

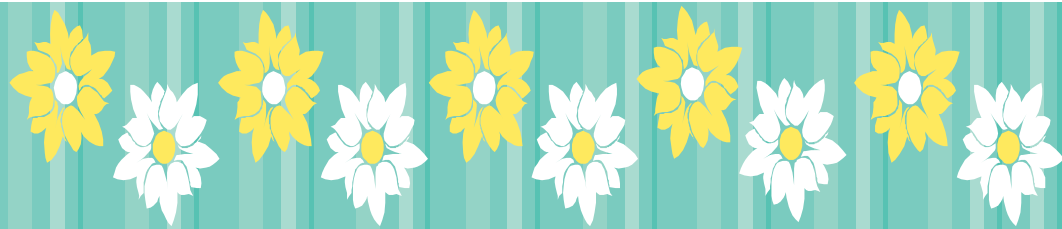


# Butterfly Christian Preschool News

## Spring is upon US!

How wonderful to see the sun shining! Even though we certainly have not had the same sort of weather as other parts of the country, our "winter" has seemed to drag on and on.

As we enter March we look forward to seeing the wildflowers and having warmer temperatures.



As a Christian Preschool the children attend chapel once a week. During this very important season of the Lent the children are learning of Christ's love for each of us, that he would die for us.

During chapel this month the classes are learning the following:

Jesus rides into Jerusalem  
Washing of the Disciples feet  
The Last Supper  
Jesus Dies on the Cross  
Jesus is Risen

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### Dates to Remember

- -March 15—19 Spring Break
- Parent/Teacher conferences—see your teacher for dates and times.
- April 2—Good Friday—BCPS closed.
- Week of April 12—Class pictures.
- April 22/23 Spring Musical.
- May 26—4 year old graduation.



# News From Our Teachers

## BEES—Toddlers

I can't believe that I am saying this, but it is almost time for Spring Break! The mornings are flying and we have been busy bees in the classroom!

Soon we will have the Spring Musical with Ms. Sybi (also known by the children as Ms. Beeby). The children have been practicing every school day and we are very proud of them! We do hope they are singing the songs in the car on their way home.

We decided to bring the dinosaurs to our class, after our visit to the big dinosaur in the 4's class. The dinosaurs are having a great time in our class. They are fed with cheeseburgers and fish. They are wrapped in blankets and traveling in big trucks. They even went to the sand pit in the playground!

This month we will explore Easter, spring and our five senses.

Well, with all the buzz going around, we are going to relax a little with water activities, bubbles, spray painting and of course Easter stories and egg hunting.

We were looking at pictures of the children from the beginning of the year, they have changed so much. The potty train is getting much larger each week!!!

We wish you a safe and great Spring Break!

Ms. Claudia & Ms. Andy

## BEARS—2's

HOWDY! Spring Break is almost here but not before we celebrate Texas, Cowboys and Cowgirls in honor of Texas Independence day. We'll put on our hats and boots and ride our stick horses the first week of March.

Yee-haw!! We will then introduce the season of Spring and windy weather with kites and flower planting. After a week off with our families we will come back to Caterpillars and Butterflies. We will have very hungry real caterpillars to observe and feed as we await their amazing transformation. We will wrap up March with an Easter celebration. We will learn the true meaning of Easter and have a class Egg Hunt and picnic just for fun. We are so proud of our Bears...they have learned to make good choices, to share Jesus' love with others, to pray for their families and friends, to share and help each other...we just may not let them go! Thank you for sharing them with us each week!

Ms. Holly and Ms. Kate

## THE ARK—3s

Wow, I can't believe that it is already March! This year is flying by! This month will be a busy month, with Parent/Teacher Conferences and Spring Break happening. We will be starting the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday. We will read books by him, and learn about him the first week in March, culminating in Pajama Day on Thursday and Friday. We will also be learning about Fairytales & Nursery Rhymes, and beginning on Animals at the end of the month.

