

2024



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

Charlotte A.	04/04/2018
Benjamin D.	04/04/2022
Emmett C.	04/07/2019
Hazel J.	04/10/2023
Owen M.	04/11/2019
Michael P.	04/13/2022
Evan B.	04/16/2020
Maximilian K.	04/18/2017
Matthias C.	04/18/2019
Gracie J.	04/19/2018
Carolyn R.	04/20/2014
Layla C.	04/21/2019
Madison K.	04/21/2021
Connor K.	04/26/2019
Zosia P.	04/27/2021
Eliza Z.	04/30/2020
Isaiah Z.	04/30/2020
Calum D.	04/30/2022



Ms. Ruslana 04/09/????
 Ms. Kaylee 04/23/????

April



Happy Anniversary

Ms. Mariah 04/13/2022
 Ms. Jacque 04/28/2023



Hello Families,
 Happy Spring everyone!
 We are excited for warmer weather, trees with green leaves, and for flowers to bloom!
 We had a wonderful time celebrating St. Patrick's Day! The children danced the time away to fun music for our St. Patty's Day parade and sported their green, gold, and clover outfits for this special occasion. We had a great turnout of parents and grandparents who enjoyed the parade. Thank you to Emanuel Church for letting us use their Sanctuary for our parade!
 PEP's Spring Fling was a spectacular time! The children got pictures with the easter bunny, everyone enjoyed delicious snacks, and each classroom had a fun activity planned for the children! Some activities were Ring Toss, Guess the smell of the easter egg (coffee, orange, mint, egg, or toothpaste), Jellybean Crosses, Chalk Eggs, Egg Find, and Egg Ramp. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this wonderful Spring event!
 We want to give a huge "Thank You!" to Emanuel Church for another fantastic fish fry! We are thankful for all the hard work that went into preparing each meal as well as the preparation

in Kurth Hall to welcome all the hungry guests. The prayer card provided for the meals was a delightful way to start off our dinner. We cannot wait for next year's delicious fish fry!
 Park's Edge Preschool also had a wonderful book donation from Izzy Source in honor of the late Sue Source. Teaching was a passion of hers for many years and now her love of books will be shared with the children here at PEP. Sue was also a former member of Park's Edge Preschool's Board of Directors. The children love reading so we are excited to share these wonderful books with the classrooms!
 Summer packets were handed out so we can start to plan for Summer. If you did not give us your Summer Enrollment Survey, they are due by Thursday April 28th, 2024. Included with the survey was a list of field trips that the children will be going on. Ms. Nicole, Mr. Cody, and Ms. Melinda planned a summer jam packed with fun adventures! We cannot wait for our Summer Program and know the children will have a blast this Summer!
 Friday, April 12th, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm will be the Sock Hop Retirement Party for Ellen! We are excited to celebrate the 20 incredible years Ellen has dedicated

to PEP. She worked hard to get Park's Edge Preschool Licensed and NAC accredited. All this work has gained PEP an excellent reputation in the community and a 5-star Youngstar rating. We cannot wait to celebrate Ellen and her dedication to PEP. We will see you all there!
 Week of the Young Child is April 8th – 12th! There will be a surprise for parents on the 10th, Teacher Appreciation Day the 11th, and the sock hop on the 12th! April 10th will be our Week of the Young Child Parade from 10-11am. The children will dance to fun music and the teachers will have themed banners to celebrate the education of children! On April 11th PEP will have pajama, movie, and popcorn day so have your child wear their favorite pjs!
 Coffee with the director in February was about Redirection and Positive Child Guidance. We looked at some fun books such as "Hands are not for Hitting" and "Voices are not for Yelling". April 25th is our next Coffee with the Director, and we will be talking about Potty Training. We will have delicious coffee and treats along with great conversation. Hope to see you all there!
 I hope everyone had a blessed Easter and is enjoying their Spring!

Sincerely,
 Haley Bigger



Where does the Easter bunny like to eat?!

IHOP

Happy April! Bring on the sunshine, warmer weather and rain showers to grow those May flowers! Time seems to be flying by and our babies are growing so fast! Here is what they're working on and mastering!

Sweet little Logan has mastered rolling from back to

Love Bugs

stomach. Thomas has been showing off his impressive strength and has mastered pulling himself up. Our resident cuddle bugs; Emmett, Connor and Kaden are working on sitting up with support. Declan A, the classroom Ham, is working hard on standing by himself! And last but not least, Cooper who loves nothing more than a good laugh, has started to crawl forward. We are so proud of our babies!

