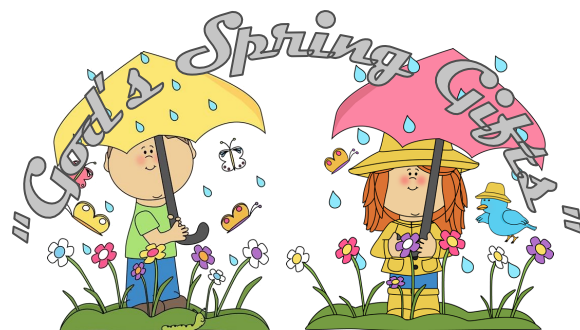


# Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

## Child Development Center

April, 2024



### From the Director's Office...

Welcome, Spring! This month at the CDC we will be learning all about God's Spring Gifts ~ bugs, flowers, and all growing things! "Everything God made is beautiful" (Ecc. 3:11). Be watching—our caterpillars are here and are on display in the window of Ms. Tye's office!

Every year we celebrate the **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**. The Week of the Young Child is an opportunity for all of us to recognize the importance of the early years, and work together to ensure all children have safe care and quality learning experiences that will help them succeed in school and beyond.

This year our focus will take place **April 15-19**. Each day has a different focus and involves your participation!

Monday: Me! Dress yourself—let your child choose to dress themselves in any way.

Tuesday: Friends—Come dressed like your favorite Super Hero and we will celebrate being Super Friends!

Wednesday: Teachers—Wear **RED** to show our teachers that we LOVE them!

Thursday: Families—Dress like mom or dad

Friday: Our World—Dress in bright colors for our Butterfly Release Day!

#### Upcoming Dates:

April 15-19 week of the young child

May 2 Spring Program for Preschool 2, 3, 4. 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Program includes ballet, songs, and recognition of our Pre-K Fours

Spring is here! Enjoy!

*Ms. Tye*



- Bailey 4/5
- Oliver 4\8
- Woods 4/11
- Harrison 4/12
- Cameron 4/26
- Henry B 4/29
- Bennett 4/26
- Ms. Nosha 4/12



### Classroom Spotlight!

This month our spotlight shines on Pre-K Four class. What an exciting time for them as they get ready for their transition into public school. Ms. Ja'Meisha and Ms. Kiara help the class

transition by providing opportunities for them to relate to the written word; to become aware of mathematical concepts around them; to learn to relate with respect and kindness to each other; to develop self awareness and confidence; to grow in awareness of the world around them. Thank you, Ms. Ja'Meisha and Ms. Kiara for readying them for the next big step!



### Parent Life:

**ART IS SMART!**

This month features our Spring Art Show. Why is art such an important part of our curriculum?

Art allows the following:

- \* Expression of feelings and emotions in a safe and healthy way
- \* Practice and strengthening of fine muscle control and eye-hand coordination
- \* Development of perceptual abilities; awareness of colors, shapes, forms, lines and textures
- \* Opportunity to make choices and solve problems (What color should I use? How do I form a dinosaur out of playdough?)
- \* Experience of success! Because art leaves the end open to the creator, all children experience a measure of success
- \* Awareness of mathematical concepts such as different sizes, shapes and lines
- \* Awareness of physical science concepts such as paint texture, paint changes when mixed together, paint resists when applied over crayon
- \* Emergence of language and the vocabulary or art
- \* Development of social skills by sharing supplies, creating a group mural or project, cleaning up together

*Take a closer look at the art projects that come home or are displayed. Art IS smart!*

## From Our Classrooms...



### Infant I

What a fun time we had in March learning about transportation and going places.

We are excited about our April theme, "God's Spring Gifts." Babies are discovering a wonderful world that God has provided for them. What better time of year than springtime for babies to discover baby animals, flowers, and beauty all around. We will provide a variety of experiences throughout the month. Infants focus on bright colors rather than pastel colors. Contrasting colors such as black and white are especially appealing to infants. We will play with sensory bottles, read books about animals and insects, and do artwork for our spring Art Show. It will be a fun month! Come see the babies' artwork at the Spring Art Show!

We love and enjoy taking care of your babies. Thank you for sharing them with us.

~Ms. Latesha and Ms. Tara

### Infant II

The month of March was busy and a lot of fun! We had fun during Dr. Seuss Week. Our class looked cute in their silly socks, wacky outfits and hats. Mitchell joined our class and we are enjoying having him!

Spring is here! Our unit in April will be "God's Spring Gifts." The children are going to be hearing about and seeing the beauty of God's creation in the spring. We will talk about God making the flowers bloom and how He sends the rain and makes rainbows. We will also talk about baby animals, butterflies, and other insects.

Our class will hear about Jesus' love for us through songs, stories and Bible thoughts. It will be a wonderful month!

~Ms. Noshia

### Toddler One

April is here and we are so happy about spring! This month we will learn about insects, Easter, rain, ourselves, and cooking. Our special days will be April 15-19 for the WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD. This will include our Spring Art Show so don't pass by without taking a peek at the wonderful art we have done.

Again, we are super excited about our beautiful days ahead! Happy Spring!

~Ms. Barbara

### Toddler Two

Toddler Two has had tons of fun this month of March learning about going places. We also learned about rules and safety, rainbows, and rainy weather. We are gearing up for the month of April where we will be introducing "God's Spring Gifts." We are so excited about learning all about butterflies, rain showers and of course, the Week of the Young Child. Be sure to read the brochure and celebrate daily with us!



We have so many art projects planned for our Art Show. Remember to stop and enjoy your child's art and look around at the other classes to see just how talented our children are at the CDC!

~Ms. Tammy

### Preschool Two

March was a wonderful month of learning fun. We learned about going places, transportation, Dr. Seuss, and St. Patrick's Day. Our unit for April is "God's Spring Gifts." We are so "egg-cited" about this unit because we are learning about changes that take place during this season. We will observe the life cycle of butterflies and the importance of other insects like ladybugs.

Please remember the Week of the Young Child is April 15-19. We are so blessed to have supportive parents! Happy, happy spring!

~Ms. Donnetta and Ms. Precious

### Preschool Three

The unit for April is "God's Spring Gifts." Each week we will learn of the amazing things God has provided for us here on earth. We will discuss our God-given talents by exploring famous authors and artists, the life cycles of chickens and flowers, characteristics of springtime, and varieties of food.

Thursday, April 11 is a special Show and Tell. Each child may bring an item to school that believe is a special gift from God. This could include something from home or from outside. No matter how big or small, our class wants to celebrate all of God's special gifts!

~Ms. Kristin and Ms. Dee

### Pre-K Four

Our unit for April is "God's Spring Gifts." The purpose of this unit is to help children become more aware of the changes that take place in the world around them during spring. Also we want to encourage them to accept responsibility for helping care for plants and animals.



We will be observing insects, charting weather, planting, painting as well as letter recognition and learning the sounds those letters make. Most of all we want to help the children experience the joy, excitement and mystery of the world God has given to us.

We hope you have a wonderful and meaningful Easter holiday. Thank you again for sharing your child with us! God bless ~

~Ms. Ja'Meisha and Ms. Kiaira

