

# Genesis Early Childhood Program News

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## Spiritual Connection

*From the Directors Mary Davis and Melanie Gehrt:*

As we close the year and look at the Catechetical Framework, we encourage you to keep up a dialog at home about God's work in your daily lives. The last two tasks in the Framework are the Communal Life and the Missionary Spirit. The summer is the perfect time to focus on these two concepts with our younger children. When we think of the Communal Life, it draws to mind the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles sharing all they have. Today, this relates to families sharing in prayer, work and play. The family is the best place for children to learn to live the communal life. The Missionary Spirit is well lived during the summer at Vacation Bible School. The Missionary Spirit lets young children know that everyone is special to God and that God loves everyone in the world. The world would be considerably more pleasant if all of us took those tasks to heart and put them in practice more.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** We would like to give a special thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help out with the Genesis Information and Activity Booth at the CTR Spring Festival, also during our Fun in the Sun Day, as well as those who helped all throughout the year. Many of our events would not be possible without the help of our parent volunteers, and we are so grateful for your involvement. We appreciate you!

## News and Reminders

*From the Director Mary Davis:*

**MOTHER'S Blessing** will begin promptly at 1:15 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 10**. We will start in the main church with a blessing for all mothers, a presentation of flowers to the Blessed Mother and refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

**END OF YEAR PROGRAM** will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17** in the Parish Hall. Look for more information with details to be sent home at a later date.

**END OF YEAR ICE CREAM SOCIALS** will be at 1:15 p.m. on the last days of school - **Wednesday, May 23** (for M/W 18 mos. only), **Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25**. More details will be sent home from each teacher.

The school year is coming to a close, and we have had another fantastic year! We will miss our little ones. Thank you for sharing your children with us! Have a fun, safe and relaxing summer!



# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH!



Letters of the Month:	Mm, Ii
Numbers of the Month:	19, 20
Colors of the Month:	Rainbow
Shape of the Month:	Crescent
Rhyme of the Month:	5 Little Monkeys
Themes of the Month:	"Mom's are Marvelous" "Spring into Summer"



## CURRICULUM CORNER

Top 10 things you can do to reinforce and continue your child's learning over the summer:

- 1) Every day is rhyme time.
- 2) Rhyme everything and read nursery rhymes or Dr. Seuss book.
- 3) Play with play dough! Build with LEGOS.
- 4) Sort colored clothes together when doing the laundry.
- 5) Cook together.
- 6) Talk about the letters that begin your favorite stores, like "T"arget or "K"roger when out shopping.
- 7) Visit the zoo and enjoy learning about the animals and building new vocabulary.
- 8) Cut coupons together.
- 9) Count everything! Steps, peas, etc.
- 10) Practice using "please" and "thank you."

Please have limits for "screen time". If your child is learning with an app on your phone or i-pad, please participate with your child. Teaching your child to build healthy relationships is something that cannot be learned on an electronic device! You are your child's very best teacher!

### 4 YEAR OLDS

The 4s will be blooming with number activities. We will count, match and correlate flowers, insects and ice cream with numbers! The 4s will also be little book worms, reading "In the Tall, Tall Grass," "The Tiny Seed," "Inch by Inch" and "Mouse Paint"! We will be gardening a bit too. Please give your Hairy Harry plenty of water and sunlight. (It is grass seed planted to simulate hair!)

### 3 YEAR OLDS

May has come way too fast, but we're going to make the most of it! To prepare the kids for the 4-year-old class, we will continue to practice cutting on lines, recognizing their first and last names, and writing their name! We will be focusing on the colors in the rainbow through various activities all month long.

### 2 YEAR OLDS

The 2s will be getting dirty digging for bugs and planting flowers in our sensory tubs. We will also be matching and counting insects and flowers. We've loved watching your children grow, and we can't wait to see them in the fall.

### 18 MONTH OLDS

In May, we will work on gross motor skills by rolling balls and pushing cars, and working on fine motor skills by tearing paper. Our art projects include a Mother's gift and bingo dobber art. We also will continue to work on verbal skills.

## ENRICHMENT CLASSES

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT:** Flowers and sunshine – we will be playing and bouncing to fun, sunny songs and activities. Watch us shine at the End of the Year Program at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17.

**BIBLE:** In Bible, we dedicate this lovely month to Mary, the Mother of God, and the mother to us all, and we will talk about the Holy Family. We will learn about Zacchaeus, then end the year playing games to review our Bible stories.