Our child of the month is Kaden. Kaden spreads joy to the classroom with his warm, infectious smile. He loves snuggling on the floor with his blankie during tummy time, and enjoys a good game of peek-a-boo. Hello to our new friends George, Atlas and their families, who will be joining us shortly.

Happy Spring!
Ms. Terri and Ms. Brooke



Beautiful Butterflies



April showers bring May flowers! May our spring shower us with blessings and growth. Our little friends are doing new things and growing every day! They are consistently using sign language to communicate, "more", "please", "all-done" and "thank you". Some are beginning to say the words while they are using the signs to further prove their understanding of language. We have been learning animals on the farm by singing "Old McDonald" with photos of the farm animals. We love to make animal sounds! Our favorites right now are "quack", "roof" and "moo". We have also been

learning the concept of counting with songs and rhymes such as "5 Little ducks" and "5 Little speckled frogs". Going outside for fresh air is one of our favorite activities. We always point out the different creatures that dwell on our campus, the birds, bugs, and squirrels etc. We hear the different traffic sounds, the older kids playing, birds chirping and airplanes flying by. Please continue to provide proper clothing for inside and outside as we never know what kind of weather we will have from week to week! In March we enjoyed ball painting

shamrocks and finger painting. We also used our fine motor skills to experience markers and scribbling together on a class mural. The month of April looks to be full of fun experiences with themes of "The week of the young child", Earth day, butterflies, colors, and plants/flowers. For our family engagement activity, please talk to your babies about different plants, flowers, and veggies/fruits that grow by creating a collage, drawing, or photo of your garden, or a garden you would like to have. Have fun creating with your little one! Happy Spring!
Ms. Julie and Ms. Holli

Darling Dragonflies



What did the big flower say to the little flower? What's up, bud?!

April is here! Let's embrace the spirit of sharing and taking turns. Parents, kindly prepare a winter outfit and a springtime weather outfit for your child, as we explore the changing

seasons. We are excited to delve into the fascinating life cycle of butterflies, celebrate Earth Day by caring for our planet, and discover the vibrant colors of the rainbow together. Get ready for an amazing month of learning and fun! Meet Max, our Child of the Month for April! Max loves

reading books and building awesome creations with Legos. He has a great imagination and always comes up with cool ideas for his Lego projects. We enjoy watching Max being creative.

Happy spring!
Ms. Jacinda and Ms. Jacque



Happy spring!

We had a March-tablous month and got to learn about construction, tools, and different types of transportation! We painted with tools, mixed red, yellow and greens, and we washed cars in the sensory table.

We enjoyed seeing everyone at the spring fling who came to meet the Easter Bunny! We had our Easter egg hunt in the sanctuary after!

We are looking forward to welcoming

Ben into our room when he turns two at the beginning of the month.

We can't wait for the Week of the Young Child, and will be creating a banner with our theme of Health and Fitness! Please come join our parade on Wednesday April 10th at 10am, and Ms. Ellen's retirement party at 5pm on Friday, April 12th!

We are looking forward to our themes about colors and taking care of our earth.

We have been improving on identifying our colors correctly, and can't wait to learn about them during our theme this month.

Please keep a pair of thin gloves and a hat here for days that are more chilly, since spring isn't here quiet yet!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and can't wait for a great rainy April!

Ms.Emily and Ms.Linda

Sunshine Room

Hello Sunshine families!

Spring is in the air! We had such a blast in March learning about things like St. Patrick's Day, tools and construction, discussing all about ourselves and our families, and of course Easter! During St. Patrick's Day week we enjoyed decorating hats to wear during our parade, playing a rainbow shape matching game, and dancing to fun St. Patrick's day songs. We asked the kids what they would use to catch a leprechaun and some responses we got were, "A cage!", "mac and cheese!", "I think he'll catch me!" We had a lot of fun with these responses. We also had so much fun painting with cool construction vehicles, creating our own tool boxes, and learning how to use different tools during our construction week. Our most exciting week was Easter; one of our favorite activities was when we graphed jelly beans based on color, counted how many we had, and

then we got to taste them and pick our favorite flavor. We also decorated Easter eggs and learned the true meaning behind Easter. He is risen! In April, we will discuss topics such as butterflies and the life cycle, colors of the rainbow, and taking care of our earth. We can't wait to incorporate some of our lessons into outside time and enjoy the warmer Spring weather! Hopefully we can kiss our hats, gloves and coats goodbye very soon! The new thing the Sunshine room is working on is the "Cozy Corner." We wanted to create a safe space that children can go to when they become overwhelmed and overstimulated. When we are upset, sad, tired, etc., we encourage the children to go to the Cozy Corner to calm their bodies and relax their growing and very precious minds. We have toys such as pop-its, sensory boards, headphones, and sunglasses to occupy and soothe our minds. We are also working on

