

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

May 2019



Happy Mother's Day

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Mother's Day Tea
@ 10:45 am VPK

@ 3:00 PM for
Infant—Preschool II



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Sat. Vigil: 4pm

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May marks several feast days honoring our Blessed Mother



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (the Saturday following the Ascension)

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (May 13)

Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)

Mary, Help of Christians (May 24)

Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (May 31)

and the Visitation (May 31).

*Hail Mary Full Of Grace,
The Lord is with Thee
Blessed are thou amongst women and
Blessed is the Fruit of thy Womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us Sinners,
Now and at the Hour of Our Death.
Amen*

Let us be sure to honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes. The recitation of the family rosary each day, images of our Blessed Mother, having a special shrine in our yard, and having our own family May Crowning are wonderful ways not only to foster devotion and faith, but also to draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.

INFANT I

Spring is here! The weather has been pretty good lately. This month, we will be learning about flowers as we talk about Spring and Mother's Day. On Friday, May 10th, we will have some special tea and treats for Mom in our room when you get here in the morning.

The Babies are learning all kinds of skills during our tummy time such as rolling over and reaching for toys and having lots of fun. We are also learning about our bodies and discovering what our feet and hands can do and we are also making lots of sounds and hearing what we sound like. We are ready to start talking to you... Just ask us!

Everyone still enjoys the buggy rides when the weather let's us get out. We are really working hard on our fine and gross motor skills. We are holding on to our bottles and grasping toys, and all that rolling and flipping! It really makes us tired! Both Ms. Maryanne and I enjoy reading and singing to the babies.

I enjoy our prayer time together even if they do not understand yet. I want them to have the repetition of it so they will learn. I thank you for letting us care for your baby. They are all so sweet. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. Thanks for the donation of wipes each month.

Mrs. Linda & Ms. Maryanne

Thank you for supporting our fund raisers. We could not do it without you. We greatly appreciate it.

INFANT II

Spring is in the air and I know that we are excited to learn new and exciting things during our Spring theme. Last month, we practiced walking with our toy walkers in the classroom. Brianna has started walking and that is very exciting. Easter was our theme for last month. We were able to accomplish painting our Easter eggs and we made carrots by stamping everyone's hands and fingers with the color orange and green. Our Easter eggs turned out great and we used the colors yellow, blue, and red to paint the eggs.

Our theme for the month of May will be Mother's Day and Spring. We will be making the Mother's something special for Mother's Day. The children will be making handprint kites and handprint flowers for our next theme. They really enjoy doing the artwork for their parents.

This month we will be focusing on sharing toys with our friends. We will be teaching the children that if they want a toy that someone else is playing with that they have to wait for that child to be done with the toy and then they can play with it. While the children are playing with the toy, we can show the other child another toy that they can play with while they are waiting to play with the toy that they wanted to play with.

We did some reading this month and the children were showing interest in the books that we have in the classroom. I love reading to the children in the classroom so I was very excited to see that they were showing interest in me reading a book to them. After I get done reading the book, I would hand the book back to the child who gave the book to me and they would hand the book back to me to read again. It was very exciting.

Thank you again to Weston's family for getting us a book from the book fair. Everyone has enjoyed the shark book that you got us. As always, thank you for the monthly donations of baby wipes.

Ms. Katie

Ms. Katelynn

Ms. Amanda

ONE YEAR OLD ROOM

For the month of May, we will continue to learn about spring and gardens, but we will also begin learning about baby animals and their mamas. We will talk about our mamas too as well as our birthdays. We will be planting flower seeds in pots to put in our greenhouse outside. Our lima beans are doing so well in our window so we are also going to try planting them in a pot with soil so we can observe them growing bigger.

We will be having a Mother's Day celebration on Friday, May 10th at 3pm. We would love for our moms and grandmas to come if they can. We will have special gifts to give and tea and cookies for your enjoyment. I will post a sign-up sheet the Monday of that week for you to RSVP.

Our summer program will start on June 3rd. I will be sending home a calendar of our summer schedule by the end of this month so that you can be prepared for our weekly activities. There will be certain activities that we will be doing every week like water play days and ice cream days. There will also be some special activities and dress up days as well. If you have any questions about any of them please let me know.

Ms. Jen

Ms. Alexis

Ms. Sandy

Ms. Nicole



News from Ms. Monic

Monthly Teacher Tips:

~ There will be a change in our classroom schedule. We will now be having morning snack from 7:45 to 8:15 to accommodate the children that get here very early. Please remember that breakfast is a very important meal and should be given at home.

~ Our Center will now be using 'Remind' to keep in contact with parents. There is information on how to sign up in your child's folder.

