

# EMCDC Newsletter

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## Upcoming Date to Remember

**Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Center Closed - Good Friday

## Attention Parents

Please let us know your plans for childcare for the summer and let us know when your child will be going to school if they are graduating from EMCDC. This will help with our task of student placement for the summer & fall. Give us as much notice as possible (2 weeks required) and keep in mind that the first week of Kindergarten is a phase-in week. (We will pro-rate partial months for you.)

## April Rainy Day Activities

**Play Dough Recipe** - Sift together: 3 cups plain flour, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups salt, 3 Tbsp. cream of tartar. Bring to a boil: 3 cups water, 3 Tbsp. cooking oil, food coloring. Pour boiling water mixture into sifted ingredients, mix well, and knead until smooth. (Refrigerate in airtight container for longer use.)

**"Goop" Recipe** -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cornstarch and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water, added a few drops at the time. Mix and watch the magic! As your child plays with it, it goes back and forth from liquid to solid! (Throw away after.)

**Shiny Pennies** - Have your child search the house for dull pennies. Soak them in a mixture of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup white vinegar and 3 tablespoons salt. Rinse in soapy water and dry.

## We can always use extra clothes!

We need clean socks and underwear too!

## EMPC Vacation Bible School 2011



Coming in June! "Shake it Up Café":

In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. Through interactive lessons, that are easy for kids to apply to their lives today, boys and girls will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God. (More info. to come later.)

# Happy Easter!!!

## Two's Class:

We can't believe it's already April! The year has been fun so far, but now it's time to enjoy some warmer weather and talk about spring! We will talk about the different sounds we hear and the different colors we see in spring. We will also learn about the color yellow and the number 4.

This month we will have parent/teacher conferences. You will have the option of a phone conference or we can meet here during naptime. This is just to give you updates about your child and to tell you what we will be doing later in the year. Look for a sign-up sheet soon.

Some things you can work on with your child are recognizing different colors, shapes, and numbers. Homemade games where they can match colors, numbers, or shapes will work well. We are also still working on our social skills with friends and adults. Give your child little jobs at home to work on so they can be proud of themselves.

*Ms. Sheron & Ms. Ashley*

## Three's Class:

Spring is finally here! The class has already started enjoying the beautiful weather! If you have not already done so, please switch out your child's winter clothes for spring clothes in their cubby.

This month our topics will be: Springtime, Easter, and numbers 1-5 review. The class has finished our letters of the alphabet, but this does not mean that we will stop reviewing them. Please make sure that you continue to go over them at home as well.

Helpful tips on building fine motor skills at home: Molding with clay, playing with playdough, using a pincher to pick items up, using small beads to string, etc. Having strong fine motor skills helps your child be able to hold their pencils and scissors well and gives them strength in their hands.

A note will be posted at a later time for an Easter Egg Hunt and special snack. Thanks!

*Ms. Renee*

## Three's & Four's Class:

Welcome spring! Our class has been enjoying the warmer weather and we will be spending extra time outside on these beautiful days.

For the month of April, we will be discussing a lot of fun topics such as: Springtime, Easter, How things grow, & Transportation. We will also be reviewing our alphabet.

Some of you have probably noticed the sensory table in our classroom. This is very popular and I like to change it up often so that the kids get a great range of exploration there. Some things I will use are water with measuring cups and sand with lots of items from trucks to different size cups. This month you will see Easter grass with different size eggs and other spring items mixed in. The sensory table helps young children with measuring, fine motor, and helps develop language skills.

Our class will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. I will put up a list of needed items for that if you would like to help.

Happy Birthday wishes to Nicholas (13<sup>th</sup>) and Ms. Debbie (16<sup>th</sup>)! Happy Spring!

*Ms. Jennifer*

## Four's & Five's Class:

March was a great month, but April is here and we are very excited about our upcoming spring activities!

Topics for April include: Water Exploration, Patterns, Recycling, and Letters S, P, & U.

In circle time, we will be working on early literacy and language skills by answering questions, telling about experiences, retelling familiar stories, and problem solving.

Happy Birthday to Jackson on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Debbie on the 16<sup>th</sup>!

Have a safe and happy Easter!

*Ms. Debbie & Ms. Sheila*