pinpointing our emotions with a visual emotion chart to express how we are feeling in the moment and identifying what we need such as a hug, quiet time, a drink of water, etc. Another key skill we are focusing on is self serving for meal times. We have been practicing hand over hand serving to lead into being able to serve ourselves at mealtimes. Feel free to practice this at home with your child as well! We are very excited to begin this new form of independence and continue to grow and learn new things each day. If you have any questions regarding our Cozy Corner or self-serving at meals, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Kasey, Ms. Taylor or Ms. LaDonne (Ms. Quick). We hope you all had a Marvelous March and can't wait for an Amazing April! Ms. Kasey, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Quick



Fantastic Frogs

Happy April! If April showers bring May flowers, let's hope they don't include any more snow.

March was a busy month. The St. Patrick's Day parade was a huge success. The children created their own rainbow hats to wear. Thank you to all the families that attended. One of the highlights of this past month was reading "How to Trap a Leprechaun", by Sue Fliess. A book about how to cleverly trap a leprechaun in order to have your wish granted. Ask them how tricky leprechauns can be. It was a week full of Irish cheer. We also learned about different tools and how buildings are

constructed.

We are looking forward to celebrating "week of the young child" this month, as well as other themes which include "Butterflies and their life cycle", "Earth Day", and "Colors of the rainbow". During the week of the young child, the children will create a banner emphasizing the importance of health and fitness. The children will be doing plenty of large motor movements such as balancing, hopping, skipping, and stretching. The week of "Earth Day" the children will learn that recycling

goes beyond having a second garbage bin. They will learn that making new items from recycled ones takes less energy and fewer resources than making products from brand new materials.

Please continue to check your child's art folder. Also, please make sure to leave a pair of boots at school. The back field can be muddy this time of year. Hope you have a blessed month and a Happy Easter Celebration! Remember Jesus is Alive and He Is the reason we celebrate resurrection Sunday! Thank you!





Shining Stars

Happy Easter! What a month we had learning all about us, transportation, construction and tools. We realized we have different colored eyes, skin, hair and personalities. The most beautiful things are not perfect, they are special. We created structures out of blocks, magnets, and sticks. We found out that some materials are stronger and better than others when it comes to building things. We had a book that showed us different types of trucks and learned how important

of a job they all have. We also experimented with different tools such as hammers, screw drivers and pliers. Our St. Patty's Day Parade was a blast, we loved waving our rainbow streamers while marching around.

We are perfecting the skill of writing our names and will continue to do so. We are having fun with rhyming, but now will add directional words to help grow our language skills. Our goal for last month was counting up to 100, but I

think we need a little more time, so we are going to continue our journey with numbers. Please make sure your children have weather appropriate extra clothes, and warm clothes for outside. With the weather being wet and muddy we ask you to keep boots here or bring rain boots. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Maria or Ms. Melinda. You can always talk to us in person, on the app, or call during nap time between 1-3.

Thank You,
Ms. Maria and Ms. Melinda



Purple Moons

M-A-R-C-H, MARCH! Jack Hartmann sang it best, but unfortunately, March has come to an end and we are excited to embrace April coming in full 'spring'! We were so lucky to kick off April with Me and My Family week and learned how to sign different family members in ASL (mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, sister, brother, aunt, and uncle!). Feel free to put your little ones to the test and see what they remember! Following that, we celebrated St. Patrick's day with a week full of green fun. We loved getting to build our lego leprechaun traps. Next up we had construction and tools. We learned about some pretty cool new construction vehicles, and started to celebrate Easter with our Spring Fling, which was the

perfect transition into Easter week. We read the story about the miracle of Easter and also made some fun paper plate bunnies!

April is flying in fast with butterfly life cycle week! We can't wait to make some fun butterfly art to hang up all over the church. After that we will dive into the Week of the Young Child! Our class will be representing "Think, Problem Solve, and Create".

After that, we are looking forward to Earth Day week, where we will be focusing on the importance of taking care of our planet. Our last full week of April we will be learning about colors of the rainbow, and maybe a few new fun colors in between (ever heard of coquelicot?!). And our last little half week of April going into

May, we will 'dig' into gardening week and learn about all different types of flowers and plants that we grow during specific seasons.

