

Calvary Lutheran Preschool

May 2024 Newsletter



“All Things Seem Possible In May...”

Welcome to the month of May! It's hard to believe that we have reached the last month of our school year together. The children have been busy exploring, learning, and making friends. To our families whose time at Calvary is coming to an end, we wish you lots of happiness and success on your next adventure. It has been a joy to watch your children grow up! To our families who are returning in the fall, we are eagerly anticipating another fun school year with your children. For all families, before this year comes to an end, there is some more fun and learning to do!

Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 6th-10th. We are thankful for our talented Calvary preschool teachers! They are the heart and soul of our preschool.

Mother's day celebrations will be held on May 8th (MW EPS, 9am; MW PS, 9:10am), May 9th (TR EPS, 9am; MW EPS, 9:10am), or May 10th (Mrs. Truitt's class, 9am; Mrs. Davis's class, 9:10am). On the day of your child's events, Moms (or other special gals) and their child will park and enter the preschool together. The event will last about an hour. At the end of the event, grownups will leave, and children will stay to finish their preschool day. Pickup will be via car line at regular dismissal times. If you have any questions, please consult with your child's classroom teachers.

Our **last day of class** will be Friday, May 17th. Pre-K students only will have their school bus safety presentation and bus ride on this date. This will also be the last day of Lunch Bunch for the school year. ***Thank you, lunch bunch teachers!***

Our **whole school End of Year celebration** will be on Monday, May 20th at 9:15am in the sanctuary! This is a new, school-wide event for children and families to celebrate the school year together. Each class will perform at the event. All family members are welcome! The event will last about 45 minutes to 1 hour, with popsicles on the playground to follow.

The **Pre-Kindergarten year-end program** will be on Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Your child will bring home their program t-shirt just before the day of the event. All family members are welcome to attend.

End of Year Class Picnics will be held at the East Bradford Park pavilion on Wednesday, May 22nd at these times:

- 10:30am-12:00pm- All EPS and PS classes
- 12:00pm-1:30pm- All Pre-Kindergarten classes

Please pack a picnic lunch for your family. All family members and siblings are welcome to attend! We will also celebrate late spring and summer birthdays at the picnic, so your child's teacher will contact you to plan, if applicable.

Best wishes for a great summer,

Heather

Tuition Reminder and Lunch Bunch Payments

- All 9 payments for the '23-'24 school year should now be submitted. For families who registered after the start of the school year, adjusted their child's schedule, or missed a payment, please submit any outstanding payments by May 3rd. Families can assist by auditing their accounting to be sure that they have submitted all 9 payments. lunch bunch payments, or schedule adjustment payments. . Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

-Reminder: The first payment for the 2024-2025 school year is due by May 1st. Families who do not submit this payment may forfeit their child's space for the 2024-2025 school year. We do have a wait list of families who are unable to register unless a space opens for their child, so please let me know right away if you have any questions or need help in submitting your payment #1.

EARLY PRESCHOOL NEWS - 2 year-olds

May 7 or 8 Chapel

May 8 or 9 Mother's Day celebrations, 9:00am, park and enter with your child

May 15-17 Last regular day of school

May 20 9:15am, end of year celebration in the sanctuary-all family members invited to attend!

May 22 End of year class picnic at East Bradford Park, 10:30am-12:00pm

What are we learning this month?

Social/Emotional

- Taking turns
- Preparing Mother's Day surprises
- Remembering our school year together
- Parachute play

Art Experiences/Skills

- Manipulating tissue paper
- Gluing
- Secret Mother's Day preparations (shhh!)

Cognitive

- Continuation of seed life cycles
- All about the sun!



What are we reading?

Are You My Mother?

The Sunshine Parable

In the Small, Small Pond

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry,
and the Big Hungry Bear



What are we singing?

Recap of all of our favorite songs throughout
our school year together!



Happy Birthday to...

MW: no May birthdays!

TR: no May birthdays!

Thank you for sharing your child's birthday celebration with all of our
class friends this school year!

Reminders

**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR! WE LOVED WATCHING YOUR CHILDREN LEARN AND GROW.
LOVE, MRS. HANCOCK AND MISS MAGGIE**

PRESCHOOL NEWS - 3 year-olds

May 7 or 8 Chapel

May 8 or 9 Mother's Day celebrations, 9:10am, park and enter with your child

May 15-17 Last regular day of school

May 20 9:15am, end of year celebration in the sanctuary-all family members invited to attend!

