

# April/May Newsletter

## Sunshine Corner Preschool

This is our last newsletter of the year and we end with two verses:

**He is not here, He is risen. Matt. 28:6 as we learn about Easter.**

**A gentle answer turns away wrath. Prov. 15:1 For May's verse when we talk about gentleness.**

We are back from spring break and are looking forward to our spring themes, including Easter! We are blessed to be able to teach the little ones about Jesus and his sacrifice that enables us to live forever with him! We hope that your family has a wonderful time together celebrating the Good News.

## Highlights

**NEXT FALL'S FORMS:** If your child is in the 3's, 4's, or 5's classes you do not have to fill out all new forms for next fall's classes, according to our state licenser. We will ask you to update the emergency contact form during the orientation sessions on Sept. 7-8. Children moving from the tot class into the 3's classes will need to complete all new forms. Extended Care sign up forms will be mailed to you in the August mailing, along with start of school information. At that time you can reserve a permanent spot if you desire. Returning forms promptly will ensure that you get the time frame desired. We will continue to email you during the summer with school information so please make sure that your email address that we have on record in the office is current.

**SUMMER EXTENDED CARE:** Cori and Lynn will be teaching the summer extended care program this year. It will begin on Tuesday May 25 and run until Friday June 11. (The staff has a work day on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> so there is no school on that day). Daily sign up sheets will be available on May 3 on the telephone table for you to sign up each day and time that you would like to have your child come and be part of the fun. The cost will be \$7 per hour.

**SPRING PROGRAMS:** Spring programs are scheduled for the last days of school, May 20-21. Tots will be having a special end of year activity. Check with your child's teacher about the specifics. Here are the times for the programs, and all will be held in Hallelujah Hall:

May 20:

Sharon's classes: 9:15 and 1:15

Mary E's class: 10:30

Lisa's class: 2:15

May 21:

Linda's class: 9:15

Lynn's class: 10:30

Joy's class: 1:15

**THANK YOU'S:** We want to thank all of the many volunteers that have donated their time, talents and money to help make it a special year for the children and families this school year. There are too many to list here! It takes time to plan, make phone calls, shop, post notices, etc. etc. etc. and we appreciate her loving attitude throughout the year. Thank you and to the many many others who had a part in helping to make our school the special place that it is! Special thanks to Vinita Steffl for putting the newsletter together and getting it out to all of our families! This is her *third* year doing so. Also thanks to the board members who give countless hours to improving the school and overseeing the budget. They are Cindy Melin, Leah Asplund, Shannon Bry, Angela Breuing, Kira Weinand, and Tina Hoversten. Cindy and Shannon will be leaving the board this summer after several years faithfully serving and doing an excellent job. They will be missed!! Give yourselves a big hug from SSC!!

**WEB PAGE:** Our web page continues to evolve into one that is filled with information for both the families looking for a preschool and those currently part of our family. Check it out: [www.sonshinecorner.org](http://www.sonshinecorner.org)!

**CEBU DONATIONS:** Many thanks to all who participated in our Spring Outreach! We collected lots of notes, cards & cloth diapers. We also collected nearly \$600! Thank you for giving and for being a part of this important ministry half way around the world. We thank you & CSC thanks you!

**NEW STAFF:** **Brittany Johnson** has been our new TTH am aide since Jami Oppold had her baby. She will be going to college in the fall. Her family are missionaries in Costa Rica at the current time. She grew up in this church so is well known by many of our families! **Jeanne Klein** is subbing for us in the TTH afternoon Extended Care program. Stop and say Hi when you see these new faces!

**NEXT YEAR'S STAFF:** We will be looking to hire a new EC teacher for the fall. This is a head teacher position so a degree or credits in education are necessary. The hours are 11:30-5:00 or so Monday through Friday. If you know of anyone who is interested ask them to call Cheryl. We will also be looking for a morning aide. A teaching degree is not needed for this position. The hours are 8:30-12:00.

### Dates to Remember :

**April 2:** Good Friday- No school

**April 14:** Mad Science "Worms" visits Linda and Lynn's classes

**April 20:** Mad Science "Colors" Sharon's classes

**April 22:** Mad Science "Bugs" Mary and Lisa's classes

**April 28:** Linda's class to the Childrens Museum

**April 29:** Sharon's classes visit Gale Woods Farm  
9:00-1:00

**May 3:** Sign up begins for Summer Extended Care

**May 6-7:** Muffins for Moms

**May 20-21:** Programs, last days of school.

\*No Extended Care these days

**May 25:** Summer Extended Care begins (Tuesday)

**Sept. 7-8:** Orientation Days for fall classes

**Sept. 9-10:** Regular classes begin

# Notes from the Teachers:

Miss Cori (Tot's Class) says: I have just realized that my March calendar did not include the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. In case you were wondering, we do in fact have class that day! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable spring break. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, and I am looking forward to celebrating the joy of Easter and the promise of new life. As we move into the second week of April, we will have fun with the themes of bees, ladybugs, and animal babies. Hopefully we will be back out on the playground lots now that the weather is warmer. Even so, the kids may need hats and gloves if it is still chilly in the morning. Sensible shoes are always a plus too. Here are some special things to be aware of: SSC will be closed on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday). May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be our "Muffins for Moms" event. May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last days of school.

