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March is...Easter and Spring!

“Springing” forth in New Life

Everyday as we look around we are reminded that this is GOD’S world and He, through his infinite wisdom, has provided us with many examples of new life and new beginnings. In the weeks before spring break we will discuss and celebrate Easter. Easter reminds us that Jesus came to bring us new life. We will also explore the changes that are happening around us as Spring approaches.



SPRING BREAK

Shepherd of the Hills Preschool and the Extended Care Program will be closed **March 29th**-

April 2nd for Spring Break.

Easter Breakfast

We are planning a special Easter celebration with a pancake breakfast. The Easter Bunny will also pay us a visit and drop off some goodies for us to hunt, so we can put them in our Easter Baskets. We will need your help though. We are asking each child to bring in 1 dozen individually wrapped candy. This is a surprise to the children, so if you could drop the candy off in the preschool office by **March 23rd**, in a bag marked with your child’s session on it, we would appreciate it. The breakfast days are:

T-Th	Thurs	March 25
M-W-F	Friday	March 26

We will need help on Easter Breakfast days. We will need parents to cook and serve pancakes, help to set out and to sort the Easter treats. Please look for the sign-up sheets to be posted on the bulletin board soon, if you are interested in helping us out on breakfast days.

Cherubs

This month we will explore the story of Easter. We do offer extended care on Fridays if you are in need of a few extra hours to get some work or shopping done. The children bring their lunch and enjoy some playtime with friends.



Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year



The in House Registration for the **2010-2011** school year will begin **March 1, 2010**. The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

This form needs to be completed and returned with the **\$100.00** registration fee by **March 15th** to ensure your child a spot for the next school year. After March 15th we will start filling the classes from the waiting list.

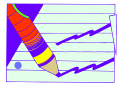
CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Tami & Miss Stacey 3 / 4 Year Olds



We will finish up our numbers this month and we will continue working with our names and addresses. We will also be working on the concepts of same and different as well as trying some dot to dot papers.

Miss Kathy, Miss Jillian, Miss Patti, & Miss Tiffani
4 / 5 Year Olds



We are continuing to learn the alphabet. The first week of March the phonics letter will be **W**. There will then be a review week with the letters **O, X, I, Z & W**. The rest of the month the letters will be **K & V**. We will continue addresses and name writing. These letters are also listed on the monthly calendar for easy reference.

Miss Karen & Miss Alicia's
T-Th Morning Angels

This month we are going to talk about going from winter to spring.

LOOKING AHEAD



Our Annual Bike-a-thon will be coming up next month on **April 19th & 20th**. Not only is this our biggest fundraiser, it's also a great time to get bicycle safety tips from a police officer and practice riding your bike safely.

PASTORS CORNER

Dear Parents;

In our hallway we have many pictures of our family. The gallery includes Alex, my son, as he was growing up; shots of our parents over the years, as well as our brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews. The hall is a great way to remember and relive those moments.

Last month Alex, his girlfriend Bryn, and her mom stopped to have dinner with us. As we were getting the dinner ready for the table, we heard laughing coming from the hallway. Alex was there telling some of the family stories as his girlfriend and her mom asked the

significance of certain photos. Over dinner, we shared more stories and laughter as we, parents, shared stories of our kids. Alex and Bryn joined in the revisiting by remembering their versions of those same stories. I loved that we could vividly recall the events we shared. This was not the first time I had revisited the past, and I hope it is not the last time either.

I wish I could remember all of what I thought in Alex's early years. I always knew that he would grow up and have a life of his own, that he would eventually move out of the house – even when he said that he was going to buy the house next door when it went on the market. After all that is the pattern of his parents, we have both moved far away from our childhood homes. Yet it is not the place where we hang our hat that makes the difference, it is how we love one another that is crucial.

I see the pattern being repeated. My parents loved me and my brothers and because they wanted the best for us they were constantly involved in our lives. Joan and I did the same for Alex, Bryn's mom and dad did the same for her; and you are doing the same for your child. We share ourselves as we talk about preschool and chapel time, plan special trips for fun and learning, run beside them as they learn how to ride a bike, crank up the ipod and appreciate music, spend time enjoying nature, and even watching special tv shows or movies. I hope that you will cherish these moments of your child's life and continue to celebrate the milestones to come.

This cycle makes the difference in our world, as we raise healthy, dynamic children who know how to care for and be friends to others. Our staff models that role for our students as well. We are blessed to be in partnership with each other.

Shalom
Pastor Bob

