old parents please mark your calendar for this performance. It's sure to be a great hit!

I hope your children have enjoyed music and creative movement class as much as I have. They are exceptionally FUN to teach! I will miss singing and dancing with them when we break for summer, but hopefully those who aren't off to kindergarten will be back in the fall and we can do it all again.

Love and Peace,
Ms. Trudy

