

Teacher Tales

2 1/2 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Julie Zimmerman

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After learning about plants and insects, we had a blast learning about zoo animals! We loved reading about zebras and reading, Goodnight Gorilla. They put their cutting skills to use creating zebra stripes and

a mane for their lions. We had to make pink flamingos as well to please our pink loving little girls :)

Their favorite week of the year was spent at 'camp!' We went fishing, cooked and ate our 'fish', rested in our tent, caught bugs and sorting them, read camp stories by the fire, and even enjoyed a favorite camping treat.. hot dogs! They also created beautiful tie dye pillow cases.



We ended this awesome school year with superhero week!



We talked about the qualities that good superheroes have—being respectful to elders, being a good citizen and member of society, sharing with others, learning about manners, helping others, and being polite.

What a wonderful year we had together. Thank you for sharing your children with us. The boys and girls have really grown, and it has been a joy to watch them learn so much at preschool! We have been blessed to work with your children this year! Have a fun filled and relaxing summer!



3 Year Olds Rena Crawford and Stephanie Jenkins

It's hard to believe that it is the end of the year already! May was surely filled with tons of fun and activities. We began with showing our moms how much we love them. The kids were so excited to give their mommies a special gift they made! Thank you moms for all you do!



Spring provides us with a variety of insects and creatures to look at. In May we were able to see how caterpillars turn into butterflies. The kids were amazed at how fast it happened. They enjoyed watching as we released the butterflies back into nature. God is so amazing!

We also had fun with bees, frogs, turtles, and ladybugs. We really enjoyed playing with them in our sensory bin and reading books about them. There is so much to learn.

One of the children's favorite activities this month was Camp Day. We had a real tent in which the kids



could camp. They enjoyed lying on their towels with their flashlights inside the tent. We talked about what you do when you camp and actually had a pretend campfire around which we ate hotdogs. We even created jars of pretend fireflies.

As the year came to an end we celebrated a few birthdays.



Happy birthday to Mrs. Jenkins, Logan, Emily, Aurelia, Skylar, Rachel and Joshua,

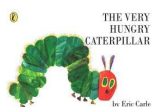
whose birthdays will happen during the summer.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer. This has been a wonderful year and it's always a bitter sweet time. Mrs. Jenkins and I could not have asked for a better class!

4 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Kris Morris

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life cycle while watching our own caterpillars make their chrysalises and turn into beautiful butterflies! It tied in nicely to our Bible verse this month from 2nd Corinthians 5:17, "In Christ all things become new."



Our animal unit was a BIG hit!



The children loved reading about zebras and reading, Goodnight Gorilla. They had a chance to do aisle painting and paint an animal! Mrs. Morris was great at 'coaching' them to add backgrounds and details to their portraits. We had fun using the 'animals' in our class to make animal tracks and learn about different feet animals have and why they look so different.



Their favorite week of the year was spent at 'camp!' We went fishing, cooked and ate our 'fish', rested in our tent, caught bugs and sorted them, read camp stories by the fire, and even enjoyed a favorite camping treat.. hot dogs! They made firefly jars after reading, The Lonely Firefly and we talked about how God calls us to be a light in the world. We created beautiful tie dye shirts and had fun roasting s'mores!



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member of society, sharing with others, learning about manners, helping others, and being polite. Your children certainly have made this a super year! They have grown in so many ways and have learned to work together, follow classroom rules and have learned to love learning!

Thank you for sharing your children with us- it has been a joy to watch them learn so much at preschool! Your children have been such a blessing to us! Have a fun filled and relaxing summer!

4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

What a fun filled month we had in May! All those April showers did kick off our flowers for the first week of May. We learned about how a flower grows from a seed. We also learned about Matthew 17:20 when Jesus said, "if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains, and nothing will be impossible for you!" The owl class learned about seeds, roots, shoots and what the small plant needs to continue to grow. They also learned about the parts of a flower and enjoyed watching flowers turn colors when their stems sucked up food coloring! Learning about beautiful flowers was perfect for the week leading up to Mother's Day- since our



mothers' plant seeds of *love* that last forever! The kids enjoyed painting flower pots, planting flowers and making flower garden cards for each of their mothers. I hope you all had a wonderful day!



home. We created glittery fish, some crabs, some jellyfish and some seahorses for our sunlight zone in the hall way. We had a whale of a time!

Our final week of school was



hoppin' with a quick look into frogs, and their pond habitat.

We were able to see some tadpoles in the classroom, which was very exciting! Crafts, songs and lots of fun games made that lesson packed with fun.

Camp Day was our final unit for the year! The kids enjoyed our special snacks of hot dogs, chips and S'mores over the



"campfire." We talked about summer and just enjoyed our last days as owl friends.

We have had a great year in our owl classroom! I want to say a special thank you to you, to all of our owl parents. Thank you for entrusting us with your children this year. It has been our privilege teaching and watching each child grow. I know God has big plans for each of your children. I will miss them terribly!

