



May Newsletter

Monthly Themes

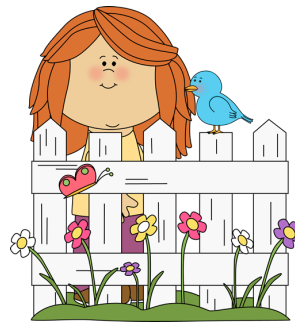
April 29th-May 3rd: Desert/ "Jesus Goes to Heaven"

May 6th-10th: Wild Animals/ "Earthquake in Prison"

May 13th-17th: Ocean/ "The Lost Sheep"

May 20th-24th: Rainforest/ "The Lost Son"

May 27th- 31st: Dinosaurs



upcoming birthdays



- ◆ Gabriella T.- May 1st
- ◆ Elliott M.-May 2nd
- ◆ Paul V.-May 3rd
- ◆ Zachary M.-May 4th
- ◆ Camden B.-May 8th
- ◆ Camden S.-May 10th
- ◆ Owen F.-May 10th
- ◆ Falyn R.- May 16th
- ◆ Tucker P.- May 21st
- ◆ Caroline S.-May 22nd
- ◆ Lena S.-May 24th
- ◆ Lorenzo H.-May 27th
- ◆ Clara Z.-May 30th
- ◆ Benjamin R.-May 31st

Simple Springtime Outdoor Activities

Play in the rain. Put on your rain gear and play in puddles! See who can make the biggest or most stylish splash. Make mud pies—don't be afraid to get dirty,! Collect rain in different containers and listen to the sounds of raindrops as they hit a metal, plastic or glass container. Float a boat made out of recycled items, paper or twigs and leaves.

Catch the wind. Create a windsock, kite, pinwheel, or weather vane and learn all about the wind. As you're crafting, ask your kids questions: Can you see the wind on a windy day? How do you know it's there? What did it sound like? What did it feel like?

Go on a walk or bike ride. Observe the natural world as you make your way through the woods or park.

Senses walk: Use all of your senses to experience spring. Smell the flowers or grass. Listen to birds chirping. Feel the smoothness or roughness of a rock.

Shape scavenger hunt: Look closely and you'll find shapes all around you. Bonus points for spotting 3D shapes such as a cube, cylinder or sphere.

Color walk: Find items for every color in the rainbow
ABC walk: Look for items that start with each letter of the alphabet.
Learn about trees:

Identify trees by their leaves, bark, seeds and branches.

Nighttime walk: Listen for nocturnal creatures such as bats and owls.

Make a masterpiece: Collect items on your walk to create art. Paint sticks or rock, press flowers, make sun prints, or mix some flower potion.

Watch for wildlife. Make a bird feeder and go bird watching. Look under a rock or log for creepy crawlies. Spy a spider weaving its web. Watch squirrels playing atop trees. Search for animal tracks.

A mom's hug
lasts long
after she lets
go.

~Author Unknown

Special Days in May

- ◆ May 3rd— Cinco de Mayo Party
- ◆ May 15th— JR/SR Field Trip to Buffalo Zoo
- ◆ May 12th— Mother's Day
- ◆ May 16th— Beach Day
- ◆ May 27th— Memorial Day: Center Closed

Happy Mother's Day!

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

"Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."



And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

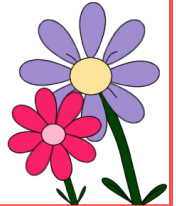
God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

"You will simply call her, 'Mom.'"



Local Family Events



Mother's Day Down on the Farm at Kelkenberg Farm

May 12th at Kelkenberg Farm of Clarence. Families visiting the farm will meet all of our newborn animals and their Moms! There will also be Pony Rides, a Hayride, and other activities! Check out their Facebook Page for more details.

May the 4th/Comic Fest

May 4th 1-2 pm at the Lancaster Library. Drop in for Star Wars activities, games, and more for kids of all ages and their families! Dress like your favorite Star Wars or comic book character too!

From the Office

Teacher Appreciation Week is **May 6th– 10th**.

Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate everything they do!

Reminder: We will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day!

"Mom, you deserve a day to yourself!"

With summer approaching, many parents have been asking if their child could attend only one or two days a week for the summer. We can definitely accommodate that for July and August! Stop by the office with any questions!