Upcoming Events

~ **May 10th** – Mother's Day Tea

~ **May 24th** – Red, White, Blue Day

~ **May 27th** – CLOSED

- Mother's Day Tea will be held at 3pm. We invite all mothers and grandmas to join us. The children have special gifts to give and tea and cookies for your enjoyment.

What We're Learning!

~ The children enjoyed learning about plants and watching the process of a seed turning into a plant this past month. The children planted beans in little bag and watched them grow along with learning the responsibility of watering them every day. Just as the children need to drink water every day, the plants need to drink water as well.

~ As we move into the next month, we will be focusing on the different kinds of bugs and insects and what they do, especially the ones that the children have been seeing around our playground. The children will be working on their fine motor and sorting skills through many different activities along with working on their vocabulary.

PRESCHOOL I

SPRING

April showers bring May flowers! This saying describes our next unit. The children will be learning about how seeds grow into plants with flowers and the exciting process of caterpillar to butterfly.

From April 22th to April 29th, our focus will be on caterpillars and butterflies. The children will make crafts, sequence the process from caterpillar to butterfly, graph their favorite butterfly and caterpillar.

From May 6th to May 17th, we will be concentrating on how seeds grow into flowers. The children will watch lima beans sprout and will plant some flowers.

From May 20th to May 24th, Rain will be our area of focus.

During this month, we will also begin to work on scissor skills. We will start with snipping scissors and move on to child safety scissors. They will be snipping cupcake liners to make flowers and simply snipping pastel colored strips of paper.

Number recognition and counting will also be a focus this month. I have seen a dramatic increase in the children's interest in counting and their understanding of one to one correspondence. During your daily activities, I encourage you to count with your child and point out numbers when you see them.

Important Date: Mother's Day Tea, Fri., May 10th at 3:00pm

Miss Sally, Miss Eloisa and Miss Jess

PRESCHOOL II

Our class had a wonderful month of April learning about Easter. We shared many stories and discussions about the importance of Easter and about the resurrection of Christ. The children also had a great time participating in our Easter Egg Hunt and party.

As we enter the month of May, we are going to be learning all about growing. The children are increasingly aware that they are growing bigger and bigger each day, so we will embrace this in our classroom through art, science, and reading. We are going to focus on the life cycle of plants, including activities of planting seeds for the children to care for. We will also practice math concepts with sorting and counting seeds, and we plan to take a few “nature walks” to seek out signs of Spring. Also included in this unit will be the discussion of weather. The children have taken an extreme interest in learning about storms, especially tornadoes. We encourage parents to allow children to bring in pictures of storms such as tornadoes, snow, rain, wind, and lightning storms.

I am very pleased to hear our students using their “manner words” throughout the day. All year, we have been focusing on building social and verbal skills. In addition to parents modeling healthy ways to express emotions at home, reading books together about characters who are learning about their emotions and talking with your child about the characters’ actions is another great way to help your child begin to understand their own emotions. Ask questions like, “Why do you think she felt angry/sad?” and, “What would you do if you felt this way?” Some great stories that speak to feelings and emotions include:

When Sophie Gets Angry-Really, Really, Angry by Molly Bang

Wemberly Worried by Todd Pan

How do Dinosaurs Say I’m Mad! By Jane Yolen

My Friend is Sad (an Elephant and Piggie/book) by Moe Willems

As a reminder, please make sure your child has a full set of changing clothes in their basket at all times.

Thank you kindly,

Ms. Angie Ms. Rhinda Sr. Donna Ms. Ashley

MUSIC AND SOUND WALL

It’s time to Spring Clean! We are looking for metal pots and pans that we can use to make a music and sound wall for the children. The discovery of the different sounds and tones that can be made from pots and pans is not



only a great experiment and a cause and affect activity , it is also FUN!!

FUN PIPES

We are also on the look out for some gently used PVC Pipes of different sizes to make an outdoor xylophone on the playground!



VPK I

Dear Families, Welcome May! It is so hard to believe that our VPK school year is coming to an end. We have planned many new and exciting activities for the last month of VPK.

Our unit is all about water and its many uses. We will expand this into the weather, like rain and tornadoes, and thunderstorms. The development domain that we will focus on is the cognitive, the general knowledge in early science.

We will also be discussing the importance of Mothers as Mother's Day is fast approaching. We will be teaching the children about the Blessed Mother and how to be more like her. The children will be going over to the Blessed Mother Statue to crown her with flowers and to pray.

The children will be practicing for their graduation ceremony. The Children should wear appropriate church clothing for the graduation. Please look for any sign-up sheets inside the classroom for anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help for this memorable event.

