



Pineview News

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From the Director~

Happy Mother's Day! I hope and pray that you are all able to enjoy a day of rest and relaxation.



In February's newsletter I explained our plans to eventually move the large motor room from the 3rd floor to the 2nd floor. As you may have noticed, the work has begun! Room 101 is being transformed into a motor room and a Kids' Church room! The clubhouse that you see in the corner will actually be the puppet stage and it will house the TV and sound system for the Sunday morning Kids' Church sessions. Children will not be able to go inside. However, there will be a "porch" with steps and a ramp for the children to climb on! We have lots of other exciting plans for the room so be sure to peak your head in every once in a while! (Once the construction is over that is!)

We are looking forward to having the waddlers and toddlers begin using the new motor room! I know they have been getting curious when they walk by as to what is happening in that room! We hope that the room will be ready by the end of May.

Also this month we will begin the annual registration process. You will be getting a registration form in your child's cubby for the new school year which begins September 1st. Please return it as soon as possible with the annual registration fee.

If you have any questions or comments about anything at all, please feel free to stop in my office or give me a call.

~ Kirsten

~News from the Office~

Tax day has passed, but you can save on your taxes all year long if your employer offers a "Cafeteria" Plan or Flexible Spending Account for dependent care. Contact your employer's HR department for more information. For parents that already participate, Pineview Preschool offers the convenience of signing and faxing your completed FSA claim forms. Or, you can also request receipts for child care reimbursement. See Marilyn for more details.

SAFETY ISSUE - Please do not stop the teachers in the hallway to sign your child in or out (or for any other reason). We ask that you walk with the group to their destination and then sign them in or out. This allows the teacher to keep the group together and to keep his or her attention on the group.

Inspirational Quotes~

"Don't you see that children are GOD's best gift? The fruit of the womb his generous legacy? Like a warrior's fistful of arrows are the children of a vigorous youth. Oh, how blessed are you parents, with your quivers full of children! Your enemies don't stand a chance against you; you'll sweep them right off your doorstep."

~Psalm 127:3-5

"All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother. I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

~Abraham Lincoln

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut every other Tuesday!

7:30-9:00 am



Stay and chat or take it to go!

Compliments of Pineview Church

Interested in learning more about Pineview church? Go to www.pineviewonline.org

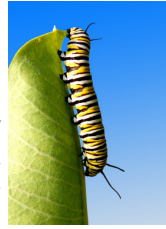
Pre-K

We have some exciting spring time science activities coming up this month! During the first week of May we will be getting chicken eggs to hatch. This is something I have done several times and it is amazing! The children will take turns caring for the eggs and will have several chances to look inside



the eggs (candle them) to see how the chick is growing. After about a month we will hopefully be able to watch the chicks hatch. I can't wait!

We will also be getting caterpillars. We will watch as they grow bigger and bigger and make a chrysalis. We will then watch as they emerge from their cocoon as butterflies.

**Miss Alisa ~ Room 206**

During the month of May we will also focus on Mother's Day. We will talk about our Moms and why we love them so much. We will also have a very special Mother's Day breakfast on May 11th. So Mom's, mark your calendar, you don't want to miss it!

Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes. The weather is changing and we all need extra weather appropriate clothes! Love,

Miss Alisa & Miss Ann

Pre-K

Dear Families,

I can't believe it's already May! This month we have a lot going on. To start off we are going to learn about what hatches from an egg! We will talk about life cycles, which is perfect because we are going to be hatching baby chickens in our class! We are so excited! We will



also do a week on our wonderful Mom's and Grandma's. On Friday, May 11th we will have a Mother's Day breakfast with Miss Alisa's class in the gym. More details soon! Next our theme will be 5 Senses. We will learn about sight, touch, smell, sound and taste. Lastly, we will finish up with a fun circus unit! Now that we are getting closer to Kindergarten, we will be really focusing on our writing and reading skills. All the

children have been working so hard and it shows! I'm so proud of them!



Thank you to all the Moms this month! You are wonderful and appreciated! Happy Birthday to Aidan, Dylan and Madyson!

