

CENTRAL COLLEGE PRESCHOOL NEWS



April 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

11	Art Show
14	Palm Sunday
18	Maundy Thursday-No School
19	Good Friday – No School
21	Happy Easter
29,30	Bring the Farm to You- CCP
29-May 3	Staff Appreciation Week

May

1	Family Picnic
1-3	Goldfish Swim Safety - CCP
12	Happy Mother's Day!
13,14	Field Days – CCP
13-17	Last Days of Preschool (check with your child's class)
27	Memorial Day

June

3-7	Preschool Office Closed
3-14	Westerville Safety City
16	Happy Father's Day!
30	Central College Church Freedom Celebration - Check the ccpc.us website for more info in June

July

7-11	Central College Church Vacation Bible School
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A Time for Everything...

I love the words in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." (3:1) Spring is a time of wonderful changes. They are obvious and visually beautiful. I rejoice in the flowers blooming, the grass returning to life and the trees sprouting their buds. It's a wonderful time for so many things. After an absolutely wonderful career of over 40 years of working with young children and their families I have made the prayerful decision to retire. I will

leave after the school year with a heart full of precious memories. I cherish the twelve years that I have spent here at CCP. What a wonderful way to end the fulfilling career that God planned for me. I know that He will continue to show me ways to serve Him. In the Fall, I am very excited to have the opportunity to care for my then newborn and 10 month old granddaughters a few days a week and on some days my 4 year old grandson as he will be in Preschool all week. What a joy! Thank you for being such special parents and for sharing your precious children with me over the years. I will still be around as this is my Church so I hope to see you all from time to time her or around the community. Continue being the devoted parents that you are.

Remember! ...a time for everything... Also retiring is Kris Allen who has been at the Preschool for 20 years! Kris has been a dedicated teacher, teaching with a passion and love that is evident in her classroom. She has always gone above and beyond to create a wonderful environment for her children. Kris also has the opportunity to spend time with her 3 grandsons during the week. They are lucky little boys. She will also be around as she is also a Church member. God's blessings on your future Kris! You will be missed. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Preschool! "He has made everything beautiful in its time" Ecclesiastes 3:11. Your time is here to be with your precious little ones and make beautiful memories together.

And finally, from Ecclesiastes 3:12, "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live." Niki Clark is changing her schedule. After many years in the classroom, she is leaving the classroom to also be with her babies, a grandson and a granddaughter. They are also very lucky. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday she will have the chance to care for her grandbabies. It was a difficult decision to make but a wonderful opportunity she couldn't pass up. Niki has been a happy, loving presence in her classroom. Her love for the children is apparent daily. She also goes above and beyond to create a loving atmosphere for the children in her classroom. Niki will continue her duties in the Office on Mondays and Fridays so she won't be completely gone. You will still see her smiling face. You will be missed in the classroom Niki. Thank you for everything!

With these departures, I'm sure you are wondering who will fill these positions. The Church has a Search Committee to hire a Director and our own Asst. Director Hope Sattler is in that search and my personal number one choice. We need to trust the process. We usually don't announce teaching partners until Summer but please be assured that we will be searching for the perfect teachers to guide your children. They are precious in His sight And ours! Please keep all of these things in your prayers so that His will be done. Again, thank you for your support of All Staff each and every day.

ART SHOW



“For We Are God’s Handiwork”

Mark your calendars for the most spectacular Art Show in town! Please join us on Thursday, April 11 from 5:00– 7:00 p.m., as we celebrate the arts at Central College. This year’s theme is “**For We Are God’s Handiwork**” based on Ephesians 2:10.

This is the 10th year Central College Preschool and Central College Christian Academy have come together to exhibit over 2,500 pieces of child created art. Every child will have several pieces on display. Don’t miss, “The Portrait Project,” a wall of self portraits from our youngest 2 ½ year olds through the oldest fifth graders.

It’s Silent Auction time! In preparation for the show, each class has been busy creating a class canvas. The canvases will be auctioned off the evening of the Art Show. All monies collected from the Preschool canvases will help support our Preschool. Bring your checkbooks! Canned goods and donations will be collected for the Central College Food Pantry. We celebrate the arts by sharing with those less fortunate. We look forward to seeing everyone April 11 in celebration of God’s Gifts and the gifts He has given our children as illustrated in the art work of the children at Central College.



WESTERVILLE SAFETY CITY

Westerville will once again hold its Safety City Program June 3-14 at Mark Twain Elementary since Robert Frost will be under construction this year. Children that will be attending Kindergarten in the fall of this year are eligible. This year you must register from a link on their website www.westervillesafetycity.com. Online registration will begin **April 15**. Safety City is a popular program and spots fill up quickly. You will receive an e-mail confirmation upon successful enrollment in the program.

FAMILY PICNIC



To help bring our formal school year to a close, the Preschool has planned a Family Picnic for Wednesday, May 1. It should be a great time. Let’s hope for beautiful weather! The picnic will begin at 6:00 at Hoff Woods Park on McCorkle Blvd.. You will need to bring: a blanket to sit on, table service for your family and a dish to share. Last names **A-R** please bring a side dish and **S-Z** bring a dessert. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. When the sign ups are posted, please sign up on the sheets beside the classroom doors so we know how many to expect. If you would like to help set up, grill hot dogs or clean up please indicate too. Since it is on-site this year we will need more help for set up. The picnic should be a great way to culminate our year together. See you there!!