Thank you, families, for all you do. You have supported our education and our ministry. We have learned so much this school year. We have watched our little children grow in many areas such as, socially, emotionally, physically, language and literacy, cognitively, communicative, approaches in learning and most importantly, spiritually. Please continue your hard work by keeping a strong Christian foundation by reading and using basic math skills through the summer by practicing this discipline with our children. We are helping them be successful in their older years and life.

Psalm 119:66 "Teach me knowledge and good judgement, for I trust your commands."

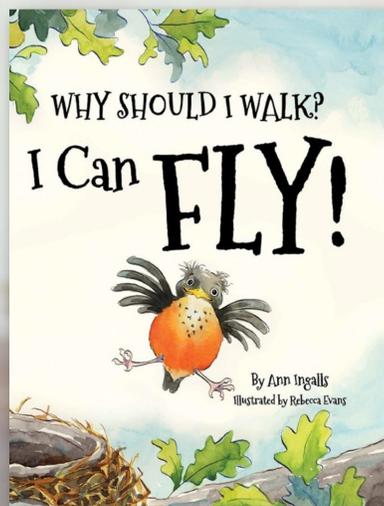
Love in Christ, Ida

Important dates to remember...

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| May 1,2019 | Crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue and prayer. |
| May 8, 2019 | VPK Graduation at 6:45 p.m. |
| May 10, 2019 | Mother's Day Tea at 10:45 am. |
| May 15-22 2019 | Teacher Parent Conferences |

Southern Early Childhood Association Book Review

What's Up
in **Children's Books?**



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Spring has arrived. Baby birds are hatching. What would it be like for a baby robin to take his first flight? This enchanting new book is not only fun to read, but reminds us that we can accomplish our goals if we keep trying. Baby robin has decided it is time to fly from the nest, but finds it a frightening idea. The little robin is so small and the sky is so big. When nudged to try, the small bird goes down, down, down to the ground and is confronted by a large yellow cat. Oh, no! The robin flaps his wings and tries to escape. Without success at flying, he is about to give up. But he continues to try, and at last he soars. He discovers that “ Nothing’s more thrilling than winging on high, why should I walk? I can FLY!”

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Both children and teachers will find this book enjoyable and educational. The two “Fact or Fiction” pages provided for teachers give helpful information to share with students, including the fact that if we find a baby bird on the ground, we should leave it alone. “Robins and some other birds may spend some time on the ground before learning to fly.” Other teacher resources include “ Fostering a Growth Mindset” and STEM Activities. Learning about nature can be fun for children and teachers!

Why Should I Walk? I Can Fly! was written by Ann Ingalls and published in 2019 by Dawn Publications.

ISBN 978-1-58469-639-1

VPK II

Dear Parents /Grandparents/Guardians,

May the peace and love of Risen Christ be with you all! It is hard to believe our VPK school year is coming to a close. I would like to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness, generosity and involvement in the class room and in the center. May God bless and reward you!

We have a lot of exciting activities planned for this month. I will continue to focus on our children's **Developmental Milestones of Language/Communication and Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving) skills** to help them to be eager learners.

We will begin the month discussing **May Day, flowers, Graduation and Mother's Day**. We will spend the last two weeks of VPK exploring a Unit on **Vacations and Summer Safety**. We will talk about all the different places we have been and the places we would like to visit. We will read stories about travelling and discuss ways to stay safe while in a car, on a boat and in the sun.

The first week of May we will complete your children's last assessments. We will have a parent teacher conference in between May 15th to 22nd. Please sign up for an appointment.

May 8th @ 6:45 pm is our VPK graduation. This ceremony is a very special event and we are planning to perform few wonderful songs. Please arrive by 6:30 PM in church attire.

All our Mothers and Grandmothers are warmly invited to our **Mother's Day Tea at 10:45 am on May 10th**. We look forward to celebrating this day with you.

May 24TH is the last day of VPK. Thank you so much for making this a very special year. Your children have grown, learned and changed so much. Praise the Lord!

May God shower His blessings upon you all and may you all have a wonderful summer!

Sr. Elizabeth & Ms. Heather



Before & After School

Congratulations to Maddie Gerlach! She will begin Middle School in the Fall. We have many happy memories of this bright young lady! We wish her all the best as she begins this next step in her education.

Thank you to all the parents that brought in Candy and Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Thursday. The children really enjoyed the Egg Scramble! They were so kind to one another afterward and made sure that everyone had the same amount of eggs to share. It is such a blessing to witness the kindness of our children!