Love,

Miss Abby & Miss Linda

Preschool

Dear Families:

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather in April, hopefully it will carry over in to May! Our first topic this month is volcanoes. We will also study the letter V. We will be making baking soda and vinegar volcanoes, as well as a Mentos and Diet Coke volcano. Outside, of course!! We will read some nonfiction books so the kids get an idea of



how a volcano works. After that, we will spend a week talking about our favorite people, our Mothers! We will make a special project and read stories like I Love You Forever, sure to make the teachers cry.

The following week we will learn about doctors and dentists. We will talk about X for x-ray, and the kids will share about a time they visited the doctor or

dentist. If anyone has real x-rays we could borrow, the kids would love it!

The next week we will focus on ponds, especially frogs. We will play a fishing game using counting.

Finally, we'll talk about zoos and the last

letter of the alphabet. We'll be marble painting zebras!

Please be sure your child has extra clothes! Love,



Miss Lydia & Miss Kathy

Kids' Caboose

Hello ECEC Parents!

We had splendid fun this April as we dove into spring! The children enjoyed planting flower seeds and are so eager to see them sprout. I'm so proud of how helpful they are preparing our vegetable garden also. Getting dirty is half the fun!

Speaking of getting dirty, our earth week clean-up was a great success! Picking up litter is so much more fun

when you're with a group or 4 & 5 year olds. A cleaner field, parking lot and playground we now have. Thanks kids!

Time to bring on those May flowers, but we still don't mind the showers! Rainy days are still needed after our garden week. This week you'll find us planting our vegetable seeds next to the ECEC playground. My oh my, we've had quite a few requests on which veggies we should grow!

We'll be doing flag-making, parade marching and red, white & blue activities for Memorial Day!

We'll be doing alphabet review and we'll cross our balance beam bridge and scoop up letters in an alphabet river. Alphabet soup is always a hit too!

We welcome this gorgeous weather, rain or shine. God made each day, so for that we rejoice! Love,

Miss Joy



Preschool

Dear Families,

The month of May is going to be a busy one for us as we continue to learn more about God's creation. We'll also be discovering what grows in the springtime! We'll be spending lots



of time in the garden, learning how seeds grow. We'll also discover the importance of ladybugs. We will be learning about how baby animals grow and how special our very own Mothers are too! Letters that we'll be focusing on this month are M, S, L & B.



Miss Michelle ~ Room 210

We'll also be selecting activities to go with the numbers one through six. We hope you're all enjoying springtime and all the fun things that come with it!

Love,

Miss Michelle & Miss Ashley



Preschool

Miss Shawnie ~ Room 110

Happy May!

Our themes this month are Mothers, Music, Our 5 Senses and learning about our bodies! We will be making special projects and sharing how very special our Moms are!

For our music week, we will get to make instruments like drums, and dance to all different genres of music.

We want to wish Ella, Katie and Samuel a Happy Birthday this month too!

Happy Mother's Day!

Love,

Miss Shawnie & Miss Ali



Toddlers

The month of April was a great time of sharing about spring and new growth. Now heading into May we will celebrate Family, especially Moms! There will be a special celebration for Moms on May 8th at 4pm.

We are learning more about flowers and gardening throughout the month of May. We love getting outdoors more and seeing things grow! We'll be painting a flowerbox this month and planting some flowers!

As always, check the clothes in your child's cubby to make sure they're weather appropriate and labeled.

Love,

Miss Mona & Miss Lorraine



Miss Mona ~ Room 103

Toddlers

Miss Renee ~ Room 109



Spring is in full swing. We are loving the warmer weather. Please double check extra clothes to make sure they are the right size.

This month we are going to help plant a toddler garden outside with the other toddler classes. If you would like to contribute to our garden feel free to bring in plants, seeds, shovels or rakes. We will put a box out for donations.

This month we'll learn more about plants, flowers and gardens. We'll make fruit and veggie salads, as well as flowers out of paint and paper. Info about a Mother's Day party to come! Happy Spring! Love, Miss Renee & Miss Rose

Toddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 112



Our class has been learning about gardening, insects and flowers. We have learned how plants grow and how they are cared for. The children look forward to caring for the flowers in their garden by watering and tilling the soil. We will be talking

about Moms this month as we celebrate Mother's Day. We will also do a theme on pets—so please send in pictures of any pets your children have at home. Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms and Grandma's and Great-Grandma's! God bless you!