A quick reminder that is still a bit muddy and chilly out. It is strongly suggested that we continue to bring in hats and gloves, as well as start to switch out those snow boots for rain boots so we can enjoy some fun puddles! Something that's also been pinging my teacher's radar lately is friends being really thirsty, please feel free to bring in a labeled water bottle for them to sip on throughout the day.

Happy Spring!
Ms. Mariah and the Purple Moon Crew

Slithering Snakes



What do you call a group of bunnies hopping away from you? A receding hareline.

Hello and a happy April to you all! Spring has finally come in full, and with that comes muddy shoes and wet hair, so please make sure your child has adequate footwear for the season, i.e. boots or water resistant shoes. We're looking forward to a month of new growth and the blossoming of spring flowers, as well as quiet days inside while it rains.

We will be exploring a variety of topics in April, but Mr. Cody is particularly looking forward to learning about gardening, and getting his hands dirty bringing

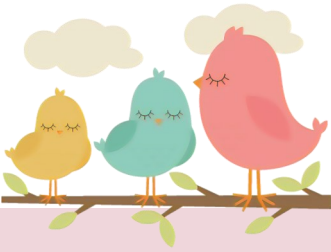
new plants to both the classroom and the backfield. If your family has any tips or suggestions for what to grow or how to improve our in class garden, please feel free to let us know!

The Week Of The Young Child will also be in April, and we will be taking that week to celebrate the reason we're all here, your children. The school agers will be focusing on recess time as our theme for that week, and will be creating a banner that exemplifies our favorite aspects of recess.

Please keep an eye out for weekly lesson plans, to stay aware of daily discussion topics and activities. As May approaches we are reminded of how close summer

truly is. While May will be full of many exciting topics, such as Mother's Day and Outer Space, we will be taking a good amount of time preparing for summer. We are particularly excited for the many new field trips we'll be taking, including a greater emphasis on nature and hiking, and exploring science and history at both of Milwaukee's museums. We look forward to hearing your feedback on our summer program, as well as the opportunity to provide a truly memorable summer for your child. Thank you for entrusting us with your children, and have a wonderful april!

Mr. Cody and Ms. Nicole



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April

Important Dates

Monday, April 8—Each classroom is creating a unique WOYC banner

Tuesday, April 9- “PEP’s WOYC Parent Appreciation Days. ‘Brunch-to-go’ will be served to the PEP parents.

Wednesday, April 10– “PEP’s Board Member Appreciation Day”

Wednesday, April 10–The *WOYC Parade Celebration’ is scheduled at 10am-Parents and Grandparents welcome

Thursday, April 11–“PEP’s Teacher Appreciation Day”

Thursday, April 11 – PJ and Movie Day– Children may wear their pajamas to school for a cozy fun filled day.

Friday, April 12– Celebrating Ms. Ellen’s retirement with a Sock Hop from 5-7pm– Everyone is welcome!

Monday, April 15- Whitnall School District No School—Sign up today

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

4/1-4/5: Butterflies and life cycle

Proverbs 21:21-22 “Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life”

4/8-4/12– The week of the Young Child

Matthew 19:14 “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me”

4/15-4/19: Taking care of our Earth

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the Heavens and Earth”.

4/22-4/26: Colors of the Rainbow

Genesis 9:13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

4/29-5/3: Plants and Gardening

Leviticus 26:4 “Then I will give you your rains in their season and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit”.



A Pastors Prayer



Spring rises slowly and then leaps with new life.

Help us, O God, to marvel in its beauty.

May the fresh air of spring freshen our dwelling places and the sunnier skies clear the grayness we accumulated in winter.

Like Christ's resurrection, when we feel discouraged, help us hold onto hope that leaning into God can change our despair into hope.

Hold our families in your loving embrace.

In this we pray, Amen.

-Pastor Josh

NAC Nook

We have received our 2-month window for our NAC validation visit. The window is from April 29-June 21, 2024. To prepare teachers are completing NAC observation reports for their classroom. This will help them check materials and self-reflect on their lessons and teaching strategies.

I have also conducted individual meetings with each teacher to help them develop goals for their future development. The teachers work hard and are dedicated to ensuring we provide excellent care for the children. One thing we always keep in mind are our 5 Core Values: Children First, Professionalism, Teamwork, Positivity, and Commitment. Thank you all for your continued support of Park's Edge Preschool and our commitment to provide a quality Christian education to the children.



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