

Seeds of Faith Early Learning Center



Preschool Picture

May 2019

Dates to Remember

- 5/7: Teacher Work Day-No Preschool
- 5-8: 9:30 Chapel (PC, RB)
- 5-9: 9:30 Chapel (BB, YD, OF)
- 5-9: 1:00 Chapel (BH, GF)
- 5-10: 9:30 Chapel (WP)
- 5/9-10: 3s Tea Parties
- 5/13-17: SOF Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/15: Teacher Collaboration (MWF Threes/AM Pre-K dismiss 30 minutes early and PM Pre-K begin 30 minutes late)
- 5/16: Pre-K Lunch Bunch
- 5/16: Pre-K at the Park
- 5/19: Sunday Celebration
- 5/20-21: 3s At the Park
- 5-23: Z'Mariks Fundraiser
- 5/22-24: Last Day Celebrations

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Director's Note

I can't believe we are entering the last month of preschool! This year has gone by so fast!

Thank you to everyone for making this such an amazing year. We love our preschoolers very much and will miss them over the summer. For those of you moving onto kindergarten or another preschool, we wish you all the best!

Please pay close attention to teacher emails in the coming weeks. There are many year-end events that the teachers will be letting you know about. We don't want you or your child to miss out on the fun. Please don't hesitate to ask any of us

for clarification if you aren't sure of the details.

Most of the upcoming school year's enrollment paperwork will again be online by July 1. I'll distribute medical forms, vision screenings, and emergency contact cards for the 2019-2020 during the week of May 20.

If you are interested in enrollment or know a family who might be looking for a quality preschool experience for their child, please don't hesitate to let me know. We still have a couple of openings at all age levels.

Finally, please join us on

May 19 for Sunday Celebration to celebrate the end of a wonderful year of preschool. Details are below, but we hope that your family will join us for fellowship and worship that Sunday. Pastor Eric and I have collaborated to create a family friendly worship experience you won't want to miss.

As we head into summer, please know that I work year round so don't hesitate to let me know if you need me. Although I have a little more flexibility in the summer months, I will return calls, emails, and texts regularly.

Blessings, Heidi



You are Invited to Sunday Celebration

Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 19, for our Sunday Celebration! The preschoolers (and any siblings who attended Seeds of Faith) will be invited to wear their favorite color of Seeds of Faith t-shirt

and sing at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Worship helpers will all be past SOF students, and I will share our preschool's story with the congregation. A cake reception will follow the worship service. This

annual celebration is a wonderful time to not only thank the church for their generosity to the preschool, but to celebrate the preschool year together. We hope to see you for worship on Sunday, May 19.

Ways Children Learn From Gardening

Because children are naturally curious, they can learn many lessons through gardening. What child doesn't like to play in the dirt, make mud pies, or check out the bugs and worms? Other educational benefits include:

- Science:** talk about the life cycle of a plant. What does it need to grow? Ask questions about environmental aspects—what will happen if it gets too cold, rains too much or too little?
- Math:** many math skills are involved in planting a garden—measuring the space, counting



seeds, spacing the seeds or plants, or comparing the sizes of seeds.

- Art:** children can draw pictures of plants or make their own row markers (we did this at SOFI!),
- Language & Reading:** check out garden themed books at the library (see some of our favorites below). Look at seed catalogs and let children help choose what to plant. As it gets closer to harvest time, help them look for recipes that might use items they have grown.

Summer Reading—Gardening Greats

Anywhere Farm by Phyllis Root

The Surprise Garden by Zoe Hall

Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn

Fran's Flower by Lisa Bruce

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert



One Bean by Anne Rockwell

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting

Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fletcher

Our Community Garden by Barbara Pollack

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle



Summer Reading—Read 20 minutes every day!

Make reading every day part of your child's summer plan. Here are some helpful tips from www.readingfoundation.org to try this summer:

- Look for books with stories and artwork that are simple, clear, and engaging.

- Let your child help choose library books. Look at the book cover and title, and ask what the story might be about.
- Read 3 books a day—two familiar stories and one that is new.
- Create a reading corner with

comfy pillows and a variety of books, including rhymes, fiction, and non-fiction.

- Read favorite books again and again. If your child memorizes parts of the book, celebrate! That's a step toward learning to read!

Sunday Celebration: This is the Day!

This year at Sunday Celebration, our preschoolers will lead the congregation in our Chapel Song, "This is the Day!" We sing this song every time we go to chapel, but I usually lead the preschoolers. We have been busy practicing being the leaders. The lyrics to the song are listed here so that you can practice at home, too! The lead part is labeled.



This is the day (leaders)
This is the day (congregation)

That the Lord has made (leaders)
That the Lord has made (congregation)

I will rejoice (leaders)
I will rejoice (congregation)

And be glad in it (leaders)
And be glad in it (congregation)

(All together)
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day (leaders)
This is the day (congregation)

That the Lord has made (leaders)
That the Lord has made (congregation)



Let's Celebrate Summer Birthdays!



Jackson W.	June 5	Charlee K.	July 15	Cash V.	August 9
Connor C.	June 8	Staylee B.	July 17	Maddie N.	August 11
Summer W.	June 8	Mrs. Mack	July 17	Nora N.	August 11
Patrick B.	June 16	Connor C.	July 17	Wesley J.	August 12
Johnny S.	June 19	Theo C.	July 19	Allie K.	August 12
Xander V.	June 22	Emmy P.	July 21	Scott E.	August 16
Mrs. Hillis	June 23	Declan P.	July 31	Van P.	August 20
Sam W.	June 24	Charlotte S.	July 31	Evie M.	August 20
Ivy M.	June 25	Maya M.	August 1	Emmy B.	August 29
Cataleya C.V.	June 29	Isla S.	August 1	Emmett B.	August 30
Audra S.	July 4	Teddy M.	August 2	Jonathan V.	August 31
Benji L.	July 4	Mrs. Mauro	August 4		
Nora H.	July 8	Jack H.	August 7		

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At Seeds of Faith, it is our mission to inspire the growth of the whole child through faith, love, original learning experiences, and family partnerships.



May Birthdays!

Reid M.
Mrs. Lunders
Beckett W.
Evie B.
Palmer W.
Quinn W.
Jack E.

May 2
May 13
May 15
May 16
May 17
May 20
May 22

