

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message From Ms. Maddy:

We want to improve our communication and be better connected with all our families. Look for the "Parent Communication Board" in your child's classroom. These boards are for you to leave your child's teacher a note or attach an "Extra Care" request form. Also, in the entryway, there is a new "Parent Network and Wish List Board". On one side of the board, parents can post their business cards, a picture to share, or item that needs a new home, or an item to sell. On the other side of the board, teachers have developed a "Wish List" of items they need or would like to add to their classrooms. If you see an item on the board that you would like to donate or purchase, take the item notice off the board and return the item to the office. We are always thankful and appreciative of the support we receive from our families!

The Children's Center Sunday event was a wonderful celebration of the children. We heard them sing and saw their beautiful art in Criswell Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the book fair and ice cream social a success and fun for many. You can see pictures from this wonderful event at www.worshipweekly.com.

Instead of the Spring BBQ this year, we are going to partner with Panda Express to host a "Dinner Night Out" community event on Thursday, May 31. Panda Express will donate 20% of your dinner purchase to our school. In order for our school to receive credit, you must bring the event flyer with you to the dinner. The proceeds will help us purchase needed supplies as well as make improvements to our program.

The staff are currently working on the self study for the NAEYC Accreditation. NAEYC Accreditation is a hallmark of quality. To learn more info about NAEYC Accreditation see <http://www.naeyc.org/academy/interested/whyaccreditation>.

May is Parent-Teacher Conference Time. This is an excellent opportunity for your child's teacher to share with you the many experiences and milestones your child has had throughout the year. After attending your conference, please return the Spring Survey. Our school strives to be the best it can be. The surveys let us know how we are doing and where or how we can improve our program (*The survey can be anonymous*). Thank you for your continued support in making this a quality program for the children and families we serve. Thank you, Maddy

Show your School Spirit!

We are placing our T- shirt \$10 and sweatshirt order \$15 on

Friday, May 11.

Don't delay! Pre-K children need their T shirts in time for the "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program" on Friday, June 8, 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gwen's sister, **Briella Cooper** was born April 6. She was 7 lb. 2 oz. and 20". Congratulations Gwen, mom Lindsey and dad Jeremy!

Theme for May



Dates to remember

May is the month for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Sign-up with your child's Teacher/Caregiver for your individual meeting date and time.

- Sunday, May 13 - Happy Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 14- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 1:00 PM
- Monday, May 28- School is Closed for Memorial day
- Thursday, May 31- Panda Dinner Night Out & scholastic book orders are due.
- Friday, June 8 - Pre-K Promotion and Acknowledgement Program in the United Methodist Church Sanctuary at 7:00 PM (Children are to arrive @ 6:45)

Fruit of the Spirit Focus for May

Self-Control



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control"
Galatians 5:23

There are several favorite children's books that we will read to remind the children of how they can learn to control themselves when dealing with strong emotions, including *When I Was Little* by Jamie Lee Curtis and *When*

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

This is a fun, annual event that our school families enjoy doing each year for the staff. This year, it will be held on Monday, May 14, 1:00 PM in the McMillen Room. A sign-up to help with this event will be on the Sign In/Out Table. If you can help providing food, decorating, set up and clean up call Cherisse at 310-9790.

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Shirley's Pre-K Class

We had a lot of fun in the month of April. We learned about which bugs are insects and which ones are not. Butterfly life cycles and the cricket habitat were a big hit with the class. As we finished out the alphabet, we will continue learning our sounds in books that we are reading as a group. Thank you to all of you who attended Open House. It was great to see our current families as well as talk to some of our incoming families.

The month of May promises to be just as exciting as we explore the world that surrounds the pond. It is also going to be a busy month as we begin preparing for our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program, which will be held on Friday, June 8. In addition to all of this, we will be conducting parent-teacher conferences this month. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the classroom. -Ms Shirley

Miss Kristel's Preschool Class

In April, our class learned about bugs, insects, butterflies and life cycles. The children had a lot of fun looking at rocks in the sensory tub, listening to books on tape and playing flower shop in our dramatic play! The children arranged the most beautiful flower arrangements I have ever seen. It was sure great getting flowers each day!

The Preschoolers and I would like to thank you for attending Open House. We hope you enjoyed learning about our class and the great things we do each day!

In May, we will be moving on to "Down at the Pond". Our focus will be on rocks and fossils. Self-Control will be the Fruit of the Spirit this month. Tim and Lucy will have lots to say about that! We will review all the shapes we have learned in the school year! And, a number review will be so much fun! Ask your children about the Chocolate song by Jose Luis Orozco! It is a super fun song and you get to drink the chocolate you make as well as eat a yummy pastry with it!!! Bear Bear is back and is excited to visit the children and their families. Lastly, if any of you would like to volunteer to lead story time, please email me at miss.kristel@yahoo.com! Thank you! -Miss Kristel

Cindy Bo's Young '3's

In April, we explored "New Life" as we got to observe the metamorphosis of five little caterpillars into beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. The children are enjoying releasing them into their new habitat too (Our Backyard). Many of the young 3s had fun matching objects in the environment (puzzle pieces, play figures, etc.) to the poster of pictures of various insects, as they learned more about each one. I heard them singing "Shoo Fly" when they'd see a fly buzzing about or "I'm Bringing Home a Baby Bumble Bee", simply for the fun of seeing where the bee would sting them next (cheek? nose? shoulder,?).

I was very proud of the children who attended Open House with their families and were able to tell their parents all about what and where we do things in our classroom. They are so smart! Thanks to those who were able to participate in Children's Center Sunday as well. What a wonderful job they did!

In May we will be focusing on the theme "Down at the Pond". We hope to observe pollywogs changing into frogs, talk about the beaver's hard work ethic, the unique design of turtles, and more. There has been a lot of interest and joy in outdoor discoveries, especially lizards and snails, that I'm sure will continue throughout the month as well.

-Cindy Bo

Ms. April and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers

In April, our class learned about "New Life" with a focus on chicks, lizards, insects, bugs and life cycles. We had a lot of fun playing with all sorts of stuff in our sensory tub: the messier it was, the more fun it was!

We want to thank all of you who came to Open House and hope you enjoyed visiting with other attendees and checking out all the happenings in the classroom. Another thank you to all who were able to attend Children's Center Sunday. It was great to see the children sing as well as all the wonderful art the children created.

In May, we will be moving on to "Down on the Pond". We will be learning about tadpoles turning into frogs, slithering like snakes, and various other aquatic animals. If any of you have a pond in your yard and could spare some tadpoles, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know.

-Ms.

TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID

This month, Pastor David and Goodie Bear (with Ms. Shirley) will share about Self Control. This special time will be on Wednesday and Thursday May 30 and 31, in the church narthex, at 9:30AM