



# APRIL Newsletter



## MONTHLY THEMES

April 1st-5th: Weather/"The True King"

April 8th- 12th Week of the Young Child/ "The Last Supper"

April 15th- 19th: Easter/"Jesus is Arrested"

April 22nd- April 26th: My World/"Jesus is Risen"

April 29th-May 3rd: Desert/"Jesus Goes to Heaven"



### upcoming birthdays



- ◆ Benjamin P.-April 3rd
- ◆ Callan C.-April 3rd
- ◆ Isabella H.- April 6th
- ◆ Emma M.-April 7th
- ◆ Kelsey Z.- April 8th
- ◆ Kai A.- April 13th
- ◆ Ryan B. - April 15th
- ◆ Jordyn R. - April 20th
- ◆ Madeline B.-April 21st
- ◆ Gavin B.- April 26th
- ◆ Brayden M. - April 30th



## Healthy Environment, Healthy Family

It happens, we know. You're picking up your child, waiting for a food order, or just trying to warm up your car on cold morning — and you leave your car running for a little while. It's easy to let those minutes tick by, but getting into the habit of turning your car off when you'll be idle for more than 10 seconds can make a big difference. Here's why:

**It saves gas:** If you idle for 5 minutes warming up your car in the morning, 3 minutes at the bank drive-thru, and 4 picking up your child, you've burned enough gas to drive 24 miles.

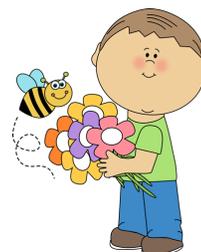
**2. It saves money:** Americans spend a whopping \$13 million every day on unnecessary idling.

**3. It saves the planet:** For every 10 minutes of idling you cut from your life, you'll save one pound of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.

**4. It makes us healthier:** Idling is linked to increases in asthma, allergies, heart and lung disease and cancer. Kids are especially vulnerable because they inhale more air per pound of body weight, and lots of idling happens near schools.

**5. It's good for your engine:** Idling can damage engine components. And did you know that today's cars warm up more efficiently when they're driving than sitting in a driveway? They do.

**6. It's easy:** Just turn the key when you'll be stopped for more than 10 seconds. That's all there is to it.



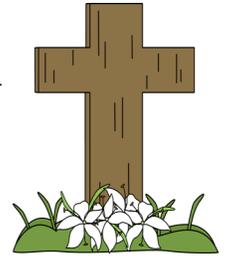
### Special Days in APRIL

- ◆ **April 8th -12th** –Week of the Young Child
- ◆ **April 11th:** Visit from Paws for Love
- ◆ **April 19th:** Good Friday– Center Closes at 3:00
- ◆ **April 26th–** Senior Graduation Photos



# Symbols of Easter

To Christians, Easter is much more than Easter bunnies and eggs: it is the most significant day in the year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. While Jesus should always be the focal point of Easter, many of these more commercial elements of Easter can symbolize parts of the Easter story. While they may have had different meanings at other times in history, now they help us remember our new lives in Christ.



**Bunnies:** Rabbits represent the abundant new life available to us through Jesus.

**Flowers:** Many flowers are special symbols of Easter, representing new life as they bloom in the spring. Lilies are especially significant at Easter. As lilies grow from a bulb that appears dead, Christians remember how Jesus came back to life. White lilies, in particular, represent the purity of Jesus.

**New hats and clothes:** Wearing new hats and clothes at Easter is more than just a fashion statement. They also symbolize our new life in Christ, as we shed the old and welcome the new.

**Lambs:** Jesus is called the Lamb of God and lambs represent Jesus' sacrifice for us.

**Easter Eggs:** From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



## Week of the Young Child

During the month of April, we will be celebrating the

**"Week of the Young Child."**

April 8th-12th

What is the Week of the Young Child? The purpose of this week is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we, as citizens of a community, state, and nation, can better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

At Childrens' Kastle we are taking the opportunity during this week to celebrate all of our children and their families. Each family will be given a family tree to complete and they will be displayed throughout the center. We will also be doing many other special activities and themes days! More information will be posted as we get closer. We look forward to this special week!



**Announcing our spring referral reward!**

**We love our families!**

The highest compliment you can give us, is to refer a family to Childrens' Kastle.

During the month of March, for every family whom you refer, and joins our family fulltime, you will receive **\$500** in tuition credit. **\$250** for part time!  
Thank you for sharing and caring!

\*Credit will be applied over 5 months\*