May's Unit Themes are Our Mother, Mary, Flowers, Mother's Day, Science, Bugs and Nature. The children always help pick our themes for the month based on what they are interested in. Our "Dramatic Play" area will be transformed into a florist shop and we will all become entomologist as we learn about different types of bugs and what their purpose is. We also have a surprise for our wonderful mothers!

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center Decades of Invention Summer Program

May 30-August 9, 2019

Welcome to a portal in time to discover the inventions that altered human history! Where would we be without the smart phone? Who Invented the foundations of the technology that we use every day? Who were these inventors? Is there anything left to invent?

Join us as we answer these questions and more as we travel through the Decades of Invention!

Science History and Experiments, Real Life exploration of Inertia, Gravity, Force, Acceleration and Friction!

Skating, bowling, art, creative engineering, cooking, Glazer Children's Museum, Vacation Bible School, Homosassa Springs, Water Slides, Dinosaur World!

*Get your summer information packets and register today!
Information available in the Front Office.*

Notes from Cindie...

The school year is winding down and Summer is fast approaching. With Summer, comes sun, fun waterplay and Move Up Day. This year, Move Up Day for some of the children will take place the first week of July.

Due to placement demands and class sizes, the Infant II room will be reverted to a Pre-School I classroom. The current infants will remain with Ms. Linda and Ms. MaryAnne until they are one years old or until space in the one-year old Classroom allows them to move up. Ms. Linda and Ms. MaryAnne have years of experience making sure that all of your child's developmental, social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs are met as they grow from a newborn to a one year old and the classroom will change to reflect this growth and development. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come talk to me or Ms. Linda.

Not only will the children move to a new classroom this summer, some of our teachers will also be moving. Ms. Katie, Ms. Kate-lyn and Ms. Amanda will move with the children to the one-year old classroom. Ms. Jenn, Ms. Alexis, Ms. Nicole and Ms. Sandy will move to the two-year-old room with some of the children coming up from the one-year old room. Ms. Monic, and Ms. Victoria will move to the Pre-school IB classroom with some of the children moving up from the two-year-old room.

There will be two Preschool I classes, A and B. These classes will work closely together as all of the children will go to Pre-school II, VPK and eventually, Kindergarten together. The classes will be split by age. The older half of the group will move on to Pre-school IA with Ms. Sally and the younger half will continue with Ms. Monic and Ms. Victoria in the Pre-School IB class. This allows for similar developmentally appropriate activities as the children's physical, cognitive and emotional growth allows. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding the upcoming change.

The Preschool II Class and VPK will also move up in July. The Preschool II children are familiar with the VPK classroom as they go over often for gymnastics and other group activities. The VPK Parent Information Meeting will be held on July 31st at 6:00 PM for all parents of children entering VPK.

The children that have completed VPK will move over to the Summer Program in July with Ms. Debbie and Ms. Heather. The children will be joining the older children on field trips and other activities. Please fill out all the appropriate permission forms in order for your child to participate. Please note that if you do not wish for your child to participate in a field trip, other arrangements will need to be made for that date as there will not be staff available to stay with your child.

My door is always open if you wish to discuss any of the upcoming moves of the children or the staff. Thank you for your continued trust in our Staff and Center in caring for your children.

Blessings,

Ms. Cindie

From the Business Office ...

As summer approaches and VPK and school wraps up, schedules will inevitably change. Based on the information we have available at the time of weekly statements, we will do our best to bill you properly the first time. If you have not communicated your changes or intentions in the form of completing a summer intent form, registration forms or even via email, please do so as soon as possible to minimize confusion and adjustments in scheduling and billing.

If your child will not continue after the school year, please make certain that we know and that your account is clear no later than their last day. If you have any questions about your billing, please let us know. We would like to work together to make these transitions seamless.

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2019 SUMMER CAMP DECADES OF INVENTION

May 30th - August 9th

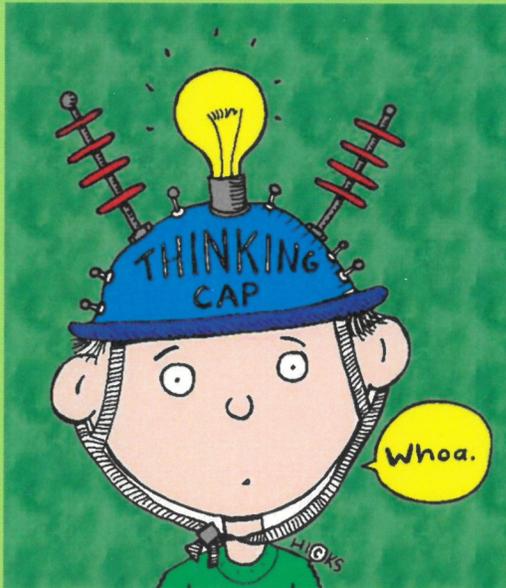
Camper Fees Include:

