



CROSSROADS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2017

Dear Parents,

June always seems to be a time to reflect on all we have learned during the past year, and a time to look forward to new beginnings. The theme "We Are Special" is not just a theme for June. As we look at the many things we have learned this year, one of the foremost thoughts that come to mind is that each and every child should have been able to feel he or she is special. We have participated in activities about our homes and families, about ways we make a difference in our world, and how unique each of us is. We have celebrated our diversity as well as our sameness. We have learned about Jesus and how he "Loves the Little Children."

The team of staff, parents and children has brought us together to make learning a special time. This partnership has generated positive interactions, feelings and understandings. Growth has been a cumulative base for learning. Our children are truly "special", but our partnership has helped foster and support this feeling.

Speaking of the partnership we have with parents - we wish to thank you all for contributing to "Staff Appreciation"! We were able to collect enough to give each staff member a monetary gift. We also have enough left over to provide lunch for them the week of the Year End Ceremony! We truly appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Together we have made a difference. These special bonds are a key to the future health and well-being of our children.

Miss Vivian



INFANTS/TODDLERS

**Miss Crystal/Miss Elsy/ Miss Waheeda/
Miss Dana/Miss Maureen/Miss Lisa**

Hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day and liked the hand-prints that the children made!

Sun, sandcastles, seashells, sunglasses, sand, starfish... that means "let's get ready for summer." Now that June is here let's say "goodbye to our hungry caterpillar" and say "hi to our friendly farm animals." We will be reading about the cow, horse, pig, etc. We are even going to learn cow in sign language and keep practicing our manners with "thank you" and "please."

Infant Curriculum up to 9 Months:

We will be reviewing the developmental ladder and we will be using all of our senses.

Infant Curriculum: 9-12 months

Our theme for this group will be social and emotional growth and our concept will be the world around us.

Skills: Feeding ourselves and fostering finger/thumb pre-hension.

Toddler Curriculum: 13-18 months

Our theme is farm animals and our concept is safety. We will be reviewing all skills.

Our Nursery Rhymes will be "Little Miss Muffat" and "Jack and Jill."

Toddler Curriculum: 19-24 months

The theme is summer and the concept is Father's Day. All of the songs will be reviewed and we will pick our favorite book. All of our skills will be reviewed and we will act out all of the nursery rhymes. The sense will be to incorporate all senses into activities.

June is also a very special month for us because our children will work on a special gift for Father's Day. No peeking please!

Throughout the month, we will also continue to work on our **LAP** (Learning Accomplishment Profile) skills. These are age specific skills that we work on with the children. The LAP covers all areas of development: gross/fine motor, language development, cognitive ability, self-

help skills, etc. Each month brings new goals for each child to master.

Needs of the Classroom:

Summer clothes, sun block, hat

Happy Birthday:

Gabriel M. 6/22



TWO'S

**Miss Toni/Miss Trish/Miss A/
Miss Michelle/Miss Shereen**

Can you believe it! June is officially here. The school year is about to come to an end and summer is about to begin!

As the year comes to a close, our class will be engaging in many more outside activities, as well as, getting ready for our Year End Ceremony! We will be learning about the weather, as well as, review the different things the children have been able to accomplish over the past year. We will also be transitioning from spring to summer discussions.

During Jesus Time, we will be discussing that "God made the world and universe for me to explore." The character word of the month will be cooperation – being helpful, getting along, walking together and sharing. The children will help each other clean up and attempt to use a buddy system for various activities.

The shape of the month will be a circle and the rainbow will review the colors we have learned throughout the year and focus on our sense of taste.

We will be having various fruits, vegetables, and snacks to give a hands-on approach to teaching about the sense of taste.

Overall, we will be planning many new and exciting activities for the children to play.

Happy Father's Day!

Happy Birthday!

Alyssa 6/2

Giuliana 6/5

Jay 6/13



Reminders:

Please apply sun block to your child before coming to school. Please leave a tube here so that we can re-apply it after nap time.

Special Events:

Year End Ceremony:

The children will be performing for the **Year End Ceremony** both days: **Thursday, June 22nd** and **Friday, June 23rd** @ 4pm

However, Parents of the Two's class are invited to come on Thursday, the 22nd @ 4pm

If you have siblings, please come for your children on Friday.



PRESCHOOL

Miss Ellen/Miss Adriana/Miss Ashlee

It's hard to believe that summer is right around the corner! The children will be enjoying many outdoor activities including water play and nature walks. We will discuss spring turning into summer and all the fun that summer brings. We will be learning about stars and different types of weather and how a rainbow occurs.

We will recognize things the children could not do in September that they are now doing. We are so proud of them! We will review many concepts that were covered during the year.

We will have fun making Father's/Special Person's surprise.

For our Living in Faith Curriculum, we will discuss that: God made the universe for me to explore. We will be enjoying all of natural beauty that God had created for us! Our Character education word this month is cooperation (being helpful, getting along, working together and sharing.)

Our songs this month are "Shake Something" and "This Little Light of Mine." Our sense of the month is taste and our nursery rhyme is "Hey, Diddle-Diddle".

Thank you all for your wonderful support and kindness throughout the year. I hope everyone has a safe, fun and blessed summer!

