



Winter is past, the rain has stopped; flowers cover the earth, it's time to sing.

Song of Songs 2:11-12

This is a beautiful time of the year and so much fun as we plan our themes for Spring, which will include flowers, gardens, butterflies, frogs, birds, insects and all of God's glorious wonders of nature. This is also the time of the year where we will begin to see Spring fever in the children. Especially for our pre-kers; some have been with us for three years. They are beginning to spread their wings and ready to leave their pre-school nest and off to Kindergarten. We're also hearing from parents that their four and five-year olds are exercising and challenging their independence at home as well. This is a very normal part of this developmental stage. Welcome it, nurture it and most of all, enjoy it. Remember that your children need encouragement and guidance during these monumental milestones. Be gracious and give them choices and space to grow, but remember to be consistent, set boundaries and provide consequences. Children blossom in environments where they know what to expect and where respect for one another is valued.

A quote from Hodding Carter an American Journalist, "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings.

Chapel Time

April—Jesus is Alive, God's Family Meets Together, The First Church, Growing in God's Love
May--- God Loves Mother's, Apostle Paul's Adventures, St. Paul writes Letters from God

Themes and Activities: The Splendor of Spring

Butterflies  Our Painted Ladies Butterfly cultures have arrived. Each classroom is learning and watching the life cycle of a butterfly, they begin as a very hungry caterpillar (larvae stage), after seven days they will begin to spin silk and enter into the pupal stage, in a couple of days they will harden into a beautiful iridescent chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the body parts of the caterpillar will form, its color will be given and within 7 to 10 days it will emerge in all of its wonder into one of God's miracles. We expect to see our butterflies soon.

Insects  We will be learning about bugs and how to respect all of God's little creatures. Our school rule is that all living things stay in their homes and with their families. We also teach children that we may observe and watch but not always a good idea to touch.

School Garden.  We will be collecting donations of various plants and celebrate Earth Day with a gift to our school garden. Each class will post a sign-up sheet of desired plants to bring in. Thank you!

Tadpoles  to Frogs  And of course, observing the transformation of tadpoles to frogs has always been a spring time favorite. Anybody have a creek or pond with tadpoles to share?? 😊

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



April 14th	School Picture Day—Please refer to email for info.
April 22nd	Earth Day—Please bring a plant for our garden—See posted sign up
May 9th	Happy Mother’s Day!!
May 27th	Wise Owl Graduation to Kindergarten. More info coming in May
May 28th	Last Day of School
May 31st	Memorial Day School Closed
June 1st	School Closed for Summer Set-up
June 2nd	Summer Session Begins
July 5th	School Closed to observe Independence Day
August 6th	Last Day of Summer Session
August 9th- 17th	School Closed---Teacher Planning, Training and Classroom Set-up
August 18th & 19th	First Days of School

**God Bless
&
Have a Splendid Spring!**