

Teacher Tales

2 1/2 Year Olds

**Paige Ellis
and Glenda Rodriguez**

April was another exciting month! We have talked about the letters U, V and W and continue to explore all the shapes and colors! We have enjoyed learning the bible verse this month from 1 John 4:10, "God loved us and sent His son." They sure memorized it quickly! We started the month



talking about rain! The boys and girls learned all about the water cycle and had so much fun recreating the water cycle in our sensory bin filled with rain and clouds! It was a fun and WET week for sure.

Hat and Tie making day is a fun way to have you, the parents, come spend some special time with your children in our classroom. Thank you for carving out some time from your busy morning for this fun event. They will cherish these memories for sure. Easter is such a special time of year. The boys and girls enjoyed painting and feathering a cute baby chick!



The Easter party was such fun with tasty snacks and all

things Easter! Thank you to the wonderful party moms who supplied the treats. Seeing the children in their Easter finest



with their hats and toes for the parade was special. They did a great job doing the bunny hop and singing their hearts out that 'Jesus is Alive'!

Moo, Baa. Neigh! Learning about all the different animals that live on a farm was terrific. We continued the fun with paint and let the children use our farm animals to create unique paintings. Scrubbing the animals clean was extra fun! The highlight that week was seeing real farm animals and getting to ride a pony! They will cherish these memories for sure.



As we enter May, we look forward to warmer weather, flowers, bugs, celebrating Mother's Day, pond creatures and camp week! Please remember to check your kiddos school bags regularly and make sure their change of clothes 'just in case' are weather and size appropriate. We are blessed to work with your children!

3 Year Olds

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and Glenda Rodriguez**

April was a great month to learn about all things rainy, Easter and farm! April's verse was from 1 John 4:10, "God loved us and sent His son." They really mastered memorizing the verse early on in the month. Warms our hearts for sure! The children continue to do an amazing job identifying their colors and shapes and we have been diving into the letters U, V & W and the sounds they make. Sharing their letter bag items continues to be such fun and they definitely are proud to show their friends what they brought in the bag. Thank you for helping them find their items! And please continue talking about letters and sounds at home.

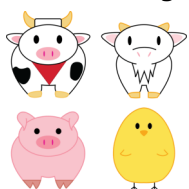
April started with learning all about rain! They did a wonderful job using droppers to create colorful raindrops on their umbrellas. It was a great way for the children to practice their fine motor skills without even realizing they were learning through play! We also loved getting wet and messy with our sensory play....



rain and clouds in the water table and raindrops IN the shaving cream clouds. Squishy and wet!

Thank you to all the parents who came in to help make hats and ties with your children. It is always a special time when the boys and girls can be in the classroom with their favorite person. And what a spectacular job everyone did decorating! We continued in April with learning about the Easter story, bunnies, creating beautiful crosses and celebrating with a wonderful party and parade. Thank you to the party moms who were so kind and helpful to send in goodies! The snacks were perfect. Hop, hop, hopping in the parade was so fun and the kiddos did a great job singing their hearts out that "Jesus is Alive"!

There are so many animals that live on the farm. We had fun learning about the different ones and the sounds they make. Moo, baa, and neigh are just a few! Creating our farm t-shirts, seeing real farm animals and riding the ponies was so much fun! So was getting our fingers all dirty while painting our muddy pigs. As we approach May, we look forward to flowers, all things buggy, celebrating Mother's Day, pond creatures, and camp week!



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3 Year Olds **Brenna Fry and Brittany Slaughter**

The Bible verse for April was "Everything created by God is Good." 1 Timothy 4:4.

We started off the month talking about the plants and flowers that God created. We talked about how things grow and identified the different parts of plants and flowers.



We talked about things that are alive and what characteristics those things have.



Easter was a very special time at school. We shared our love for Jesus and were reminded that He died on the cross for our sins and rose again.



During our class party, we went on an Easter egg hunt, decorated cookies, enjoyed a special snack (thank you, parents!) and decorated eggs.

Thank you for helping our 'bees' prepare for the Easter Parade! They looked adorable in their bonnets and ties.



After Spring Break, we used Earth Day (April 22), as an opportunity to talk about God's beautiful Earth! We read books and studied the 7 days of Creation. What a beautiful, interesting planet God gave us. We talked about how to locate the oceans and land on a map/globe and which animals live on which. We painted our own Earth and did a beautiful cherry blossom tree.



