



# *News Letter*

## *May 2019*

### *Our Lady's Child Care Center*

We would like to wish all the mothers a wonderful Mother's day on May 12<sup>th</sup>!



We will hold the St. Jude Trike-a-Thon on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:45. The preschool children can bring their bikes or scooters (and helmets) from home and ride for a great cause. Please sponsor our little riders for this big cause! If you want to donate to St. Jude's on our behalf please see Jon or Perri.

Please make sure that your child has shorts and light shirts in their extra clothing boxes as it starts to get warmer out. If your child is here for the summer, starting in July we offer sprinkler play a few times a week. Your child will need a bathing suit, water shoes (not sandals or flip flops) and a towel.

Sandals and flip flops are dangerous for your child to be running and playing in on the tar. Please make sure you send

your child in sneakers to ensure safer outdoor play. As warmer weather approaches, your child will need sunscreen. Write your child's name on the bottle and put a piece of scotch tape over the name. Please give it to your child's teacher. You will have to fill out a medication form that will be good for the summer.

School Age kids are doing a great job walking back and forth to school. Remember no open toed shoes; keep up the great work! Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is a ½ day; sign-ups are out now!

Parents, if you have been here for a year please let Perri know when your vacation is ahead of time. Your tuition is half rate for 2 weeks a year to cover your vacation. This does not apply to children on vouchers or in school age.

**We are closed on May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**



### **Blue Room – Beth and Angela**

Hard to believe that May is already here. We wish all Moms, Grams, Aunties and friends a Happy Mother's Day. Enjoy the day however you celebrate it.

We will be starting to go outside as often and for as long as possible!

During the month we will be working on skills that will help us to sit, pull up and maybe even stand! Additionally we will be working on rolling, scooting, crawling, reaching, grabbing, grasping, holding, and manipulating toys and food.

We are saying goodbye to one friend, we will miss you dearly! We are also excited to welcome 2 new friends to our class and we are looking forward to getting to know both of you and welcoming you to our classroom.

Have a great month and as always if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to talk with Angela or Beth.

### **Yellow Room – Jayna and Miranda**

Welcome to the May flowers! This month we will be learning about things that go, Mother's Day, fruit, zoo animals, and community helpers. We are sad to say good-bye to Miranda; we know she will do well wherever her path takes her. You are kind, caring and you will be missed.

### **Green Room – Ivette and Ally**

This month we're going to be learning about Mother's Day, birds, bugs, and frogs. We are going to learn about how the flowers grow and what we can do to keep them beautiful. Some of our activities are going to be hand print frogs, paper plate snails, foot print ducks, and painting with feathers. We are going to have so much fun this month!

### **Room 1- Bethany**

It's May! We are growing marigolds, pansies and our potatoes are growing strong! Room 1 + 5 created 122 feet of a rope loom! Everyone was so excited and dedicated to making the "world's longest"... we came up a bit short

(LOL!) but we had great teamwork and friendship and building skills flourished. Our living science area has waxed and waned, but we are learning the life cycles in this manner. Everyone is doing a super job caring for our living things. May brings us closer to more gardening, the St. Jude's Walk-A-Thon, and more teamwork and team building. We will learn about weather and Mother Nature's fickleness. We will be doing some fun science experiments with water, evaporation and learning about clouds and storms.

### **Room 2- Casey and Subnam**

Welcome May! We are excited that the weather is getting warmer! We will start the month off learning about Ramadan. Then we will learn about flowers and how they grow; we may even plant one for our class. We would like to wish all the moms a very Happy Mother's Day from everyone in room 2. We will learn about Mother's Day and talk about what makes our moms special. Then we will have monster week; we will create all sorts of messy art to construct our monsters. We will end the month learning about Memorial Day and the American flag. We will talk about what it is and why we celebrate it.

### **Room 3- Cassie and Felicia**

This month we will start by learning about weather. We will talk about rain and snow. We will also be talking about tornados and hurricanes. The children will see pictures of, and learn about all different types of weather. After that we will be learning about flowers and how they grow! For the third week we will be talking about Teddy Bears and having a teddy bear picnic! Both Room 2+3 will be learning about monsters at the same time! We are excited to share what we are learning about with another class. We will also play lots of monster games together. To finish off the month of May we will be learning about the ocean and all the different fish and creatures that live there! We want all parents to know that we strongly encourage

independence at school. We encourage you to let your child try new and challenging things for themselves. We will be adding more fun games to the classroom to challenge your child to try new things!

#### **Room 4– Nikki and Jen**

Room 4 will have lots of fun in May. We will start the month off with a dual theme of flowers and helping others. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Trike-a-thon. We will be talking about why it is important to raise money for sick children at St. Jude's Hospital. We will also talk about bike safety. We look forward to having lots of fun at the Trike-a-thon! Also we will be teaching about the different types of flowers and how they grow; we will introduce a really big word;

*Photosynthesis*. We will also be taking measurements of our Easter lily, and graphing our measurements. We will make predictions about how big it will be and what color the flower will be. We will have a Mother's day theme next to celebrate how special the women in our lives are. We will also be learning about different types of insects, especially butterflies, caterpillars, ladybugs and bumblebees as we have been seeing them more and more.

#### **Room 5- Tyler and Emma**

This month we are going to start learning about Earth and what we can do to make it a better place, and all the different types of plants we can grow in our area and the ones we cannot. We will start by growing peppers for the garden! We also have started our own little compost container. We are asking the children to save their left over food so we can put it in our compost! For the last week of May, we are going to be learning about Memorial Day and why we celebrate it!

#### **From the Director's Corner:**

Recently our licenser Oly came for an overdue visit. These visits are required, despite the fact that we are always prepared, it is nevertheless a little nerve-

wracking to have her here. We were written up for a minor infraction regarding signing a child out on a classroom attendance list. She did not cite us for the use of heavy sleep sacks in the infant rooms because it was the preference of the parents, however she strongly recommends that we no longer allow/use them. Oly was also very impressed by Rachel who was filling in for Beth; needless to say she did a great job all week! This is an excellent segue to our next item....

The second week in May is teacher appreciation week. I am very grateful for each and every staff member we have. They all support each other, work as a group and provide a wonderful day care experience for your children. Teachers work their 40 hours and then go home to do more work. When they are out shopping they look for things to enhance their classroom activities. If there is prep work to be done, they are doing it during their down time in the evenings. If another teacher is out, they work longer hours. Because we must maintain teacher/child ratios many come to work sick; sometimes it is difficult to get them to go home.

**THANK YOU EACH AND EVERY  
TEACHER, AIDE, FLOATING  
TEACHER AND OFFICE  
PERSONNEL.**

#### **You do a great job!**

If you need to communicate to Perri via email please use [ourladysccc@gmail.com](mailto:ourladysccc@gmail.com). The [Ourladyccc@charter.net](mailto:Ourladyccc@charter.net) email is no longer monitored, and the messages sent there will not be received in a timely manner, if at all.

We are still looking for a few donation items. We will always take Legos, they are the most popular toys we have. Board books are always welcome because their target audience tends to chew on them. Pants, shorts, last winter's snow clothes are always needed.

The preschoolers are graduating next month! This is always a bittersweet occasion; many of our graduates have been here since they were infants, and we have had the honor of watching them grow and learn. We mark this milestone with a graduation ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held June 14th at 6:00. It is held at the Our Lady of The Valley church on Adams Street. The event will be in the basement of the church. It is a pot luck dinner, we ask that everyone who comes bring something to share. There will be a potluck sign-up sheet and more information coming.