

Butterfly Christian Preschool News

Easter Blessings!



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Preschool

April, 2010

We hope that each of you had a wonderful Easter and that we are continually reminded of Christ's death and resurrection and what that truly means to each one of us. It has special significance to the community of all believers, and it has significance to each one of us individually in different ways. May the joy of Christ's resurrection "raise" your family and you up each and every day.

IMPORTANT APRIL EVENT

Spring Musical

APRIL 22nd & 23rd

9:30 a.m.

Invite family and friends to attend our Annual Spring Musical. Join us to celebrate with the children the music which they learn each week with Ms. Sybi Ward.



Dates to Remember

***April 12-15**
Class Pictures

***April 5— 11**
Parent Survey—Link
sent via email

***April 22nd & 23rd**
Spring Musical

May 2,3,4—ELEA
Accreditation

***May 3—2010-11 Regis-**
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News From Our Teachers

BEES (Toddlers)

We hope everybody had a great and relaxing Spring Break!

Thanks for making time for our conferences! We are so proud of our Busy Bees! They have been accomplishing so much in the past few months!

The children are growing and getting more independent each day. They take their shoes off with little help and some already put their shoes back on with no help at all! Also more challenging puzzles and toys are given to them! Stories are getting longer, we can hear more voices during singing time and the potty line is getting busy!

It is Spring time and The Easter Bunny came early to Butterfly! We all went hopping, hopping, hopping to the playground to do Easter egg hunting! The children were very excited and they had a lot of fun!

We are enjoying our playground time with warm and beautiful mornings! This month we are having a lot of water, bubbles and sand play! Our art is going to be about ocean animals and spring!

Thank you for sharing your child with us! They make our morning so special!

Happy Easter!

Ms. Claudia & Ms. Andy

BEARS (Twos)

Can you believe March has come and gone and April is here? Our caterpillars should be changing into butterflies any day now! We will start April off by celebrating that Jesus did not stay dead, He is Alive! As we continue our spring fun, we will explore creepy, crawly Insects for a week! Then we will do some fishing and "s'more cooking" around our pretend campfire during Camping Week. April also means Spring Musical time! We will be busy getting ready to sing and play instruments for our parents during our Music Makers

unit. Finally, we will transform our room into the beach to learn about the Ocean and its' creatures during the last week of the month. This should be a fun month with lots to learn and explore. We have so enjoyed watching your children grow and "spread their wings" over the past seven months. God has a special plan for each of their lives!

Ms. Holly and Ms. Kate

THE ARK (Threes)

Wow, I can't believe that it is already April! This year just seems to be speeding by! I wanted to say thank you to everyone for attending the parent/teacher conferences. I really enjoyed talking with each of you, and it helped me to know your child even better. Your children are such a joy to me, and so much fun!

April will be a very busy month. We will be having our Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Musical, and Class Pictures. Look for more information to follow on all of these events.

This month our units will be Spring, Animals, and Insects. We will begin the month by welcoming Spring through a variety of activities. We will take Nature Walks when the weather is nice, learn about planting seeds, and learn about life-cycles of caterpillars and butterflies, and plants. We will also be learning about all types of animals, including farm, sea, and rainforest animals. This will be a fun unit, so be prepared for your child to come home making a variety of animal noises!

And of course we will continue on with our continuous units of letters, numbers, and shapes. Many of the children are also continuing to show an increasing interest in writing letters and words, and also in reading, and of

course we will continue to encourage, and help to facilitate learning in those areas! We will also be learning about patterns, continue with spelling names aloud, counting (one-to-one correspondence), and positional concepts (up, down, in, out, etc). Thank you for all of your support for our classroom!

Ms. Kerry & Ms. Valerie

ANGELS (5 day Fours)

Spring is finally here! We can look forward to the rain and sunshine that April will bring. We will celebrate Easter this month through stories, art and activities that will focus on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The children will participate in a special group activity to celebrate this special time.

The first two weeks of April we will complete our Spring themed units. For our bugs and Insects unit the children will learn about the many different kinds of insects, and how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. Our next unit, Life on the farm, we will talk about farms, animals and the children will have a chance to milk our classroom cow! We will also take a trip next door to the beautiful Barton Springs Nursery. The date for this is still in the works.

Mid April we move into our Health/Nutrition units. These units consist of Our Five Senses, The Human Body and Healthy Habits. This month we finish our Alphabet and move onto numbers.

We continue to offer activities that will enhance all areas of learning and prepare your child for kindergarten and life.

Thanks you all so much for your support,

Doe Smith and Alma Moreno

The Butterflies (4day Fours)

Happy Spring! This month we'll continue our alphabet/phonics skills with S through V and in math we'll be doing simple adding and subtracting and the concepts equal/unequal. We are still doing our dinosaur unit and will start an Ocean unit ,along with Plants and Spiders and Insects. We have been recycling all year and learning about ecology, but we will do a mini unit in honor of Earth Day. The children really enjoyed our pet unit and we had more pets visit us than ever before-dogs, cats, ferrets, fish, and aquatic frogs. Thanks to everyone for bringing them for us to meet. I enjoyed visiting with all of you during our annual conferences and Ms. Olivia and I want to thank you again for allowing us to be a part of your child's early childhood education. They are a wonderful group of children. Thanks, too, to everyone for snacks, filled eggs, and Easter treats. Please check our classroom newsletter for more details about our class' activities in April.
Mrs. Schaber and Ms. Olivia Zobel

Looking Ahead

May 6/7-Daddy Donut Day
May 11/12-Splash Day
May 18/19 -Family Picnic
May 25/26- Pizza Parties
May 26th—Graduation and Last Day of School
June 22-26—Vacation Bible School-Shepherd of the Hills

Class Pictures April 12-15

- Monday—Toddlers, 2s & 3s
Mrs. Doe's individual graduation pictures
- Tuesday—Toddlers & 3s (any makes ups from Mrs. Doe's class)
- Wednesday—Mrs. Schaber's class picture and individual graduation pictures
- Thursday—Individual graduation make-ups

*Order forms will be distributed



ELEA Accreditation

Just a reminder that our accreditation visit is May 2, 3 & 4. There will be three members to the team, they will be identified with a name tag. Please be aware that they will be stopping and asking random questions of parents. They will be observing in all of the classrooms as well visiting with Board Members, Staff and Church Staff.

Recycling

Did you know that you can recycle newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office & school papers and mail: 24 hours/7 days a week at our campus? Butterfly Christian Preschool earns money for the paper dropped off at our green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bin. During the month of **April**, Abitibi will **double** our money earned which will help us with various worthwhile activities and projects. There is no financial commitment from you, just bring us your paper! The bin is located at the end of the drive on the west side of the property. Thank you for your support!

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Scripture Passage of the Month

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 1:4-6

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO..

Join us for worship each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. and Adult Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and/or Youth Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Visit the church's website at www.shephills.org or call Ms. Amy Ruedas at 327-3370 ext. 212.



Parent Share—May 3
Mother's Day Brunch—
9:30—11:30 Bring a picture or memory to share of your mom or just come and listen and enjoy.

