

Preschool Press

CCS preschoolers are loving the spring weather and the new life that God has brought forth all around them. During the past few weeks, they continued to learn about God's love for them. In chapel and in their classrooms as well, we focused on the Easter message, the death and resurrection of Jesus and the new life that Jesus gives to all believers. It is precious to be a part of planting seeds in these little hearts!

As the classroom centers focus on the spring season and the new life it brings, you will find sensory tables filled with grass and eggs or filled with dirt, rakes, and shovels, as well as children planting flower seeds and watching beans sprout. Boys and girls can be found graphing and sorting jelly beans, matching flower petals to numbers with "flower power" math, or giving dots to the lady bug while doing "lady bug math." At CCS preschool, learning is active, fun, and sometimes a little messy!

Easter turns our hearts and minds to the cross and the precious sacrifice of our Savior. Crossings preschoolers will make cross collages and water-color crosses and work on memorizing scripture, "He is not here, He is risen!" Luke 24:6. They will also become very familiar with the Easter story through discussion and play with the resurrection eggs.

It is also that time of year that we are thinking about enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. There are several things to remember as you think about the correct placement for your child. The chronological age of a child is not the only determining factor for starting Kindergarten. Chronological age is merely the number of days a child has lived since birth. The development of the child must also be taken into consideration. Developmental age is the physical, neurological, social, emotional and intellectual growth changes which have occurred within a particular child that are unique to him and make him different from every other child. All children develop and mature at slightly different rates and a child's developmental age may or may not correspond with his or her chronological age. Success in school is based more on developmental age than chronological age, intelligence, reading ability or previous learning experiences. Visit with your child's preschool teacher and feel free to contact me if you would like to talk about the best placement for your preschooler.

It's our joy watching your little ones learn and grow! Easter Blessings to all!

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