May 22 End of year class picnic at East Bradford Park, 10:30am-12:00pm

What are we learning this month?

Social/Emotional

- Rainbow Fish- being different
- Mother's Day
- Remembering our school year together

Cognitive

- All about ocean animals
- Gardening
- Following multi-step directions

Art Experiences/Skills

- Work on Mother's Day surprises (shhh!)
- Working with rainbow colors

Special Friday Activities

- Forsythia
- Butterfly life cycle (two weeks)



What are we reading?

- My Mother Is Mine
- Rainbow Fish
- Little Critter's Just Me and My Mom
- The Deep Blue Sea
- Froggy Learns to Swim
- Fish Eyes
- Swimmy



Happy Birthday to...

MW: No May birthdays!

TR: No May birthdays!

Reminders

- **WE HAVE HAD A FUN SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER! THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR CHILDREN WITH US. LOVE, MRS. LEAMY, MRS. NEARY, AND MRS. NESBITT**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWS - 4 & 5 year-olds

May 8	Chapel
May 10	Mother's Day celebrations, 9:00am (Mrs. Truitt), 9:10am (Mrs. Davis), park and enter with your child
May 17	Last regular day of school
May 20	9:15am, end of year celebration in the sanctuary-all family members invited to attend!
May 20	Pre-kindergarten end of year program, 7pm in Fellowship Hall
May 22	End of year picnic, East Bradford Park, 12:00-1:30pm

What we are learning this month?

Social/Emotional

- Reciting addresses/phone numbers
- Summer safety
- Mother's Day
- Remembering our school year together

Cognitive

- Life cycles
- Insects
- Reviewing Kindergarten readiness skills

Art Experiences/Skills

- Mother's Day gift preparations (shhh!)
- Self Portraits

Literacy

- Letter/sound matching
- Syllables, chunking words
- Rhyming
- Comprehension



What are we reading?

Is Your Mama a Llama?

My Monster Mama Loves Me So

Skidamarink

Catch the Bus

A Very Busy Year

The Very Quiet Cricket



What are we singing?



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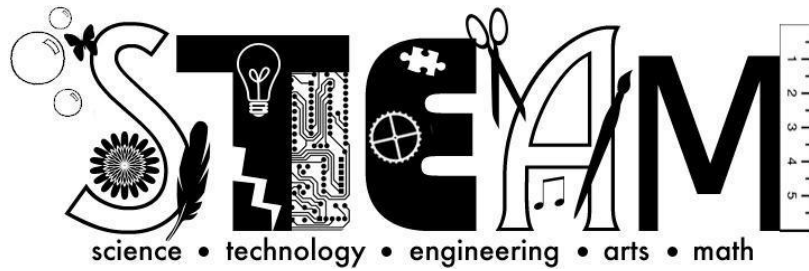
Mrs. Davis's class: No May birthdays!

Mrs. Truitt's class: AJ C., 12th; Matteo T., 20th; Nathan R., 20th; Damian D., 21st

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THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR CHILDREN WITH US, IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO WATCH THEM GROW UP BEFORE OUR EYES! TO OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE MOVING ON TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE WILL MISS YOU. TO OUR FAMILIES WHO WILL JOIN US AGAIN NEXT YEAR, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GIFT OF ANOTHER YEAR WITH YOUR CHILD!

LOVE, MRS. CROSSWELL, MRS. DAVIS, MRS. TRUITT, AND MRS. VOLPE



TBD Butterfly release!

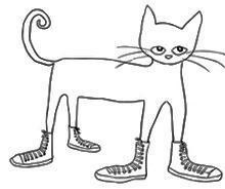
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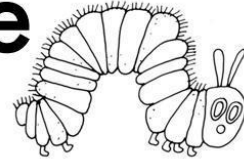
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Beginning in April, STEAM club has taken a deep dive into exploring life cycles. We will continue this emergent study in the month of May as we watch our caterpillars go through metamorphosis, our seeds sprout and grow into seedlings, and observe as natural life resumes all around us outdoors. We will also throw in a few additional fun units of study, including dinosaurs!



Literature Club



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Literature selections in the month of April focused on non-fiction, humorous fiction, and books that expanded our curricular theme of life cycles. In the month of May, we will wrap up our year together with literary favorites as we round out our explorations together.