

May 2012

M	T1 Lunch Bunch	W2 St. Jude's Trike-A- Thon	TH3 St. Jude's Trike-A- Thon	F4 4's & Pre-K: AF Museum 10-11:30
M7 Chapel Lunch Bunch	T8 Chapel Lunch Bunch Spanish	W9 Spanish Ladies Tea 6-8	TH10 3's Cox Arboretum Ladies Tea 6- 8	F11 3's Cox Arboretum
M14 Last Lunch Bunch	T15 Last Lunch Bunch	W16	TH17	F18 4's Park Day at Activity Center Park
M 21 2's & 3's Outdoor Fun Day Bounce House!	T 22 2's, 3's & 4's Outdoor Fun Day Bounce House!	W 23 10-11:30am 2's & 3's Activity Center Park 4's & Pre-K Outdoor Fun 9:30 Grad Practice	TH 24 10-11:30am TTh 2's, 3's, 4's & Pre-K Activity Center Park	F 25 4's & Pre-K Graduation 10:00am (no school)
28 Memorial Day	29	30		

NOTE: Last day at ELP is May 21/22. Last day of school at the park May 23/24.



Prayers for the May



2 Timothy 3:14-15 *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the faith in Jesus.*

End of the Year Prayer

Dear Lord,
Please bless and watch over these little angels, as they enjoy their summer break with their friends & families. Be with all our little ones that return in the fall & watch over all the little ones that move on to kindergarten. Help them know that they are loved & will always have a special place here at ELP. Amen



May 7 Lily A. Mrs. Eagle-Beard
13 Jadon S. Mrs. Parks
16 Justin P. Mrs. Vap & Mrs. Kuhn
21 Charis R. Mrs. Parks
22 Tiffany F. Mrs. B
25 Lucas S. Mrs. Wudke
28 Ryan S. Mrs. Wudke
30 Andon G. Ms. Ely

June

11 Sam P. Mrs. Wudke
19 Nolan D. Mrs. B

July

7 Joey D. Ms. Ely
14 Marin D. Mrs. Vap & Mrs. Kuhn
17 Clarke N. Mrs. B
22 Emory P. Ms. Ely
24 Logan K. Ms. Ely
25 Michael S. Mrs. Snead
28 Beckham C. Mrs. Parks
31 Addie H. Ms. Ely
Mallory S. Ms. Ely

August

3 Roshan P. Mrs. Snead
11 Matthew B. Mrs. Eagle-Beard
14 Sadie D. Mrs. Bordner
18 Ross B. Mrs. Parks
22 Paige J. Mrs. Laipple
28 Ava W. Ms. Ely

2012-2013 Registration Information

If your child is returning this fall, prepaid fees are due May 1.

*\$40 Special Events fee (weekly Spanish class, twice a month music class, twice a month science lab, visitors and field trips)

*September tuition

*Enrollment packet complete

In August, I will send out an email regarding back to school dates. Teachers will get their class lists mid-month and will contact you to set up the child's home visit.

The first day of school for the 2012-2013 school year is Monday, September 10 for all MWF and M-F classes and Tuesday, September 11 for all TTh classes.



Have a laugh on us!!!

Roshan, “There was a tornado warning at our house last night....I wonder why.”

Kalie, “Maybe Jesus wants you to have a new house!”

team hELP! News

Team hELP is our parent group that organizes our family events, school events, community service, teacher appreciation and fundraising.

Pancake Breakfast Results

Thank you, thank you, thank you to you all for your contributions to the pancake breakfast! Your donations, work shifts and generosity helped us raise over \$1600 for team hELP to purchase new playground equipment! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also agreed to support our cause with their Matching Funds program. For every \$3 earned, they will donate \$1 to ELP! We are very grateful for your support and look forward to updating our playground for all our little ones!

Watoto School in Uganda

Thank you to all our little ones for doing good deeds at home to earn coins for Watoto! We will have our final count the 2nd week of May!

St Jude’s Trike-a-Thon

Thank you for your support and donations to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital! Your little ones enjoyed riding their trikes and showing off their helmets to their friends!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 14 at 9:15am in the preschool lobby.



Special thanks to... **Pastor Sara** for our May chapel time, **all our ELP Families** that supported our pancake breakfast and our St. Jude’s Trike-a-Thon, **A & S Playzone** for our Bounce House fun during the last week of school, **our ELP Teachers** for planning all the fun events to end our great year, **Gerry Sandberg** for her dedication and hard work at ELP, **and most importantly, our ELP angels** that make each preschool day a joy!

From the Office

How is it May??? I feel like it was just Halloween and we are getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas! This year has gone be entirely too fast but I am grateful for the fabulous year it has been!