SPRING FAMILY



ACTIVITIES



Relaxing Flowers

Five little flowers standing in the sun (hold up five fingers)

See their heads nodding, bowing one by one? (bend fingers several times)

Down, down, down comes the gentle rain (raise hands, wiggle fingers and lower arms to simulate falling rain) And the five little flowers lift their heads up again! (hold up five fingers)



I'm a Little Flower Pot

Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a little flower pot mom put out (point to self)
If you take care of me, I will sprout. (nod head, point to self)

When you water me, I will grow (make sprinkling motions w/ right hand)

Into a pretty flower, don't you know! (raise left hand slowly up from floor, make wide circle with hands or arms)

HAVE A FUN SPRING TOGETHER!

WHEN I PLAY I LEARN

When I play with pegboards I learn...

One to one correspondence (one peg for one hole), a math skill;

- *to make and repeat patterns, a math skill
- *possible left to right progression, a reading skill;
- *concepts of addition, as I add one peg at a time;
- *colors;
- *symmetry, shape, order and design;
- *eye-hand coordination

When I do cooking projects I learn...



- *about nutrition, tastes and food groups;
- *how heat and cold change things, a science lesson;
- *part-whole relationships and concepts of volume and measuring, math lessons
- *vocabulary, a language lesson;
- *awareness of my own and other cultures, a social science lesson.

When I play on riding toys, I learn...



- *strength, balance and large muscle coordination;
- *to use my energy in a constructive way;
- *concepts of speed, direction and location;
- *to use my imagination as I pretend to be different characters and to make different "road" noises;
- *to negotiate and take turns;
- *to solve problems;
- *self-confidence, as I master new skills

MATHEMATICS



Long before entering school, children are interested in math and numbers. They begin to develop math skills as they hand one cookie to each of their friends, divide a sandwich in half to share with a brother or sister, pour water from one container to another, put all the big buttons in one pile and the smaller ones in another or clap a rhythmic pattern to words or a song. Everyday experiences prepare children to understand mathematics.

Parents can encourage their children's interest by helping them learn mathematics through real home situations and play activities that call for counting, measuring and using numbers to solve simple problems such as how to share six cookies with three friends. Problem-solving and reasoning

are the heart of mathematics. Young children who are given opportunities to observe, questions, collect information, communicate ideas and connect math to everyday life build a solid foundation that helps them understand math concepts when they enter school.

From The Early Learning and Development Standards – Ohio Dept of Ed

Other fun ways to develop math concepts through play:

Make a block tower, starting with a yellow block, then a blue one, another yellow one, etc. Challenge your child to keep the pattern going. This is known as an AB pattern. Try an ABC pattern later.

Clap your hands or stomp your feet once, pause, and then clap or stomp twice quickly. Repeat, and see if your child can follow along. Have him clap or stomp his own pattern. This is also good for increasing listening skills.

Sort objects by one characteristic such as size, color, shape. Use socks, buttons, coins, blocks, etc.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

“We are now entering the spring season.

This is a time when many people are clearing out their gardens, planting new flowers, and investing energy in the natural cycle called springtime.

An idea we might have, each one of us, is doing that same clearing emotionally and mentally.

We don't plant new flowers in a garden that is filled with all kinds of

weeds. We take a little time and we clear out the weeds.

Today as we're going through our day, let's just see that the mind field of our own thoughts is a place where we get to clear out our garden.

We get to prepare the soil for what we would really like to be harvesting at the end of the summer.

What would be the kind of seeds you would plant this day?

The best part is that all we have to do is ask God and God will open up a way for us.

God will help us find a way to clear the garden and plant our seeds and amazing things will happen.

Planting Seeds of Peace, Love and Harmony!”

I love to dig in the dirt with the children to see what is under the surface. Exploring with them is fun and seeing their faces when they discover something new. I also enjoying digging at home in my own garden. I don't have a beautifully manicured garden but I love what I have and when I get to dig, plant and sit back and see what happens. It is always a miracle to me. The classrooms have chrysalis' in their room waiting for the butterflies to break forth. Another miracle. Miracles are all around us when we look for them. Nothing compares to the miracle of the resurrection, however. God sent His Son Jesus to save us. What a blessing! What a gift! I hope that you and your families have a meaningful Holy Week and a wonderful celebration on Easter morning celebrating the gift of Jesus!!

**Blessings,
Sherri**





EASTER COOKIES

(To be made the evening before Easter)

You need:

1 cup whole pecans

1 tsp. vinegar

3 egg whites

pinch salt

zipper baggie

wooden spoon

tape

Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important-don't wait until you're half done with the recipe)!

Place pecans in baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. of vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16

beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents-in God's eyes-the purity of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus

Read Isaiah 1: 18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop! By teaspoons onto wax paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven **OFF**. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read Matthew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED!

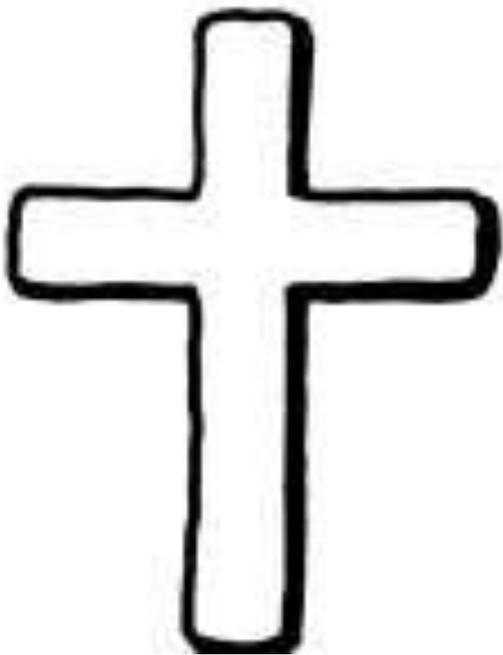
Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20,22

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow!

Praise God the tomb was empty!

He is Risen!

**Your child may color
these Christian symbols.**



Draw your favorite flowers below