We will continue to focus on writing skills this month. Many of the children can write their names legibly, and several more are making great progress. We will work on other writing skills as well. During circle time we will work on learning how to spell our names, and hopefully by the end of the month start on learning our birthdays. We will also work on simple graphing skills when we discuss

our favorite Dr. Seuss books. I will also start to introduce some very simple and easy sign language. We are not going to start with the alphabet yet, but rather words/signs that we use everyday such as help, please, thank you, etc. And we will be doing more number/counting activities, and rhyming activities. We will have a Shape of the week, and tie it into activities such as learning to draw that shape, and looking to find that shape as it occurs in our environment. It will be a very busy and fun month!

Ms. Kerry & Ms. Valerie

## ANGELS—5 day 4s

It is almost time to MARCH out of winter and into spring! Our units this month will start with the *Dr. Seuss and All about the Alphabet* unit. This unit will celebrate the stories from Theodor Seuss Geisel, or Dr. Seuss. It is also a fun way to put all we have learned into activities that will further enhance reading and writing skills.

This month we also celebrate Texas with our *Taste of Texas* and cowboy roundup unit. Each day we will try an official state food as we learn all about our great state. Dress western day will be Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Other units this month will be *Welcome Spring* and *Easter!*

Doe Smith and Alma Moreno

## The Butterflies—4 day 4s

Happy Spring and Erin go brag! This month we'll finish up our pet visits. If you still need to make an appointment, let us know. The children are really enjoying all the different animals and we have quite a variety this year. Don't forget our pancakes and pajamas day on Tuesday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll make our pancakes at 9:30

and read "If You Give a Pig a Pancake". Our letters/sounds this month will be P, Q, R, and S. We'll be emphasizing rhyming words and opposites. In math, we'll continue laying the foundation for place value with our sets of 10 plus 8,9,10 to make 18-20. We'll be doing simple addition and subtraction with manipulative toys. We've been tracing our numerals and some of us can write them on our own. We are also learning to read sight-words with our friends' names, color words, and words that go with our beginning sounds and units. This is called configurative reading and precedes phonetic decoding (which a few of us are able to do.) Our thematic units will include spring, St. Patrick's Day, Dinosaurs, and a literature-based unit on Pirates. We will try to start our Ocean unit by the end of the month. Conferences will be on March 10th and 11th. Thanks for signing up and if you need to re-schedule, please let us know. Spring break is March 15th - 19th. Have a wonderful, safe, relaxing break. Please see our classroom newsletter and calendar for more details.

Mrs. Schaber/Mrs. Olivia Zubel

## REMINDER!!!!!!

Please remember to close the sandboxes when you are playing on the playground after school hours. We try to keep the neighborhood pets out of them.

Thank you for your help with this.

## Spring Break

March 15-19

**Butterfly Christian Preschool will be closed**



**If your family is traveling we wish you safety in your travels. Have a great week!!**

## ELEA Accreditation

We are gearing up for our official visit with the accreditation team. Our visit is going to be May 2,3 & 4. Please don't be surprised if during drop off and pick up if the members of the team randomly stop parents to just chat about Butterfly. Much work has been done to prepare for this visit, we are all very excited and eager to complete this next step in the evaluation process.

## Recycling

Butterfly receives small profits from the recycling bin that is in the back parking lot of Shepherd of the Hills. For the month of April the company has told us that they will double the profits we typically receive in honor of Earth Day. Each classroom will have boxes set up to receive newspapers, catalogs and magazines. Phone books cannot be accepted. Thank you for your help in making our world a better place.

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## *Scripture Passage of the Month*

*Be still, and know that I am  
GOD!*

*Psalms 46:10*

## **SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO..**

Every Wednesday beginning February 17—March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Communion  
March 10—"Into Compassion"  
March 17 -"Into Criticism"  
March 24—"Into Suffering"

April 1 Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service 7:00  
PM

Easter Sunday  
7:15—Sunrise Service  
7:45—9:00—Easter  
Breakfast  
9 & 11—Holy Communion  
Services

April 5, 9:30 a.m. Parent  
Share at the church  
(Contact Amy Ruedas)