First, thank you to all of our great families that choose ELP to start your child’s educational career. We truly do feel blessed to be a part of your child’s early education and value each one of them as a gift from God. I hope that you enjoyed this year at ELP as well and if you are returning next year, I look forward to seeing another year of growth and development for your child.

Second, thank you to the staff here at ELP. You ladies are amazing! All the time and efforts put into your lessons and class activities, all the hugs and snuggles and all the time and preparation you put into your programs are appreciated!

Finally, thank you to all our little angels for being with us this year! Without you and your sweet little faces each day, what would we do? We wouldn’t laugh, we wouldn’t have as much fun and we certainly wouldn’t be able to see how you all grow little by little, every day. It’s an amazing job, to see you change and become the amazing people you are and will be.

At our monthly staff meetings, we always start with a devotion. This month, we started with a highlight or two from our year. Every teacher mentioned children from her class, the remarkable growth they have done this year and what they can accomplish now vs. the beginning of the year. Great stories and we enjoyed hearing all of the amazing things your children do and say each day.

I pray for a fantastic, HEALTHY summer for all of you, as you enjoy time with your little ones. I am excited to see those of you returning next year, to see who’s gotten taller, who has a new brother or sister on the way ☺, and all of the fun things they share when we start back. To those of you moving on or starting kindergarten: my prayer for you is to know you are loved and remembered fondly at ELP and we would love to see you stop by anytime! You will move mountains kid!

Much Love,
Heather

Ms. Ely's MWF Fantastic 4's

Hello! We had a wonderful April and enjoyed the anticipation of Easter and all the joy that brings. Mrs. Phillips had an exciting egg hunt ready for us and we had a great time. We learned the meaning of Easter and enjoyed many Easter stories. We learned about caterpillars and butterflies in preparation for watching our own class caterpillars turn into butterflies. We have now finished the whole alphabet and numbers 1 through 20 and will continue to review sounds and numbers. May will be so busy with many exciting days. We have the field trip to the Air Force Museum, Ladies night, outdoor fun day and graduation all this month. It is so awesome to have had the chance to spend 3 days a week with these fabulous children. They have grown so much and it is always hard to let them go. I am so proud of all they have accomplished and I will never forget them. Thank you so sincerely for allowing me to teach them this year. Good luck to the 2011-12 graduates.
Love, Ms. Ely

Ms. Ely's TTh Fantastic 4's

Hi! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and spring break. The rest of April seemed to fly by when we got back to school. We had a great April learning the meaning of Easter and we enjoyed a fun Easter egg hunt provided by Mrs. Phillips. :) We also learned about the life cycle of a butterfly. We will soon have our own caterpillars to watch as they develop into butterflies. We finished the alphabet and up to number 20 so we will spend the rest of the year reviewing. During May we will keep busy with so many exciting days. We have the St. Jude's Trike-a-thon, the field trip to the Air Force Museum on the 4th, the ladies tea on the 9th, and outdoor fun day and park day are also coming up. The kids have had so much fun making t-shirts to wear to the museum and to the park. They have also enjoyed making presents for ladies night. They have all become such little artists and I have loved watching each of them grow this year. I have been so blessed to have each one of them in my class. They are all remarkable children and will do well next year wherever they may go. Thank you for being a part of this very special program. Congratulations to all of our 2011-12 graduates. I will miss all of you. Love, Ms. Ely

Mrs. Bordner's Pre-K Class

What a great year it has been! I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to love, care and help educate your future little leaders. Each and every day they amazed me with their insight, curiosity, persistence and knowledge! As I sit here writing our last newsletter for the year I can't help but feel a mix of emotions. Happy to see them growing up but sad to see them move on! Thank you again for letting me be a part of their lives.

I am going to miss:

Reese's outgoing personality and eagerness to help.

Alex's warm smile and happy attitude.

Sadie's cute outfits, artistic ability and attention to detail.

Kate's great listening ears, eagerness to please and sweetness.

T.J.'s easy going personality and friendly nature.

Marin's hugs and curiosity.

This past month we focused on learning about the true meaning of Easter. We painted eggs, made resurrection buns and went on an Easter egg hunt.

As we welcomed spring we enjoyed learning about all the changes that spring brings. We focused on all the changes that Spring brings and enjoyed lots of rainy days. We also learned about the weather and made weather dials, a funnel tornado and rain in our water table. We learned about how plants grow and grew our very own grass heads as well as lima beans and enjoyed making a garden in our tactile table. We also got ready for our Fun Ladies Tea Garden Party.

As we look ahead at our final month of school we have a lot of fun activities planned. We have our field trip to the Air Force Museum, our play day at the park as well as our outdoor fun day at school with a bouncy house and of course we are looking forward to our Graduation ceremony.

Thank you Corner: Thanks to all who donated to Watoto, came to help as playground parents or in my class, planned parties, brought snacks or play dough or helped out in any other way in our class or school this year! You guys are the BEST! Thanks again to all of you for your support to our school and my class this year; it has truly been a wonderful and blessed year!