Finally, we got to wear our handmade bee t-shirts this month! Our "hive" looked so cute! Thank you for your contribution toward the shirts. The kids loved the Ponies and Petting Zoo!

Our caterpillars arrived late this month, so we will start May off by studying their transformation to butterflies! We will also study other insects. We will finish the year with an ocean unit and highly anticipated camping unit!



Jasmine celebrated her 4th birthday with us this month. Happy Birthday, Jasmine!



3 Year Olds **Renae Crawford and Jennie Tiffany**

We had so much fun during April! We started off talking about April showers and rainbows. We even got to see quite a bit of those showers too. The kids learned about Noah and how God made a promise never to flood the earth again symbolized by a rainbow.



Next, we learned the Easter story and how Jesus died for our sins and rose on the third day. The kids enjoyed our Easter party and Easter egg hunt. Thank you, parents, for coming to our parade. The kids worked really hard on their songs and the bunny hop.

We finished the month with our visit from Ponies Plus & Petting Zoo. The students loved seeing several farm animals, petting them, and even taking a short ride on the pony. What fun!



As we end our year in May, we have several exciting activities planned. We will talk about ladybugs, butterflies, and flowers. We will also be celebrating our Moms! It will be exciting to sing songs and enjoy a special time of snacks and gifts to show our moms how much we love them!

Talking about zoo animals will be fun. We will make a giraffe, lion, and other zoo animals. All the kids loved making zoo t-shirts!



Finally, we plan to finish the month with Camp Day where we will get to be in a tent, wear our pajamas, and talk about things we do while camping. A special snack is planned as well. This will be so much fun!



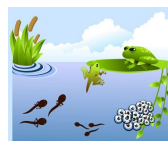
4 Year Olds **Ellen Mahan and Stephanie Jenkins**

I hope everyone had a beautiful Easter Season!

Our Bible verse for April was "God loved us and sent His son." 1 John 4:10. We talked about God's sacrifice to send His son to die for our sins and that the empty tomb is a sign of the miracle of His resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Before Spring Break we celebrated Easter with our Parade and party. Thanks to Mrs. Parr (Ryan's mom) for providing the class with the decorations and yummy food. The children loved it and had a great time. They were all so proud of their hat and tie creations at the parade. Thank you, parents, for taking the time to come watch us do the bunny hop around the gym.

In April our curriculum focused on the many life cycles and natural miracles that are part of spring. We learned about the life cycle of a frog and compared the development from eggs to tadpole to froglet to frog, with the life cycle of a butterfly and the amazing metamorphosis that takes place



from caterpillar to butterfly. We also studied bees and learned that bees use the nectar they collect from flowers to make honey. We even had a little honey tasting event to compare the different honey flavors from different flowers. We learned the difference between the queen bee and worker bees and we discovered how important bees are to our world's plant life through the miracle of pollination. We then looked at the anatomy of a flower and important factors that allow it to grow like sunlight, rain, oxygen and soil. The children planted their own sunflowers and will bring their little horticulture experiments home in May.



This month we finished our HWWT letter work with X, Y, and Z in our literacy center, worked on the concept of odd and even numbers in our math center, and practiced our scissor skills cutting out hexagons for bee hives.

Next month we will begin a review of our curriculum themes from this year, review our letter names and sounds, and have fun preparing for our big graduation program. It's hard to believe the school year is almost over.



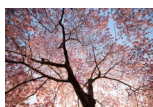
4 Day, 4 Year Olds Suzanne Murphy, And Victoria Nicely

Wow, what a month...Spring has finally sprung and so has the energy level of the children! April was such a busy month as we moved from learning about dinosaurs to the beauty of the Easter season. The children truly made some beautiful pieces of work this past month (Cherry Blossom hand/trees, leather cross necklaces and their Creation project).

Dinosaurs were a major highlight in our classroom last month. We had enough dinosaurs that all children got plenty of hands on and visual opportunities to play, study and discuss what we have learned about these amazing creatures from Paleontologists. Everyone got a chance of pretending to be a Paleontologist as they dug thru our playground of "fossils".

