

GREEN CLASS NEWSLETTER

"The animals went in two by two and Noah cared for them." Genesis 7:16

Important Dates – April 2010

Friday, April 16 – Aldersgate OPEN

Tuesday, April 27 – Devotion/Worship Service

9:00 for Am Classes, 12:30 for PM Classes

Friday, May 7 – Parent Day

God's Creation

God must have had a wonderful time creating our world. As we learn more about this world of ours it appears that he also put a tremendous amount of thought into even the tiniest of details. His last creation was man. We were put here to take care of all of His wonderful works. We thought that the Creation Story would make an exciting unit to finish out the year. In it we hope to open the children's eyes to as much as we can in just the five weeks that we will have left, presenting it in a way that is fun and easy for them to understand. We plan to start with DAY 1, light and dark, and finish with the animals of the land, air and sea. We are very excited about the potential with this unit. We already know that we have far more ideas than we have time to share them so will pick the best that we can for the children. Part of what we hope to do is not only to make the children aware of God's creations and why they are important, but also how to take care of them. You may be wondering, "How will all of this help my child continue to learn important concepts?"

Light from flashlights can help us find alphabet letters to identify throughout our classroom.

Worms we dig up can help us with math concepts: sizes, amounts and one-on-one counting before we return them to the soil to resume their important work.

Making worm farms can help us see the science of nature in action.

Painting rainbows shows us how new colors are made.

Identifying animals can help us recognize the sound of a letter. Zebra starts with a Z.

All of the things we have been working on all year long can easily be exercised with this fascinating new unit. Even new vocabulary words. Listen for them. We hope your child enjoys these last weeks of school as much as we have had in preparing them.

Parent Day

Just a reminder, our Parent Day date was changed to Friday, May 7. It will reflect some of the fun activities that we have been doing with your child during this last unit. We hope you can join us to share the fun. As always, we must ask that no younger siblings be included. The activities are designed for 4 year old children and this is a special time for your child enrolled in our class. The only exception we make is if you have an infant in a stroller, with the understanding that if they become too fussy you will take them out of the class until they quiet down.

Pet Visits

If you still want to schedule a pet visit, please send a note or call us at 764-2407. The dates are filling quickly so call soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to practice asking questions. Many of them are still learning what a question really is. It is also good for the child who is sharing to practice telling others about their pet.

The Great Outdoors

There is a saying that, if you graduate one day and stop learning the next, you are uneducated the day after. This is not a problem for the teachers at Aldersgate. We are frequently being exposed to wonderful learning situations that we can then pass on to your children. Recently we attended a delightful in-service led by our own Diana Markel on the importance of giving children LOTS of outdoor time to enjoy, explore and experience much of what nature has to offer. We learned the importance of playing with nature, not just in nature. Knowing this has inspired many natural additions to our playground that the children enjoy every chance we can get outside. We are now committed to take the children outside, provided that they have the necessary clothing, when it is lightly raining or snowing so that they can safely experience nature in its many forms. E. E. Cummings said that, "The world is mud-luscious and puddle wonderful." Give your child lots of opportunities to connect with nature and all that it has to share and teach them. You just might want to join them and be a kid again yourself.

Our Prayer for April

Dear God,

For pets both big and small

We give you thanks.

For families and friends

We give you thanks.

For food that nourishes us

We give you thanks.

Amen

We wish you all a very

HAPPY EASTER

May you all receive the blessings of God's wonderful gift!