



May 2012 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Our first Spring Program will be held on Thursday, May 17th!! Your kids are working very hard to prepare some great songs to present to you. Please plan on attending the potluck and program (see *back of newsletter for more details*).

Our Lamb class is now meeting five mornings a week! This month both classes will be learning about our community helpers. We had a visit from Officer Craig and got a tour of his Sheriff's car already. We are hoping to have a visit from the Fire Department too. There is never a dull moment in our classrooms! Thanks for all your support and encouragement.

Director Kathy

What Children Learn in the Puzzle and Manipulative Center

Language Development: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening: When children work with pegboards, puzzles and matching and sorting objects, they are developing emergent reading skills. When they use letter magnets to write their name, they are learning letter recognition. When they read food or toy labels brought from home and made into a game, they are developing their reading and writing skills. Often children choose to work with a friend on an activity. This gives them an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. The act of working together on a project provides structure and practice in taking turns, speaking and listening. New vocabulary is developed when children talk about what they are doing, how they are doing it and what happened when it was done.

Math and Science: So much of science is math and so much of math is science. If one is happening in the Puzzle and Manipulative Center, so is the other. When children sort, match, classify and sequence, they are observing and comparing. Both of these processes develop essential math and science skills. Children also develop an understanding of the properties of things when they manipulate objects in the Center. Pattern or sequence cards give children opportunities to work with sequences and patterns, essential math concepts. Patterning skills evolve when children use pegboards, string beads and when they use geoboards. Another valuable math skill is classification. This Center is where children learn to classify things by descriptive attributes (colors, shapes, sizes), by generic characteristics (plants or animals) and by relationships (knife goes with spoon, chair goes with table).

Social Development: As a child works cooperatively with a friend or in a small group playing bingo or matching game, she is developing social skills appropriate to group behavior. The skills of sharing and taking turns evolve when children work together in this Center. Patience, perseverance and tenacity are exhibited when a child completes a difficult puzzle. Self-confidence is developed as children feel they have been successful working with the different materials. They are more willing to try more challenging activities if they feel successful.



1st Annual Spring Program

Little Wellspring will be having its first Spring Program on May 17th. Parents, extended family and friends are welcome to attend. Our evening will begin with a potluck from 6:00pm-6:45pm. Brayden's Mom Stacy will be contacting you to let you know what you can bring. The kids have been preparing songs to share with their families and friends at 7:00pm and a slide show will follow.

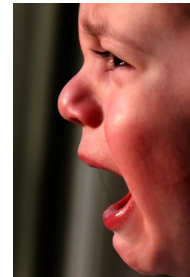
WARMER weather is coming!!! If you send your child to school in sandals they need to have backs (straps) on them. Flip flops can get caught on our playground equipment and for your child's safety we can not allow them.



Wellspring Bible Fellowship would like to help support parents, but we need to know what resources would help you navigate the parenting years?

- Christian parenting classes/tips
- Time management resources
- Cooking class-make ahead dishes or quick fixes
- Mentor-someone who will just listen and encourage
- Free oil, lube and filter for single Moms
- Small single Moms Bible study

Please talk to Director Kathy if you are interested in any of these resources or if you have other suggestions.



FALL ENROLLMENT

We are now enrolling for the fall please let your friends know. If your child is returning in the fall and you did not talk to Director Kathy yet then please let her know so she can reserve your time slot.



MAY Birthdays
Tucker-5/5
Teacher Beth-5/18
Dane-5/27

CLASSROOM NEEDS

- Matchbox cars
- Stickers
- Tonka Trucks
- Washable paint-any color



Lion News

LESSON UNITS

WEEK OF:

April 30 and May 7th-Safety Helpers

Purpose: To help children grow in their understanding and appreciation of persons in the community whose skills contribute to the safety of their families and others.

Bible Story: Four Friends Helped; A Church Chose Helpers

Bible Verses:

- “God planned work for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10)
- “Do what the Bible says” (Deuteronomy 6:17)
- “God made people” (Genesis 1:27)
- “Help one another” (Galatians 5:13)

May 14th and May 21st-Machines and More

Purpose: To provide opportunities for children to explore and discover the variety and value of tools and machines in our daily lives.

Bible Stories: Nehemiah Built the Wall; People Built the Tabernacle

Bible Verses:

- “We work together” (Jeremiah 31:35)
- “Help one another” (Galatians 5:13)
- “We are helpers” (2 Corinthians 1:24)
- “Work with your hands” (1 Thessalonians 4:11)

May 28th-Shapes, Signs, and Symbols

Purpose: To help children become aware that signs and symbols help them know more about their world.

Bible Story: God Gave Rules to Moses

Bible Verses:

- “I am wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14)
- “Teach God’s rules” (Exodus 18:20)
- “God cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7)
- “God will be with you” (Genesis 18:21)
- “Always do what is right” (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Your child may bring something to share on Thursday or Friday that begins with the letter of the week:

4/30-O

5/7-U

5/14-Y

5/21-B

5/28-H

UNIT WORDS

- Bible
- God
- help
- left
- right
- safety
- work
- build
- hammer
- nail
- tools
- truck
- circle
- go
- one way
- square
- stop
- triangle



Lamb News

LESSON UNITS

WEEK OF:

April 30th, May 7th and 14th-My Community Has Helpers

Purpose: To help children grow in their understanding and appreciation of the various people in the community who care for and help them and their families.

Bible Story: Dorcas Helps Others

Bible Verses:

- “Be kind to one another” (Ephesians 4:32)
- “Help one another” (Galatians 5:13)
- “We are helpers” (2 Corinthians 1:24)
- “We work together” (1 Corinthians 3:9)

May 21st and May 28th-I Can Go Many Places

Purpose: To help children understand the importance of transportation and to learn about how people and things move from one place to another.

Bible Story: A Trip for Jesus

Bible Verses:

- “Be kind to one another” (Ephesians 4:32)
- “God is good to us” (Psalm 73:1)
- “God made people” (Genesis 1:27)
- “God made the clouds” (Job 36:27)
- “Say thank-you to God” (Psalm 136:1)
- “We work together” (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Letter of the Week

Your child may bring something to share on Thursday or Friday that begins with the letter of the week. Here is the letters for this month:

April 30-D

May 7-E

May 14-F

May 21-G

May 28-H