



Child Care Chatter

...showers bring May Flowers...

April 2019

Friends and Families,

March came in like a lion and continued to roar with many windy days during the month! According to the calendar, spring has sprung but it certainly does not feel like it. However, in April, we begin to look forward to Easter, more frequent signs of spring (flowers blooming and warm weather) and the Week of the Young Child celebration!

As in years past, the National Association for the Education of Young Children has chosen to emphasize the importance of early learning and development during the week of April 7 – 13, 2019. As advocates of young children, we all know that the **Early Years Are Learning Years!** We have chosen the Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child 2019 selection as our theme for the special community event and some of our special activities throughout the week.

The Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child Early Literacy Program 2019 selection is *Not a Box* (which was given to all upcoming Kindergartener's at registration) by [Antoinette Portis](#). Inspired by a memory of sitting in a box on her driveway with her sister, Antoinette Portis captures the thrill when **pretend** feels so real that it becomes **real**—when the imagination takes over inside a cardboard box, and through play, a child is transported to a world where anything is possible. A box is just a box...unless it's not a box. From mountain to rocket ship, a small rabbit shows that a box will go as far as the imagination allows.

We hope that everyone can take the time away from their busy schedules to join us for one or more of the many activities we have planned (see the attached flyer for additional information) during that week. We look forward to seeing the inner child in each of you come alive as you join us to celebrate the most precious years of life – Early Childhood!

Important Notes and Dates to Remember:

- Summer school age enrollment form has been distributed in Kids Club. If you haven't returned your form with payment for the activity fee – do so as soon as possible.
- Please submit all requests for schedule changes to me as soon as you possibly can so we can continue to meet your needs. We will honor requests on a first come, first serve basis and part time space is limited. We will do our best to accommodate your timely requests put in writing.
- Week of April 8 – 13, 2019 – Week of the Young Child – see attached flyer for center activities and additional flyer for community celebration. Dine in or carry out at Friendly's all week and 20% of the sale will benefit St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center!

Coming Soon....

- Wednesday, April 24, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Spring Shopping Show – Shop for Mother's Day when you pick up your child. We will have vendors from many of my favorite (and hopefully yours too) home sales consultants. Each vendor will donate a percentage of their sales to support St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center's Scholarship Fund. See attached flyer for details and invited vendors.
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6 – 10, 2019 – Special Activities to come later in April.
- Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in April this year. Watch your child's individual classroom for sign up that is convenient to your schedule.



