

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Newsletter for RockPointe Weekday Preschool



April 2024



"Farm Week" will begin on Tuesday, April 2, when the children will learn all about farms and the animals found there. That day a petting zoo from Noah's Ark Petting Farm will come to campus as part of this teaching unit.

All of our students will have a chance to see and touch chickens, bunnies and goats from the farm. If your child has an allergy to pet dander, please inform your child's teacher.

Fiesta! 🌮

On Thursday, April 25th, the 3's and 4's will have a *fiesta* during Spanish class to celebrate the end of the school year. The children will get to taste foods from Mexico like quesadillas, fried plantains, fresh pineapple and mango juice, then finish with candies and traditional pastries.

Community Helpers



This month all the students will be learning about those who help make our town safe. We will have visitors from the Flower Mound Fire and Police Departments teach the children about safety. The firemen are always happy to let the children climb on their fire truck, and the policemen let us hear their sirens!

One important part of the firefighters' visit is when the children watch as one of the firemen puts on his protective gear. The goal is to familiarize the children with this equipment, which can look rather intimidating. The hope is that in the case of an actual emergency, students will be less fearful when they see a firefighter approach.

"W" Sitting & Development

"W" sitting describes the position of a child when sitting on the floor, knees together and feet pointing outwards.



You might see your child move briefly in and out of "W" sitting when playing or transitioning from one position to another.

But if this is the main position your child adopts for floor play, it might be wise to intervene. Prolonged periods in this position can lead to weak core muscle development and strain on joints. You can encourage other positions to strengthen their trunk stability: sitting cross legged, side sitting, or long sitting, with legs outstretched. Your child's hips and knees will thank you later!

April Class News



18 Mos. & Two's Classes

The children are participating more and more at music time with singing and doing motions! They are also doing an excellent job of cleaning up our classroom toys completely on their own; you can encourage this at home! The class will learn about the Farm, Community Helpers and review colors and shapes this month.

On Tuesday April 9, the Two's classes will have Pajama Day at preschool when they'll have a lesson on Day/Night. Please send your child to school in pajamas that day. The children will also learn about animals that live on a farm during our Farm unit---they'll love the petting zoo! In our unit "My Community has Helpers," the students will learn the firemen and policemen are helpers.

The 18 mos. And 2's students will learn about oval shapes and the color **purple**, then review all the shapes and colors. They'll continue practicing one-to-one correspondence with counting/numbers. We continue to work on fine motor skills, developing hand strength and following directions.

3 Year Classes

During Farm Week, the 3's will be discussing how farmers help us, and are looking forward to seeing the farm animals at the petting zoo on April 2nd. The classes will explore **water** with fun activities and talk about the springtime changes in the weather. The children will also study about how fire/policemen help our community. Students will be introduced to the letters **P, K, I** and **X**, and we'll review the numbers 1-7.

Pre-Kindergarten

This month we are learning about springtime! One of our most anticipated units is "Insects and Butterflies," since we'll have a real butterfly release, after we watch their life cycle! As the students learn about Community Helpers, we'll thank God for giving us special people who assist us in various jobs. The children will play the roles of various community helpers, and they'll learn about their workplaces. During Farm Week, we'll study how farmers take care of God's crops and animals...we'll even learn how to make butter!

Our phonics emphasis will be on the letters **Yy**, **Nn**, **Ww** and **Xx**. We'll review one-to-one correspondence with the numbers 1-6. The children continue to work on scissoring skills. We're also emphasizing self-control in the classroom; parents can reinforce that training at home, too!



PreK parents, mark your calendars:

"Time to Shine" Program

Tuesday, May 7th

9:15a in the Worship Center

Save the date!

Teacher Appreciation



Teacher Appreciation Week will begin on April 23rd. Parents/students will get a chance to show the teachers some love for their hard work

in the classroom! 😊 More info to come...



✝ Chapel Schedule ✝

This month the children are learning that *God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are Three-In-One!* Our Bible stories will be:

- Apr 2 **Jesus Appears and Returns to Heaven**
Mt 28, John 21, Acts 1
- 9 **The Day the Holy Spirit Came** Acts 2
- 16 **Peter, John & the Beggar** Acts 3:1-9
- 23 **Paul & the Bright Light** Acts 9:1-19
- 30 **What Will Heaven be Like?** Rev:21

Our memory verse this month:

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." Galatians 5:22

RockPointe Weekday Preschool

Traci Erb, Executive Director
4503 Cross Timbers Road
(214) 995-4600

Kathy Lines, Director
Flower Mound, TX 75022
rwp@rockpointechurch.org