Miss Sharon (3's Class) says: April means SPRING, and we are all so ready for it! We're going to learn about ways to take care of the world God made, specifically about recycling. We'll also talk about pets and about farm animals. Our trip to Gale Woods Farm on the 29<sup>th</sup> will surely be a highlight of the month—it's a great place! To be sure we enjoy all they have to offer, we'll take our lunches and go from 9 - 1pm (both classes on one trip). More details later. In May we'll learn about caterpillars and butterflies as well as zoo animals. We'll also have "Bike Day" and walk to a neighborhood park. We'll end our time together with our programs on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We've had an enjoyable year with your precious children and we'll miss them!

Miss Linda(3's Class) Says: The children are so happy to be back on the playground. The warmer weather is so delightful. April will bring lots of fun and learning. The Easter story will be our spiritual focus. We will emphasize the fruit of the Spirit; patience. Our learning units are farm animals, recycling and pets. Our class will take a field trip to Gale Woods Farm. The children will love petting the sheep, chickens and cow. They will teach us about shearing sheep and planting seeds. The special activities this month are a walk to the park and a visit from the Mad Science. They will teach us about worms. In May we will study caterpillars, zoo and butterflies. Our end of the year music program is on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We had an enjoyable year with your precious children. We will miss them!

Miss Lisa (4's Class) says: Welcome back! I hope that your family had a wonderful spring break. We have a busy month of learning in our classroom. We will begin our new month celebrating Easter. We will read the Easter Story and learn an Easter prayer using jellybeans. Our learning units for this month will be the Earth and how we can take care of it, Pond Life, Bugs and finally, Seeds and Gardening. Our letters for April will be E,B and G. Our spiritual theme is patience. The month of May will bring an end to our school year. It is a short month but filled with fun activities to celebrate a great year of learning, friendship and sharing God's love. We will bring our bikes to school for Bike Day, visit Como Zoo and walk to Queensland Park. (More details to follow). Our Spring Program will be on the last day of school, Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Spring is such a wonderful time of the year and I look forward to sharing it with your children. Thank you for sharing them with me this year!

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Miss Mary (4's Class) says: Happy Spring! Our themes for the month of April will focus on new life...the new life given to us by our Savior and the new life "springing" up all around us. We will begin the month talking about Easter, followed by Earth Day, pond life, bugs, and finally seeds and gardening! The "Mad Science" lady will visit us during our bug unit on the 22nd to teach us about creepy, crawly insects! Letters for the month will be Ee, Bb and Gg, and number review will be from 10-20. We will be busy with many activities designed to support our learning adventure...so get ready for fun! In May we are planning a field trip to Como Zoo, Bike Day, a walk to Queensland Park, Muffins for Moms, and our Spring Program on the last day of school, May 20<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home with your child detailing these events. Spiritually, in May we will emphasize how Jesus is our friend and helper. As the children make this exciting transition into their next phase of school, whether it's Pre-K or Kindergarten, my prayer is for God to comfort and care for each one. I will miss them!

Miss Lynn (4's Class) says: Happy Spring Parents! We had a marvelous March and are looking forward to an awesome April in our class, our last full month of school-unbelievable! A highlight in March was a visit from Gavin's Mom, Nelson's mom and Evy's Dad, thank you for sharing about your occupations Diana, Lisa and Dr. Dave with our class. However, a much greater high light was sharing the Easter story with your children, I hope your family enjoyed your Easter egg card, cross and jelly bean prayer. In April we will begin the month talking about taking care of our world, then we will have some pond, mud, worm and bug fun. If you find any cool bugs, worms, frogs...please bring to share at school. The Mad Scientist will come to class and teach us about worms, and every scientist will have the opportunity to bring a worm home, something you can look forward to..."Take me out to the Ballgame ..."we will celebrate the Twins, and wear red, white and blue, play Baseball and make a Homer Hankey. We will end the month learning about seeds and growing-God's wonderful creations. I will not be at school on April 21 and 23, my husband Rich is having surgery for cancer on April 20, we would very much appreciate your prayers. Please mark your calendar, May 7 is Muffins For Mom's, and our end of the year Spring Program will be on May 21. Easter Blessings!

Miss Joy (5's Class) says: Hello from Miss Joy's Pre-K class! I hope you all had a blessed and relaxing Spring Break. Now it's time to enjoy some wonderful weather! The snowpiles are rapidly diminishing-in fact, I don't know if the children have even noticed them! They are so excited to be back on the playground. We look forward to taking some walks to the park as well. April is our month to study maps and Mexico. We will be reading some classic stories and drawing our own maps of cities and towns in the stories. We will learn more about directional terms and how to make a map key. We will find Mexico on the map and globe and study the people and customs of this neighbor to our south. Counting and reading in Spanish will be a big focus and making serapes and pinatas will add to our fun. At the end of the month we will celebrate with our own fiesta. Our virtue for the month of April is patience and May is gentleness. May will also bring about discussion of seasonal changes and amphibians. We will celebrate our wonderful mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day, and get ready for the Spring Program on May 21st. It has been a fabulous year getting to know your children and watching them learn and grow! I am so blessed to work with wonderful students and dedicated parents I wish you all the best this summer and next fall as you move onto kindergarten with your children! Thank you for all the special memories!