

**MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
EARLY LEARNING CENTER
2011 APRIL NEWSLETTER**

DATES TO REMEMBER!

WED. APRIL 6 th	BOOK ORDER DUE
FRI. APRIL 8 th	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT (6:00p.m. to 11:00p.m.)
MON. APRIL 11 th	WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD BEGINS! (Please Check Your Child's Schedule For The Week)
WED. APRIL 13 th	PARENT LUNCHEON (Parish Center 11:00 – 12:30)
THURS. APRIL 21 st	EGG HUNT 10:00 & 11:00a.m. (Guest Speaker 12:00) (PLEASE BRING YOUR EASTER BASKET)
FRI. APRIL 22 nd	ELC/SAP CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY
MON. APRIL 25 th	ELC/SAP CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD!

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we, as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation, will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

The theme for the Week of the Young Child 2011 is "Early Years Are Learning Years".

We will be celebrating Week of the Young Child with some very fun, exciting activities. Please see the parent board for your child's weekly schedule.

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year our annual egg hunt will be held in the morning. The Preschool children will hunt for eggs at 10:00, and the Pre-K at 11:00. We have a great guest speaker coming in after the egg hunt at 12:00. Please remember to send your child's Easter basket. We always have one or two children who don't have a basket and feel left out. We would also like to hide 10 eggs per child. If we shoot for 10 eggs per child we will need to stuff around 900 eggs! We are asking that each family donate a bag of candy per child to help with the egg hunt. If you have extra plastic eggs that you would like to donate that would be great too. **Please remember that the candy should be nut/peanut free.** You could also donate pennies, stickers, or small toys to be put in the eggs. Thank you in advance for your help, and have a wonderful Easter!

ROOM 1 AND 2 DEVELOPMENTAL REPORTS

During the months of April and May Ms. Karrie, Ms. Colleen and Ms. Regina will be completing student Developmental Reports. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled upon request in May.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER EVALUATION

Included in this monthly newsletter is our yearly evaluation. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to us by Friday, April 29th. It would help us a great deal to know where you feel we are doing a good job and where improvement is needed. Thanks!

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

When signing your child out after school **we are required to have the time and your initials only.** We can determine from the sign out time what your child should be charged.

Just a reminder about after school pick-ups. **We must have a note or phone call if your child will be going home with someone other than his/her parents.** If we do not have a note or phone call we will not release your child until we can get a hold of you. Please make sure that we have all of your current telephone numbers.

PARKING LOT AWARENESS

We need to remind all MPB parents to use extreme caution while driving in the parking lot. There are times when the older school children arrive after school and dash across the parking lot to get to the playground. We realize the parking lot can be crazy before and after school, and appreciate your patience!

SIGN IN AND OUT BOOK

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. Once your child is signed out they are no longer our responsibility. We worry about the children who run outside without any supervision. We also ask that you pick your child up from their classroom so that the teacher knows when they are leaving and with whom.

Happy Spring!

Kellie Peterson

CLASSROOM NEWS!

Room 1

We had another busy month in Room 1. We began the month celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading Green Eggs and Ham. We learned about rhyming words and practiced reading them. We are becoming emergent readers. It's so exciting to watch them grow and learn. They are getting prepared for kindergarten. We studied letters Q, R, S, and T. We practiced writing those letters and things that started with those letters in our journals and did activities centered around them. Our religion lessons continue to be stories from the bible. This month we talked about Noah and God's promise to us. We also learned about Moses and how God sends people to protect us. We watched "Prince of Egypt" to conclude the lesson. We have been talking about Lent and Easter. Our Lent activities included going to church on Ash Wednesday, making prayer pretzels, shamrocks, and God's Eyes. The highlight of the month was making leprechaun traps and almost catching one! They did leave us some yummy gold chocolate coins. We are working on a table and chair set for the auction. Please stop in to see it. Have a happy and fun Spring Break. Blessings, Ms. Cathy & Ms. Dawn

Room 2

March was a very busy one. We continued to work on our letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. The children have really enjoyed going over to the parish center on Monday's for music and movement. We have played "catch a leprechaun", changed from a hungry caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly. We have also been playing T-Ball. The first of March we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a great party. In April we will be learning more about springtime and Easter. We are also anticipating the "Week of The Young Child" when we do lots of fun things, like wear P.J.'s, dress in our favorite costume, and go to a gymnastic center.

Room 3

During the month of March we've been practicing our numbers, colors & shapes and working on cutting and pasting independently. We have been learning about springtime and the weather, and we will continue to work on writing our names. In the month of April we will celebrate the Week of the Young Child with a Field Trip to Gymnastics Plus, and have a Pajama Day. We will focus on the letters u, v & w and the number 8.

Ms. Regina and Ms. Jan

Room 4

We had another busy and exciting month this March in Room 4. It was Dr. Seuss's birthday at the beginning of the month and we celebrated with some fun activities. We read Green Eggs and Ham, watched the movie and followed it up with eating Yummy Green Eggs and Ham! Our letters this month were Q, R, S and T. We practiced writing them and some of our activities centered around them. We made Pirate treasure chests and patches and quilts using the letter Q, along with keeping up on our ABC books. Our religion lessons continued to focus on stories from the Bible. We learned about Moses and watched the movie, "Prince of Egypt". We did some Lent activities including attending mass on Ash Wednesday, making pretzels and watched the 2nd graders version of Stations of the Cross. Of course we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party! We built leprechaun traps and were excited with what the leprechauns left behind. We've started our project for the MPB Auction. It is an awesome child's stuffed chair. Feel free to stop in and see it!

Ms. Tracee, Ms. Dana and Ms. Charley

