

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Newsletter for RockPointe Weekday Preschool



May 2018

For PreK Parents and Friends



**You Are Invited To Our
PreK
"Time to Shine"
Program
Tuesday, May 8th**

9:15am in the Worship Center

We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the end of this school year. The PreK students are proud of what they have learned and want to share it with you. Bring your camera, as each student will have a "time to shine" on stage!



**Bounce
Bash!**

It's hard to believe that the year is almost over!! **Thursday, May 10th**, will be the last day of preschool, and we'll celebrate with a "**Bounce Bash.**" **Classes will officially be dismissed at noon.** and we invite all students, parents and younger siblings to stay afterward for indoor and outdoor party activities at the NorthPointe building on campus. **Please make arrangements for older siblings.** as this is a special event designed for preschoolers. The party will last from **noon until 1:30 pm.**

Parents, come at noon and bring your child's sunscreen. In addition to the indoor bounce houses, you can accompany them to the events that will be on the front porch and throughout the front parking lot: Boogie Woogie Choo Choo, face painting, tattoos and ice cream! Parents will be responsible for monitoring their children.

Part of the party day will be a pizza lunch provided by the school, so **you won't need to pack a lunch that day.** We look forward to seeing all of you then. We'll be praying for a sunny day!



Music Time



This has been a great year in Music & Movement class! The children have learned so much about **rhythm** through singing, dancing and the playing of instruments. Some of the instruments that have been part of our music curriculum this year are: tambourines, sand blocks, hand bells, bongos, rhythm sticks, bar chimes, triangles, xylophones, castanets, tone blocks and maracas/shakers. We'll finish the year with boom whackers!

I'm especially proud of the children for learning about **stage presence** as they performed the Christmas and Easter programs. Even the littlest ones discovered that "the show must go on..."

Since part of our music class is also spent on movement and **motor development**, I want to encourage all parents to let their children play outside now that the weather is warmer. Technology is changing the way children play, and it's more important than ever that they have ample opportunities to run, jump, hop, skip and play outdoors. This activity will enhance their motor development---and has the side benefit of helping them sleep better at night. ☺

I've loved working with your children! -Miss Kathy

Teacher Appreciation Week Was Certainly



Thanks SO MUCH to all of you who made Teacher Appreciation week so special for the staff members at RWP. We are grateful for the lovely "Super Hero" breakfast with goodies, the yummy lunch, generous gift cards and---most of all---the thoughtful notes. We do have the **best** parent group!

A special "thank you" to Kristin Stelmazewski for her role as chief organizer, and to all the moms who helped her manage the festivities!

May Class News



18 Mos. & Two Year Olds

The 18 month class has come so far this school year, and we are proud of our young students! We will spend this month reviewing colors, shapes and counting to 10. We'll have a unit called "Going Places!"---we'll discuss how important it is to obey and

stay with parents at all time for safety! We'll also talk about how special parents are, as we make gifts for Mother's and Father's Day!

The children are saying their colors and shapes, praying and singing with us. "Baby Bumble Bee" and "This Little Light of Mine" are their two favorites. ☺

This month the 2's classes will thank God for water in the springtime, and we will be talking about the many uses for water and why it is so important. The students will do activities using water in spray bottles, which is great for hand strength and motor development.

We'll also have lessons this month on bugs/insects and plants. The children will learn how to take care of plants to make them grow.

3 Year Olds

This month the 3's classes will discuss the coming summer season. Since summer often includes a visit to the zoo, we'll have a unit on animal life, and we'll be creating our own zoo with blocks. "Water is FUN!" is one of our favorite units, too, and parents can expect their students to get wet!

We'll introduce the letter **Z** and make **zebras**, cut **zigzags** with scissors and make a **zigzag** track. The children will review one-to-one correspondence with the numbers 7-10. This month we will be spending time reviewing and encouraging more independence as the children prepare to move on to PreK.

Pre-Kindergarten

The big news for the PreK students is our "Time to Shine" program. Each student will have a moment to shine on stage! We will show our parents some of what we've learned this year, so we are doing a lot of review this month. Parents can continue to review letters, colors, numbers and shapes over the summer, so their kindergarteners will be ready for September!

✝ Chapel Schedule ✝

Our last Chapel will be held on Tuesday, May 1st, when we will celebrate by having a "Chapel Favorites Sing-A-Long."

We will continue to practice our last memory verse for the year:

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22

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