Thank you for coming in and helping your child create their bonnet/tie for our Easter

parade as well as coming and watching them Bunny Hop their way around the gym while singing.



In celebration of Earth Day we read a few cute stories as well as created a Spring flower picture out of scraps from previous projects. The class came up with lots of great ways we can all be more conscientious and conservative with both our energy use (a few said less TV/ iPad time...I think they'd like to remain nameless) and environmental (water, reusable lunch bags and planting more seeds). Lots of great ideas shared!



We closed out April with a very exciting visit from Ponies Plus & Petting Zoo - I think the pictures I sent (via Remind) and the excitement of your children sums up what a success and joy it was.

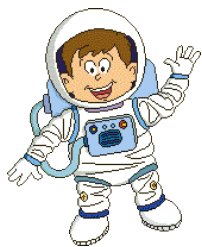
Can you believe it... Kindergarten registration is done for most you!?! Now, it is time to close the year out in May pulling together all that the children have learned socially, academically and emotionally to finish the school year successfully. We have one month

to work hard and play hard together!



4 Year Olds **Ashelynn Kelly, Cheryl Halla, and Julie Zimmerman**

What a fun April we have had! This month we finished up the alphabet and our kindergarten readiness testing. We started off April learning all about space! We made rocket ships, turned ourselves in-



to astronauts and we were able to read a story, "Mousetronaut," with a real-life astronaut in space! We spent time talking about the true meaning of Easter and learning about our risen Savior. Thank you to the parents who provided snack for the Easter party. We had a great time celebrating! Our hat and tie making days were a great success! I am so proud of our students for participating in the Easter parade as well!



I think the students favorite activity this month was meeting Mrs. Myers' baby chicks! We learned all about how chicks de-



velop. We are finishing the month of April with an exciting visit from Ponies Plus & Petting Zoo.



In May we look forward to our Mother's Day celebration with you, moms. We are planning something very special! Mark your calendar. You will not want to miss this!



Also in May, we will enjoy "Camp Day." Remember to send in a towel and a flashlight for this very special event. Eating hot dogs and chips by the light from a flashlight can be real fun!



Finally, May will bring a time to celebrate all our many accomplishments during preschool. We will continue to prepare for graduation which will take place on Thursday night, May 23, 2019. You will definitely want to remember to bring your camera!

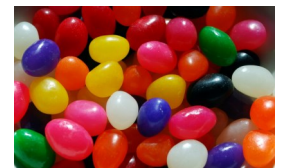


May promises to be a very exciting month!

Chapel with **Marcia Lee**



We started the month with the Jelly Bean prayer where each color represented a verse of the Bible relating to how Christ died for us so we can be with Him in Heaven. ORANGE is for Heaven so bright (2 Samuel 22:13-14). YELLOW is for God's perfect light (Revelation 21:23). BLACK is for the sins we've made (Romans 3:23). RED is for the blood He gave (Romans 3:25).

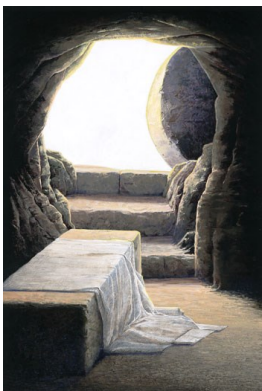


WHITE is for the cleansing from sin (Psalm 51:1-2). GREEN is for our new life in Him (Colossians 1:10). PINK is for His free gift to share (Matthew 28:19-20). PURPLE is for the crowns we'll wear. (2 Timothy 4:8)

Before the break, we celebrated the real meaning of Easter. How exciting it was to realize that after Jesus was hurt and placed on a cross to die for our sins, He rose to new life on the third day! It was explained to the children with the use of a set of manipulated characters that an angel told those who visited Jesus' empty tomb, "He is ALIVE!" How wonderful to know we serve a risen Savior!

As a reminder to the children that **"Jesus is Risen!"**

and that He died on the cross to save us from our sins, each student received an egg fixed onto a foam resemblance of a tomb. Then, inside the egg was a cross to add to the symbolism.



A wonderful song we learned in music just for this occasion is called **Jesus Is Alive!** The boys and girls really sang loudly when we practiced it in preparation for Easter.