- Weekly Roller Skating, Swimming & Cooking Activities
- Bowling & Water Slide Activities
- Supplies for Cooking, INVENTION Activities, Arts & Crafts & MANY Other Onsite Activities
- Vacation Bible School (Jul 22nd-26th)
(All Activities are Weather Permitting)

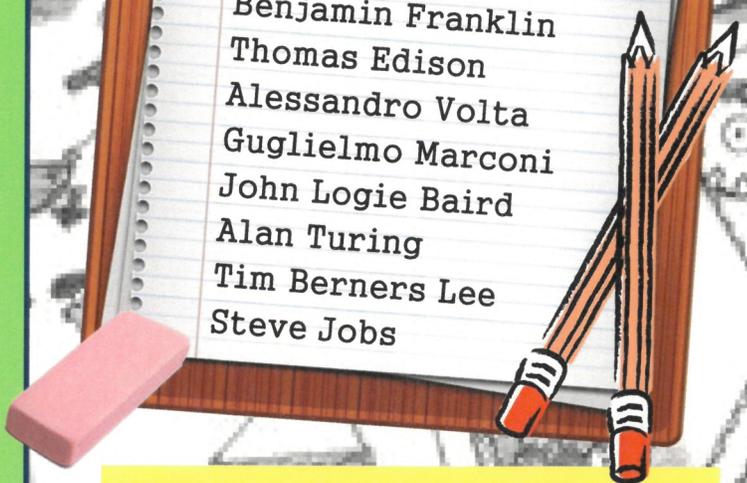
Field Trips*:

Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Game
Dinosaur World
Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park
Glazer's Children's Museum

**Not Included - Field Trip Fees Apply*



Inventors of the Week



Charles Babbage
Leonardo DaVinci
Samuel Morse
Alexander Graham Bell
Sir Isaac Newton
Benjamin Franklin
Thomas Edison
Alessandro Volta
Guglielmo Marconi
John Logie Baird
Alan Turing
Tim Berners Lee
Steve Jobs

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Full-time and Part-time Rates Available

HOW YOU CAN SAVE

- ⇒ Sibling Discounts
- ⇒ Parishioner Discounts
- ⇒ Campers scheduled an average of three times per week or more and attending no less than seven weeks of camp will receive their 7th week **FREE**.

(Credit equals the averaged weekly tuition and is not available for refund)



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2019 SUMMER CAMP DECADES OF INVENTION



Weekly

Tuesdays: Roller Skating
Thursdays: Swimming
Cooking Activities



May 30-31

WELCOME TO CAMP; Water Slide

Jun 3-7

Sir Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion & Physics; Archimedes Screw—Create small screw and test; Spaghetti



Jun 10-14

Leonardo DaVinci (Flying Machines); **TAMPA BAY RAYS BASEBALL GAME**; Pizza & Making Pizza Dough

Jun 17-21

Benjamin Franklin (Electric Experiments); Bowling; Water Slide; Nachos

Jun 24-28

Alessandro Volta (Electric Experiments—Lemon Batteries); **DINOSAUR WORLD**; Grilled Cheese



Jul 1-5

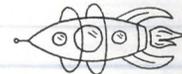
Samuel Morse (Telegraph Wire & Morse Code); **Guglielmo Marconi** (Radio); Move Up Day; Hot Dogs

Jul 8-12

Thomas Edison (Motion Pictures); **John Logie Baird** (Television); Bowling; Water Slide; Sloppy Joes

Jul 15-19

Alexander Graham Bell (Telephone); **GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**; Mini Lasagna Cups



Jul 22-26

Alan Turing (Automated Computer); **Vacation Bible School** (Science of the Bible)—You are Created by GOD, Built for a Purpose!; Tacos

Jul 29-Aug 2

Tim Berners Lee (Internet); **Charles Babbage** (Mechanical Computer); How Can We Make It Better?; **HOMOSASSA SPRINGS STATE PARK**; Breakfast

Aug 5-9

Steve Jobs (iPad, iPhone, etc); What Can You Invent?; Water Slide; Subs

Roller Skating—*Invention, Engineering, Newton's 3rd Law, Mathematics of Skating Tricks, Speed, Friction, Velocity, Gravity, Acceleration, Force*
Bowling—*Newton's 3rd Law, Speed, Velocity, Force*

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