Needs of the Classroom:

1. **Soup size cans** and **Seashells**
2. Please **apply sunscreen** to your child **before coming to school** and **provide a tube** for us to **reapply after nap time**.
3. Please supply a **seasonal change of clothes** for your child.

Happy Birthday

David	6/15
Cat	6/21
Caroline	6/23



Special Events:

Year End Ceremony:

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However -Parents of the Preschool class are invited to come on Friday, the 23rd @ 4pm

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PREK 1

Miss Lynn/Miss D/Miss Gail

As we begin our transition from spring to summer, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and children for a great school year! Together we made it a wonderful year for the children!

During the month of June, we will continue to learn about plants as we watch our garden grow, as well as ladybugs, caterpillars, butterflies, etc. The children are really enjoying exploring various insects, both outside and inside our science area. They had such a great time writing their "It Bugs Me" stories and "reading" them to their friends!

June's nurturing characteristic is cooperation (being helpful, getting along, working together and sharing). The children have been working

on this concept with their friends and we are very proud of them! Whether it is helping someone to find their lunchbox, helping someone to put a puzzle together, waiting for their turn to play a game, or simply giving a friend a hug. These everyday opportunities are encouraged. Both children benefit from the experience as they learn to love one another just as Jesus tells us to.

Our Living in Faith theme this month is “God made the world and the universe for me to explore.” We will go on nature walks and get in touch with our connection to the earth; it is essential to be outside each day, even for a few minutes. It is only by having that direct contact each day that we can become conscious of the subtle changes that are occurring through the seasons.

As we celebrate Father’s Day and create special surprises for them, always remember how much our Father, in heaven, loves us and that He wants us to love one another every day. Happy Father’s Day!

As we prepare for our **Year End Ceremony**, we will also learn about Flag Day and review all the skills we have learned this year!

We would like to say so long to our children who are moving on. We will miss you and your families dearly. May God bless all of you with a safe and happy summer!

Reminders: Please:

- Apply sun block on your child before coming to school.
- Leave sun block at school so that we may reapply it after naptime.
- Put an ice pack in your child’s lunch box, if you bring lunch.

Special Events:

Year End Ceremony:

The children will be performing for the **Year End Ceremony** both days: **Thursday, June 22nd** and **Friday, June 23rd** @ 4pm

However, Parents of the PreK 1 Class are invited to come on Thursday, the 22nd

@ 4pm

If you have siblings, please come for your children on Friday.



PREK 2

Miss Sue/Miss Kathy

In the month of May, we started our study of lifecycles, by growing pumpkin seeds that we harvested out of the pumpkins we picked last fall on our pumpkin patch trip. Speaking of Mother’s Day – I would like to thank all of the moms and grandmas who came and made our Mother’s Day Tea a great success. A good time was had by all!

Our study of lifecycles continued as we observed ladybug larva and butterfly larva (caterpillars) eat and eat and eat multiple times until they burst out of their skins; and multiple times until the final burst out of their chrysalis. We wound up with 15 ladybugs and 5 butterflies. We are waiting for our praying mantis egg sack to hatch! Those little nymphs take a long time to come out of their egg sack!

We also had a visit from Farmer Chris, who brought us 12 chick eggs to hatch in an incubator. This is such an exciting project. Farmer Chris explained that if only one egg hatched it is considered successful. We are hoping for all 12! We will know soon!

The Prek2 smarties will publish their own book of numbers and will work on another publication before they move on to Kindergarten.

In Jesus time, we have been learning about God’s great creations: our bodies, our world and how God has provided all we need to have happy and healthy life, as evidenced in our lifecycles studies. He has provided animals, plants, flowers and people with seeds to create more, as well as, nourish us! What a great and merciful God we have!

Happy Birthday!

Emily 6/19



Special Events:

The PreK 2 children will be performing for the **Year End Ceremony** both days: Thursday, June 22nd and Friday, June 23rd @ 4pm

However - Parents of the PreK 2 class are invited to come on **Friday, the 23rd @ 4pm.** If you have siblings, please come for your children on Friday.



What Is A Dad?

*A dad is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up,
brushes you off,
and lets you try again.*

*A dad is someone who
wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence
when you get hurt.*

*A dad is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail...*

- Unknown -

June

EVENTS

7th Chapel
8th Gymnastics
13th Chapel
15th Gymnastics
18th **FATHER'S DAY**



YEAR END CEREMONIES:

CHILDREN WILL BE PERFORMING 2 DAYS. PARENTS ARE INVITED FOR 1 OF THE 2 YEAR END PERFORMANCES FOR LACK OF PARKING AND SEATING:

22nd THURSDAY, YEAR END CEREMONY @ 4pm

All classes except the Infant Room will be performing.

Parents of 2's and PreK 1 classes are invited to attend this performance.

23rd FRIDAY, YEAR END CEREMONY @ 4pm

All classes except Infant Room will be performing.

Parents of Preschool and PreK 2 are invited to attend this performance.

IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD, PLEASE COME ON FRIDAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT THE DAY ASSIGNED, YOU MAY COME THE OTHER DAY.

26th SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS

27 Chapel
29 Gymnastics

