



Holy Spirit Early Childhood  
Learning Center

April 2017 Newsletter

Week of the Young Child  
(April 24-28)

Blessing: "God, we thank you for this food. For rest and home and all things good, For wind and rain and sun above, But most of all for those we love".

Amen

April Theme is Growth. This month we will explore plants, animals, spring and the new life around us. April Color is Purple. Our shape is Oval.

Our Value Trait for this month is Perseverance. The quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult. Perseverance is required to perfect any skill.

The week of April 24 through the 28 is "The Week of The Young Child" sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, (NAEYC). This is a time to recognize and celebrate that early years are learning years for all young children. Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start and lasting benefits. The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children

**From the Director:**

In the next week or so Sue Graybill our Tuition Officer will be sending home a notice to show each family where they are in their tuition status. If you have any questions please feel free to see me or contact her.

Chapel Time this Month Pastor and the Teachers will make pretzels and learn about where the Pretzel treat came from. Around the year 610, an Italian monk made a treat for the children who learned to recite their prayers. Christians in those days prayed by folding their hands across

their chests with each hand touching the opposite shoulder. This clever monk formed the dough so that it would look like hands folded in prayer.

Pretzel Prayer; "Holy God, may these pretzel snacks remind us to always turn to you in prayer. Amen."

Grandparents day is always a fun day. We invite all your grandparents to come and spend the time with us. We will have some fun things planned.

Ms. Vicky's M-W classes will be on Wednesday, April 19 from 10:30 until 11:30. Ms. Amy's and Ms. Treenda's classes will be Wednesday, April 19 from 10:30 until 11:30. Ms. Mary's and Ms. Vicky's T-TH classes will be on Thursday, April 20 from 10:30 until 11:30. Our Afternoon classes Grandparents Day will be 2-3. Ms. Mary's on Thursday and Ms. Treenda's on Wednesday. We have shorten the time for the grandparents to visit so the classes will have the time to have their academic day and still have some fun time with their grandparents.

**Please let the Grandparents know that Grandparents Day will be from 10:30 until 11:30 or 2:00 until 3:00 on you designated days. If your Grandparents can not join in**

**please bring in a picture of them to share.**

Enrollment for next year is going well. We have always relied on word of mouth to spread the word about our school so this year we have started a reward certificate to a restaurant or a voucher for your tuition. Please share your experiences with friends and neighbors who might be interested. We have started a Referral Program as of this year so if any families stated on their registration form that you referred them you will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant or a tuition credit after they have been enrolled for 2 months. Below you will find our email address and our web site address please feel free to share it.

Thanks to all the parents that helped and contributed for all our different events. We have a few more events left the whole school picnic and the graduation.

Conferences for the 2 year olds ONLY will be in the April 27 and 28 as MSDE requires with the new policies and the new program ASQ-3. The ASQ-3's will sent home the week of March 27 and will need to be returned

by April 3. There will be a signup sheet available soon. We will have class on that day for your child to help us make up snow time missed. We will not be able to accommodate siblings in the classroom like we have done in the past. The other teachers will request a conference with you if needed.

We will have a whole school picnic for all the families to participate in. The picnic will be held at Freedom Park in the big pavilion near the tot lot. **Each family will bring a dish to share and drinks for themselves.** We have been given the park pavilion area by Freedom area Recreation Council from 10:00 till 1:00 on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will eat around 10:30.

Some elementary schools have already begun registration for Kindergarten. Here are some contact numbers for local school to call if you want to find out about registration.

Carrolltowne: 410-751-3530

Eldersburg: 410-751-1702

Freedom: 410-751-3525

Linton Springs: 410-751-3280

Piney Ridge: 410-751-3535

"The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn."

Sir John Lubbock