I also want to encourage you all to take time to read to your child frequently this summer. Writing names regularly, and playing alphabet/number games will also help with the transition into Kindergarten this fall.

Have a wonderful summer!



4 Day, 4 Year Olds Glenda Rodriguez and Sarah Medina

What an exciting month! By mid-May all children had attended their soon-to-be Kindergarten schools and boy, oh boy, did that up the excitement for next school year, summer break and most importantly — them wanting to show Mrs. Medina and me how they are **READY** for Kindergarten! With



summer on the horizon and energy at an all time high, May was perfect timing for lots of fun (non-human) visitors to our classroom and school wide. We had our classroom caterpillars turn into butterflies that we were able to release (some being spotted on the playground later). The class as a whole did an **AMAZING** job on their letter presentations. I think we've created a room of future public speakers. We are so proud of the effort they put into their letter reports, the quality of their presentations, but most importantly their personal pride and excitement for what they had accomplished and their ability to share ("teach") their classmates. Thank you for the extra support at home. Between all our creature visits this month, crazy weather (very hot, very rainy), bringing the outdoors in



Our second week was busy talking about caterpillars and the life cycle of butterflies! FBCDS had the privilege of watching caterpillars transform into butterflies! The kids **LOVED** coming in everyday, checking on the caterpillars, and watching them become chrysalises at the end of April. Then, with perfect timing, we were able to watch the butterflies being released, flying away to their new homes! We focused on 2nd Corinthians 5:17, and being the new creation in Jesus Christ. We really had fun that week with our butterfly crafts and all the books on the life cycle of the butterfly!

The owls got our scuba gear on and went deep sea diving during the third week of May. Revisiting Genesis 1, we read about the amazing ocean God created, and the animals He created to live there. (Psalm 104:24 How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.) The kids loved learning fun facts about the earth's 5 oceans, the oceans 3 zones, and many of the animals that make it their

with our Camp Day and the accumulation of all learning this year being pulled together it was wonderful to both start and end our school year with the story of Creation.

I'd like to personally thank all of you for helping make this year at FBCDS such a joy! I feel truly blessed to have been called to this profession. Wishing you all a VERY safe and enjoyable summer break with your children and wishing them the best of luck in Kindergarten.

Remember...the wise words of Dr. Seuss from I Can Read With My Eyes Shut! "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." PLEASE take time each day this summer to read to your children.



Music with Marcia Lee

What a real treat it was for the boys and girls to practice and then sing songs honoring our mothers in the classroom. This year's Mother's Day celebration was different because we could not invite the mothers into the classrooms for a special treat. The children did work exceptionally hard preparing their gifts for you.



By this time of the year, the children are really singing their hearts out! The teachers have reported hearing the children singing in the hallway,

during snack time, on the playground, and even in the bathroom. During music time they especially sang out to a favorite song called **Bananaphone** ... WOW!



The two and three year olds enjoyed songs



such as "Wimoweh" (The Lion Sleeps Tonight), These

Are My Glasses, We Are the Dinosaurs, The Goldfish Song, I Know A Chicken, and The Airplane Song. Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Denisar made certain the children were really enjoying Music Time.

The four year olds spent a good part of May practicing for their Graduation program. They prepared a lot of their favorite songs (like Colors, I Am So H-A-P-P-Y, God Has a Plan, and Tooty Ta) for you to enjoy on Graduation night. I hope you were prepared to participate! This special night was fun, and the children had been looking forward to it indeed!



It was a fun year for me. Thank you for sharing your precious children. Thank you, too, for being so supportive and encouraging to all the FBCDS staff. I hope to see many of you next year! Have a great summer and may God bless you!



Chapel with Marcia Lee

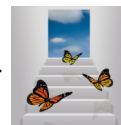


In our first Chapel lesson for May, our lesson was about honoring our mothers. In preparation for celebrating Mother's Day, we learned from Deuteronomy 5:16, "Honor your father and mother...this is a commandment of the Lord your God." The book entitled **Thank You, God, for Mommy**



by Amy Parker was read during Chapel time, and we discussed how our mothers are special gifts from God.

In our second Chapel lesson for May, we praised the beauty of the butterflies God provides for the Earth. The brilliant colors of each butterfly bring praise and glory to God. In Psalm 150:6, the Bible tells us, Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" "When we released our butterflies into the wild this month, we all said this verse together as a praise to God.



There are nine (9) attributes that make us more loving and better witnesses for our Lord. They are referred to as the "Fruits of the Spirit." The Bible verse from Galatians 5:22-23 lists these attributes. We learned a fun song in which are named fruits that are NOT 'fruits of the spirit' and then the fruits that ARE 'fruits of the spirit.' We should all strive to attain these attributes so others can see Christ in us! To view and hear the song, **Fruit of the Spirit**, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j2PUWQa7fs>. This particular version is uploaded by TheJHumpa1. **ENJOY!!!**

The Fruit of God's Spirit

