



Holy Spirit Early Childhood
Learning Center

April 2018 Newsletter

Week of the Young Child
(April 16-20)

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 the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. **This year's event is April 16–20, 2018!**

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.

We're so excited for a week long celebration of our youngest learners! Start planning your celebration today with event ideas and activities below!

Music Monday! April 16, 2018

Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills - All while having fun and being active! Make up and record your own unique version of a song or write your own, and share it on [NAEYC's Facebook page](#) or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc18.

TRY THIS: Find the beat to connect music, movement, and math. Practice

clapping, drumming, or stomping to the beat of the music while counting.

Tasty Tuesday April 17, 2018

Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes and photos of your creations on [NAEYC's Facebook page](#) or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc18.

TRY THIS: Measure your ingredients while making your snacks! Ask children if they'd like the same or different amounts of each ingredient.

Work Together Wednesday April 18, 2018

Work together, build together, learn together

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home. Build and share pictures of children's creations on [NAEYC's Facebook](#)

[page](#) or Twitter using the #woyc18 hashtag.

TRY THIS: Practice organizing blocks by size! Try building a block tower with large blocks on the bottom and little blocks on top!

Artsy Thursday April 19, 2018

Think, problem solve, create

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials—from crayons to paint, clay to crafts! Create and share a photos of your children's creations on [NAEYC's Facebook page](#) or Twitter using the #woyc18 hashtag.

TRY THIS: Bring art outdoors! Offer dark and light paper, chalk and pastels, and suggest children create their own versions of the day and night sky!

Family Friday April 20, 2018

Sharing family stories

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers.

Share pictures and stories about your family on [NAEYC's Facebook page](#) or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc18 as we celebrate the unique role families play in their children's learning and development.

TRY THIS: Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast, where children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!

From the Director:

Sue Graybill our Tuition Officer has sent 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.

Enrollment for next year is going well. We have always relied on word of mouth to spread the word about our school we have a Referral Program so if any families stated on their registration form that you referred them you will receive a reward certificate to a restaurant or a voucher for your tuition after they have been enrolled for 2 months. Please share your experiences with friends and neighbors who might be interested. 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.

We will have The Society for Sight coming to our school on April 16 and May 8 to provide vision screening for all 3 and 4 year olds. You will receive a form to fill out and return.

Conferences for the 2 year olds ONLY will be in the April 25 and 26 as MSDE requires with the new policies and the new program ASQ-3. The ASQ-3's will sent home the week of April 9 and will need to be returned by April 16. 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.

Just a Heads Up: Our Spring field trip will be to the Green Meadow Farm in Ijamsville near Frederick. It will be on Thursday, May 3. More info

to follow. We have chosen to plan this one for a Thursday since we have missed so many MWF Days this year.

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 18th.

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