

PRE-K NEWS

2026

Easter | Gardening | Week of the Young Child | Earth Week | Community Helpers

Show and Tell

- April 2: Something Easter related
- April 9: A Flower to share with the class
- April 16: No Show and Tell
- April 23: Something to Recycle
- April 30: When I Grow Up

Homework Due

- April 7: Name Tracing
- April 14: My Emergency Numbers (fill out and practice)
- April 21: A-Z tracing
- April 28: Number 1-20 Practice

Special Dates

- April 5: Easter
- April 11-17: Week of the Young Child
- April 22: Earth Day

Looking Ahead

- May 12: Mothers Day
- May 25: Center Closed for Memorial Day



Week of the Young Child

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) hosts the annual Week of the Young Child (WOYC) to celebrate early learning, young children, their families, and teachers, with the 2026 event taking place April 11-17. The week highlights the importance of quality early education for children from birth through age eight, featuring daily themed activities. This year's week is based on the book "The Great Cookie Kerfuffle". Music Monday we will be given the tour of musical instruments upstairs. Tuesday is Tasty Tuesday where we will be creating a tasty and healthy snack. Work together Wednesday we will be doing teamwork activities. Artsy Thursday we will be completing a center wide art project, and Friday will be Family Friday. All week long we will be offering for families to come into the classroom to do activities or read. This is ultimately up to your preference and availability. A sign up sheet is available to volunteer your time.

Gardening Experience

This year members of the church have decided to plant a garden here at the church and want to involve our classroom in the process. We will spend several days throughout the next few months participating in various steps of the process from planting seeds, to transplanting the seedlings, to watering the plants, and more.

Reminders

- Daily filled water bottles
- Weather appropriate shoes and clothing worn to school daily (we go outside daily weather permitting)
- Check the bins in bathroom for weather appropriate clothing and proper sizes
- All children must use the bathroom before entering our classroom (we do not have easy access to one)
- Toys: please leave at home unless it is for show and tell. These are causing issues when passing them in the hall.

Kindergarten Ready 2026

We will be completing a kindergarten readiness packet with each child in the next month or so. This will show what we need to work on and what your child is excelling in. This is not a determination on if they can go to kindergarten, but rather a tool to better understand where your child is before going into kindergarten. Most kindergarten teachers ask for children to be able to fully take care of their own needs in the bathroom, can hold a pencil and cut with scissors, can regulate strong emotions, identify their name in print, and can follow directions given by adults.

Reward "Tickets"

In the month of March we introduced the ticket booth as a replacement of the School Store rewards system. If a child is having a fantastic day they can choose to spend their Green Day tickets (dollars) on that day, or they can wait until pizza Friday and spend what they have saved up or they can choose to save for better prizes (several children have already chosen to do this). We will only be using the Green Day's to reward them. This will help with them taking responsibility for their behavior and only reward good behavior (listening to teachers, following the rules, being a kid friend). One Green Day means one ticket for the store/booth.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chapel Passover April Fools	2 Show and Tell Autism Awareness Day (Wear Blue)	3 Center Closed	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8 Chapel	9 Gardening Activity Show and Tell	10	11 Week of the Young Child Event 9-12
12	13 Music Monday 10:30-11	14 Gardening Activity Tasty Tuesday	15 Chapel Work Together Wednesday	16 Artsy Thursday	17 Library Family Friday	18
19	20	21	22 Chapel Earth Day	23 Show and Tell	24	25
26	27	28	29 Chapel	30 Show and Tell	May 1	May 2