Have a wonderful and safe summer! May God bless you and your families! Mrs. Bordner

Mrs. Eagle-Beard's Fantastic 4's

Time has just flown and our school year is almost over! All the children have grown in so many ways. I can tell from the photos I took during my home visit. In total, we have added 10 inches and 21 pounds. If the class were one person, we would weigh 346 lbs. and be 30 feet and 33 inches tall (we could be the giant in Jack and the Bean Stalk). We have learned to use our words and not actions; and to treat others, as we want to be treated. These are very simple lessons that we will all use throughout our childhood and adult life.

After our wonderful spring break, we came back all refreshed and very happy to see our friends. We celebrated Earth Day by using recycled items to make things and by looking at different types of seeds. We started to work on rhymes and fairy tales like: Humpty Dumpty, Old King Cole, and Jack and the Bean Stalk (great stories to go along with our Recycle Castle).

We studied the letters: Kk (King), Qq (Queen), Mm (Mom) with soon to come ... Vv (Very hungry caterpillar), and Ii (impression, imprint). Everyone enjoyed the rainbow colors, counting and sorting recycling items, measuring water and learning more about caterpillars and butterflies. Our caterpillars will arrive soon to school and they will change into butterflies; that we will let fly away when the weather is warmer. Hopefully, tadpoles will show up in my pond soon and we can also see them change into frogs (egg – tadpole – frog).

During this wonderful season of spring, we can see the wonder of God's work in the sun, sky and plants. We discussed the different forms of water and what plants need to grow (sun, soil and water). The children will soon get a chance to do some planting of their own by creating grass heads using recycled hosiery (remember when you take them home they need water).

We have also made quite good use of all kinds of recycling items, we made: bubble blowers, parachute people, and using junk, energy, and imagination, we are beginning to work on a fantastic recycled castle, not to mention the lovely princess tiaras (for the girls) and knight outfits (for the boys.) Our magical Recycle Castle really needs some help. Hopefully, we will have some energy and imagination to work on it through the end of school.

Special Thanks: As our time together comes to an end, I want to thank all of my student's parents for your help and support. You have been here as willing support for every request and call for help – now comes my final request. Beginning May 7th, all of the small and large toys will need to be washed and put away for the summer. If you have some time either during class or after, any help would be greatly appreciated. (*Hint: Most of our small plastic toys can be put in the dishwasher if you want to take a bin/bag home.*)

Dates to remember: **May 4** – Spring field trip to Air force Museum (*Wear tye-dye shirts*). **May 9** – Ladies' Tea, 6 -7 pm. **May 18** – Activity Center Park Day – 10 am (*Wear tye-dye shirts*). We will be celebrating a summer birthday! You are welcome to bring snack or a picnic lunch to enjoy after our Day at the Park. May 21 - Switch-a-roo day & bounce house. **Fun Day (at school) Wednesday, May 23rd** wear tye-dye shirts and sunscreen. **May 25** – Graduation Day! – 10 am (*Remember your cameras!*)

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a great summer and remember – every experience is a learning opportunity for you and your child.

Let the learning begin! Linda Eagle-Beard

Mrs. Laipple's Terrific Threes,

April was a fun month. We had a lot of fun preparing for mom's night. How cute it is to hear the answers to the mom surveys and hear all about mom. We talked about rain, bugs and spring. Our final month will be full of fun activities. We have a luau planned, fun day and a day at the park. Thanks to everyone for sharing your children with me this year. It has been a truly wonderful year. I will miss all of your fabulous children.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall,
Mrs. Laipple

Mrs. Wudke's Terrific 3's MWF

This month was shorter due to spring break but was very busy. We spent the first week talking about ocean and zoo life. Everyone had a great time playing in the water that was filled with ocean animals. We made octopuses out of our hands as a craft.

We then learned and discussed rain, seeds, spring, insects, and bees. We made a bee out of a paper bowl and learned the parts of a bee. We made gifts for our mom's for her special evening with us next month. Discussed our mom's and how much we love them.

Next month, we will have Mom's Tea night, discuss things that fly like kites or planes, field trip to Cox Arboretum, have a Luau, Fun Day, and end out our year at the park. So our last month together will be busy and fun!!

The year is just about over and when I think back to day one I remember a few crying, hanging onto mom and others excited to start school. They have grown so much this past year. Thank you so much for all your support, snacks, play doh, helping me out with parties, providing things for the class and just for bringing in your child to me. I will truly miss each and every one of them.

God Bless,

Mrs. Wudke

Mrs. Wudke's Terrific 3's TTH

This month was very short for this class but we were able to get everything done. We started out the month talking and learning about Ocean and Zoo life. The students loved playing the tactile table in the water with the ocean animals. We made fish out of paper plates and octopus' with our hands.

