



Holy Spirit Early Childhood
Learning Center

April 2019 Newsletter

Week of the Young Child
(April 8-12)

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 8–12, 2019!**

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 weeklong celebration of our youngest learners! Start planning your celebration today with event ideas and activities below!

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/planning-your-event>

From the Director:

Sue Graybill our Tuition Officer has been sending home monthly receipts to show each family where they are in their tuition status. Please retain your receipts for your taxes next year. 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. 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 10 and April 16 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 24 and 25 as MSDE requires with the new policies and the new program ASQ-3. The ASQ-3's will sent home the week of

April 1 and will need to be returned by April 12. 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.

***So you can plan ahead we will have classes on May 20 and May 21 to make up some of the snow days. The 2's and 3's will have a small program at the end of their classes on these days instead of a large performance. The teachers will forward more information at a later time. The Pre-k classes will have regular classes on these days. Then the Pre-k classes will have their graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:00 in the Multi-purpose room.

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

*******NEW PLACE*******

We will have a whole school picnic for all the families to participate in. The picnic will be held at Millard Cooper Park in the big pavilion near the restrooms. **Each family will bring a dish to share and drinks for themselves.** We have rented the park pavilion from 10:00 till 1:00 on May 17th. 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

Chapel Time this Month I will make pretzels with the children 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."