



*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 Wise Owls; 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 three and four-year-old 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 or at least try 😊. 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 Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey, The Light of Easter, Jesus Appears to His Friends, Jesus Tells His Friends Good-bye but promises to return.

May—God's Family Meets Together, The First Church and Growing in God's Love

### Themes and Activities: The Splendor of Spring

Butterflies  Our Painted Ladies Butterfly cultures have arrived. Each classroom will be learning about 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, and then 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.

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. This year we had hundreds of ladybug larvae that attached to areas in our playground and they are now hatching into ladybugs and flying everywhere, we are now learning about the life-cycle of a ladybug, emergent curriculum at its best! We have also been watching the bees pollinating our apple trees and got a quick lesson on pollination from one of our Hummingbird children.

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 (that has water) with tadpoles to share?? 😊

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**



<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed—Good Friday</b>
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adobe Christian Church—Easter Service 10:00 am—Easter Egg Hunt Following Service for children ages 2-12. See Purple Flyer for details.</b>
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Earth Day—Please bring a plant for our garden—We will be posting a sign-up.</b>
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy Mother's Day!!</b>
<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial Day School Closed</b>
<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of School—Half Day; School Closes at 12:00 for everyone.</b>
<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Wise Owl Graduation to Kindergarten. More info coming soon.</b>
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>School Closed for Summer Set-up</b>
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Summer Session Begins</b>
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed to observe Independence Day</b>
<b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Summer Session</b>
<b>August 8<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed---Teacher Planning, Training and Classroom Set-up</b>
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Days of School</b>

**God Bless  
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Have a Splendid Spring!**