We then discussed and learned about rain, seeds, spring, insects and bees. We made bees out of paper bowls, match the bees to the correct flowers and learned the parts of a bee. Conferences went well and all students have really grown over this past year. Next month, we will have a Mother's Tea Party, learn the letters M and K, talk about things that fly (kites and planes), field trip to Cox Arboretum have a Luau, Fun Day and a day at the park.

I can't believe the year is almost over. It seems like yesterday they were walking in the room for the first time and some of them crying. Now they come in and ready to start the day. They have really grown over this past year. Thank you for all you help, support, play doh and snacks you provided over the year. I'm very grateful for having this opportunity to have been your child's teacher. Good luck to them all as they continue to grow and face the next chapter in their lives

God Bless,

Mrs. Wudke

Mrs. Snead's Fantastic 4's

With the warm temperatures, grass turning green and the flowers starting to bloom, it reminds me how much all of my little "flowers" have grown during the school year. While I was gathering my thoughts to prepare the spring progress reports, I realized how far each student has come! In the beginning of the year, some recognized only a few letters in the alphabet. Some struggled with holding a pencil or a pair of scissors. Some had a hard time remembering what they needed to do when they arrived in the classroom. Some were quiet and didn't fully engage in the "social" part of school. Some were *very* "social" and needed to work on waiting to ask a question or their turn. It brings me great joy to see how each student has matured and blossomed.

I asked each student what their favorite part of the school year was and this is how they responded:

Maddie- snack time
Roshan- play time
Camden- show and tell
Cameron- play time
Kalie- seeing her friends every day
Sami- seeing Kalie every day
Naomi- going up to the gym
Kajia- going outside on the playground
Michael- play time

I also asked them what they were going to do this summer. Many have *big* plans!

Michael- "I'm going to play in the pool."
Kajia- "I'm going to Florida."
Naomi- "I am going to get a new swim suit, go to the pool and eat little pizzas."
Sami- "I'm going to play with Rylie."
Kalie- "I'm going to play with Jonathan's Legos."
Cameron- "I am going to mow the grass."
Camden- "I am going to mow with my Daddy."
Roshan- "I am going to take care of my sisters."
Maddie- "I am going to go to the pool with my mom."

Thanks for a wonderful year. I enjoyed getting to know you and your little ones. Thank you for bringing in snacks, birthday treats, playdough and "extra" things when needed. Also a big thank you to those of you that went above the call of duty by helping whenever I asked.

I wish you all a happy spring and an enjoyable summer! Please keep in touch!

Karla Snead

Mrs. Vap and Mrs. Kuhn's Tiny Toddlers

We hope you all enjoyed your spring break! This month we talked about Earth Day and we started learning about butterflies and their lifecycles and will continue this into May.

We start May off with our Mother's Tea! We will have our annual trike-a-thon to raise money for the St. Jude hospital – if you want to volunteer or watch your little ones, the times will be posted for you. We will finish our study of butterflies and move onto studying worms and insects. Then, we will wrap up the school year with an outdoor fun day and a day at the park! Please watch for more emails with information to follow. We will also wrap up our annual coin drive collection for Watoto; this is the school we adopt every year in Africa!

It seems as though we started school only a few months ago, and the year is already coming to a close. I just wanted to say that Mrs. Kuhn and I have enjoyed each and every child this year. Watching them grow this year has been such a great experience, and the stories they shared were priceless! We want to thank you for letting us be a part of your child's life and education and wish you all a great summer!

God Bless,
Mrs. Vap & Mrs. Kuhn

Mrs. B's Pre-K

Hello Pre-K Parents!

Ask your kiddo about

***Our Science experiments-** Balloon of Germs, Pepper Experiment, Raisin Experiment, and the bread with Germs experiment!

***The Hunks and Chunks** which are beginning, middle, and ending diagraphs such as – ing, ar,ph,oy, aw and plenty more which moms will get to hear at the Ladies Tea in May . The kids love it and this activity has definitely increased their abilities to sound out words.

***Addition and subtraction problems.** They love to practice Math at circle time. Rolling the dice and figuring out the correct answer is a huge hit.

Love, Mrs. B

Mrs. Parks Terrific Three's

News from the fish room one last time...

It is with sadness that I write our last newsletter of the year. I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for allowing me to teach your little ones. It has been a great year and I will miss each one a lot. This year your little ones have taught me many things. Please have your child come and find my room and say Hi next year. I will need some hugs. I wish each of you a happy, healthy summer. Have fun, reading, rhyming, cutting, and playing over the summer months. I have enjoyed watching your children bloom into 4 year olds. They have worked hard at learning to share and get along as well as learning their letters and numbers.

Mrs. Parks