For the final lesson in the

month of April, the children learned the story of Noah, whose faith in God



saw him through a great flood. Noah praised God for keeping him, his family, and two of every kind of animal safe on the Ark he and his sons built. They built the ark according to the specifications God gave Noah. God promised never to flood the earth again.

The symbol of that promise is His magnificent rainbow. You can find the



account of Noah's Ark in Genesis 1:1 through 2:25.



Music with Marcia Lee

April was a fun month in the music room. We had a good time singing songs about rain, rainbows, sunshine, and springtime. The children



especially loved **"One Raindrop Falls Upon My Nose."**



Other favorites include

"Here Come the Clouds,"

"Sunlight, Sunlight,"

"Lightning Flash,"

"Who Made the Beautiful Rainbow,"

"Zip-a-dee-do-dah."



The children

enjoyed making

themselves very small,

like seeds in God's earth, and then

growing tall in **"The Growing Song"**

when the words told them to.



We exercised to some songs

like **"Climb Sunshine Mountain,"**

"The Wiggle Song,"

"I am So H-A-P-P-Y,"

and "All Fall Down."

The children really enjoyed the workout!

All the boys and girls had fun preparing for our Mother's Day program for you, Moms!

We look forward to singing

"Fruit Salad Salsa" for

you, in addition to other

songs to honor and thank

you, Moms, for all you do as

mothers.



The 4 year olds are

working hard preparing

for the Graduation Program which they will



present in a month.

Also in May we will focus on songs about the sunshine, warmer weather, and the interesting animals God created.

Science with Rebecca Myers



The miracle of new life is realized through our science class. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to observe and experience plant, animal, and insect life from its very beginning!

We started April we started our exciting chicken hatching lesson by learning about the life cycle of a chicken. We observed how incubators work by view-



ing a live video feed of our own incubator as well as the progression of a growing chick inside the egg by watching a video of candling (or shining a light inside) a real chicken egg!

The next week the chickens hatched! We saw a video of one chick breaking out of its shell and all the children were able to hold and pet them.

After the break, we planted seeds inside our very own greenhouses! The children were taught how just one seed can



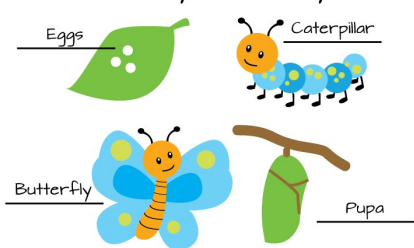
become a plant with many new seeds to be planted or picked for food. They were given their own green bean seed to sprout first inside their greenhouse and then planted outside to grow into a mature plant.



Next, we learned about the life cycle of the butterfly. The children made their own butterflies with a proboscis, which is the long tongue that the butterfly unfurls to drink the nectar from the flowers. As a special treat, each classroom received its own cup of live caterpillars to observe. Once these caterpillars create a chrysalis around themselves, they will turn into butter-



Butterfly Life Cycle



flies and emerge to fly! It's so exciting for the children to see this miraculous metamorphosis first-hand.



We were privileged to have **Ponies Plus and Petting Zoo** visit our school in April. It is so special to see the children's faces light up when they can see and touch God's beautiful creatures! In addition, our **Painted Lady caterpillars arrived** so the children could experience first-hand the wonderful metamorphosis process God put into place. We look forward to celebrating **Mother's Day** on May 9th and 10th. Please check your classroom calendar for details.



The **last opportunity** for the children to **visit the library** will be the week of May 6th through 10th. Please help your child remember to return his/her book.

Several classes will enjoy **"Camp Day"** in their classrooms in May. Snack will be chicken hot dogs, potato chips and Rice Krispie treats. **YUM!**



Mother's Day—Mother's Day, May 9th and 10th, is a special event at FBCDS. Please plan to devote your time to your preschooler. If you have other siblings, be mindful that there is very limited space in the classrooms. Due to limited space at the church, it would be helpful for you to find child care during that time for your preschoolers' siblings. Thank you for your understanding about this matter.



Graduation of the 4 Year Olds

Students in Mrs. Kelly's, Mrs. Mahan's, and Mrs. Murphy's classes, having completed the 4 year old Preschool Program at First Baptist Christian Day School will participate in the Graduation Program scheduled for Thursday night, May 23rd at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please have the 4 year olds in their classrooms by 6:45 PM.