Love, Miss Kathy & Miss Kim

Waddlers

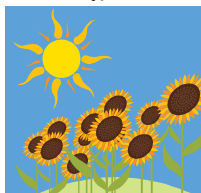
Miss Kathy ~ Room 108

Dear Parents,

We trust you all had a blessed Easter. Since the weather is changing so much, please be sure your child has clothes for all types of weather in his/her cubby!

We'll be doing some fun art projects this month, and of course celebrating Mom! We wish all the Mom's a Happy Mother's Day!

If you've brought in sunscreen and would like us to apply it, please sign a sunscreen permission form. Have a wonderful May! Love, Miss Kathy & Miss Jonnie



Infants

Miss Ruth ~ Room 106

Spring has come, gone, and come again! We hope it will be here to stay very soon. Our babies are growing and changing. It's wont be long until we will have some new walkers among us! Mother's Day will be here soon. Watch for a very special invitation to our Mom's (and Grandmothers!) Please let us know of any changes or adding new foods. They are all doing great! Have a great Mother's Day! God bless!

Love,

Miss Ruth & Miss Rosa



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**Infant Care
Preschool
Kindergarten**
Open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars ~
May 28 ~ School closed
June 14 ~ Preschool Graduation
4pm
June 22 ~ Preschool Field Day
June 25 ~ Summer Camp begins
July 4 ~ School closed
July 30—August 3 ~ Vacation Bible
School
August 3 ~ VBS Closing Program and
Fun Fair—5pm



**Pineview
Community Church
Welcomes You!**

Sunday Mornings:
10:30 am Worship Service

Nursery care available
for children 0 - 2

Kid's Church
during service
for children ages
3 years—4th Grade

The Cook's Corner

Alphabet Biscuit Recipe

Ingredients:

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| Refrigerator biscuits | Grated cheese |
| Melted butter | Poppy seeds |
| Cinnamon & sugar | Sesame seeds |

Directions:

Remove 1 or 2 refrigerator biscuits at a time and form them into the shape of letters. Set them on a cookie sheet.
Prepare small bowls of sesame seeds, poppy seeds, grated cheese and cinnamon/sugar, as well as melted butter. Brush biscuits with butter and sprinkle with toppings. Bake as directed on package.
Eat while warm—these are great with peanut butter and jelly!

~ www.about.com

From the Experts...

Fun Active Family Time

Being physically active with family and friends is a good way to spend healthy time together. Here are some ideas to get moving together as a family:

- Visit your local farms for berry, apple and vegetable picking. It's a good way for kids to learn where their food comes from, not to mention a fun way to get in some physical activity.
- Grow a garden at home. It doesn't matter how small. Tomatoes and herbs are easily grown in containers. Herbs can live year-round in a sunny window.
- Make family walks after dinner a routine. Take walks with visiting family during the holidays or get-togethers with friends.
- Is there a family place to eat dinner nearby? Walk there and back instead of driving.
- Do you really know your town? Take a walk through the main street. You may discover something new.
- Have a picnic in a park where everyone can toss a ball or play tag, hike or have races.
- When planning a vacation or visit to relatives, think ahead about parks, basketball and tennis courts, hiking or nature trails, pools, etc. that will be available there. Are there any activities your relatives do that your family can join in? Don't forget to pack your sneakers!
- Go garage-sale-ing by walking instead of driving.
- Challenge the family to a competition to see who can do the most push-ups, sit-ups, or jump rope the longest.
- Look for community events such as garden tours, walk-a-thons, fall festivals with other families and friends.
- Visit your local community pool for family swim.

Did you know? Children need at least 60 minutes of active play most days. And they're naturally more active when they play outside! Being outside in the fresh air can help us feel more energetic. Look for opportunities to join your kids on trips to the playground, a walk on the beach or down the street, or for a game of catch in the backyard. Play with your kids and you'll both reap the benefits of better health!

~Price Chopper