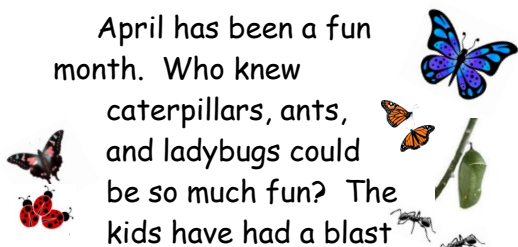


# Teacher Tales

## 2 1/2 Year Olds Kris Morris and Karen White

April has been a fun month. Who knew caterpillars, ants, and ladybugs could be so much fun? The kids have had a blast learning about bugs... (Even Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. White have learned a thing or two!)



We are also learning about prayer. I hope that the kids remember that our prayers never "Bug" God! Mrs. Morris has been attempting to teach the kids the ACTS prayer



model. (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) We will finish

this unit in May. It has warmed our hearts to hear what your kids thank God for, and what characteristics they adore most about Him. (Hint.. He is MIGHTY!).

We also celebrated our whole class turning 3 this month. Thank you for sharing your sweet 2 year olds with us! Oh boy, how much they have grown (physically and mentally!)

The month of May will bring



lots more fun, more bugs, camping, and farm animals!!



(Mrs. Morris is probably every bit as excited as the kids to see all those sweet furry animals when **Ponies Plus** visits the school!)



Double check those bags for one more month. Please make sure there is a weather appropriate change of clothes, including socks.

## 3 Year Olds Katie Denisar, Julie Zimmerman & Karen White

Wow! Did the month of April fly or what?! We had a great time learning about flowers, plants and gardens the first couple weeks after Spring Break. We read books like, **The Tiny Seed**

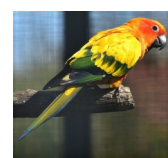
and **5 Tough and Tiny Seeds**.

The kids got to try their hand at planting as well. Each of the children got to plant a sunflower and help take care of it as it grew. We learned that plants need soil, water, sun and air to grow. In addition, we learned the different parts of a plant; roots, stem, leaves and flowers. They had fun planting a 'root garden' in a special planter in our classroom.



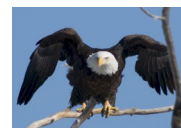
We planted radishes and carrots, watched them sprout, and are eager to see the roots grow as well! They loved making flowers out of play dough and different shapes. We even made beautiful flowers out of egg cartons!

The last part of the month,



we learned all about birds! We learned that all birds have feathers and wings and hatch

from eggs. Also, birds can be very different in size, diet and ability! We were lucky enough to have Jameson's Mamaw bring in one of her chickens to visit our M/W/F class! Thanks to her! The kids also were able to make 2 different bird feeders- one for hummingbirds and another with a pinecone, peanut butter and bird seed! We hope to turn them in to little bird watchers! We read lots of nonfiction books about birds and learned some different species in our area including cardinals, bald eagles, hummingbirds, robins and more!



The kids have done a great job at practicing writing their names when they come in to class now as part of their morning check in! They have also enjoyed practicing writing their numbers!

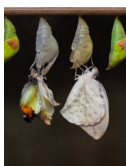


We have practiced 0-5 this month and will finish 6-10 in May. We look forward to celebrating moms in May as well as learning about farm animals, insects and having a camping week!



## 4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

What a fun April we had! After Spring break we spent the week learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We learned 2 Corinthians 5:17 that taught us that **"when we know Jesus we are transformed into a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come."** We made some great crafts and read some great books about the process of metamorphosis. We also were able to see the caterpillars for our class get bigger and bigger until they made a chrysalis. The owls are excited to see their next stage!



The second week in April was all about the ocean. Genesis 1:20 says God said "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures." We learned about the different zones of the ocean, and some of the very unique creatures God made in which to live. The Owl Class had fun creating some of these creatures with lots of glitter and sparkly things!



This week we were also very busy completing our kindergarten readiness assessments.



Our last week was spent learning about the water cycle - evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We read several books, sang many songs and made crafts about rain that will bring May flowers.

In May, we look forward to celebrating our moms for Mother's Day and our graduation ceremony. It is hard to believe that the end of the year is almost here! It is going to be very exciting!

Thank you for your time and flexibility during the parent-teacher conferences. I am so very proud of all our Owl friends' progress this year!



## 4 Year Olds Glenda Zarco and Sarah Medina

April showers... our last week was so much fun learning about the water cycle - evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We enjoyed lots of books, songs and crafts learning about rain that will bring May flowers.



Speaking of May flowers, we look forward to celebrating our amazing moms for Mother's Day.



The Bible verse for April was **"Everything created by God is good."** 1 Timothy 4:4. During this month we spoke about the many different areas of God's wonderful creation and how everything in creation has a purpose including every person. We had a lot of fun learning by having the students share examples of God's creations and what they aspire to be when they get older!

Our caterpillars arrived this month, and we started studying their transformation into butterflies as part of our science curriculum. We also studied other insects such as ladybugs and bees.



We are truly pleased with all the great progress demonstrated by your children throughout this school year. It was great meeting with parents to discuss each student's achievements and progress.

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 look forward to presenting a Mother's Day program especially for our moms! We are thrilled that you are going to visit us.

The exciting time of preparation for graduation will occur in May as well. We have one month to work hard and play hard together!







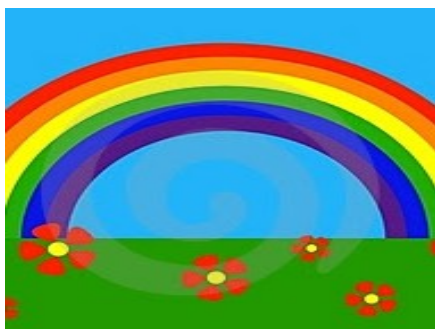
## Chapel with Marcia Lee

April began with Spring Break. Just 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! **"He is ALIVE!"** How wonderful to know we serve a risen Savior!

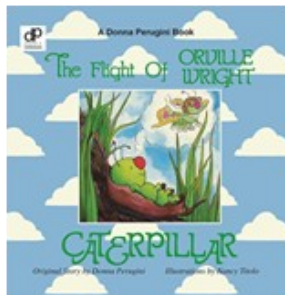
We compared a puzzle with a missing piece to individuals who are missing God from their hearts. The Bible verse is from Colossians 2:10, which says ***"In Him, I have been made complete."***



We were inspired by the strong 'man of God'. Noah followed God's instructions and built an ark to save the animals as well as his family from the flood that covered the Earth. The rainbow was God's promise that He would never again flood the entire Earth.



We received caterpillars after Spring Break, so we celebrated God's miraculous transformations of the caterpillar to a butterfly. We read, **The Flight of Orville Wright** by Donna Perugigi, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



## Music with Marcia Lee

Most of Music time during April was spent preparing songs for our Mother's Day program. All the boys and girls had fun getting ready to celebrate their moms. We hope you will have a great time on your special day!!!

April was a fun month! We exercised to some songs like **"The Wiggle Song," "I am So H-A-P-P-Y,"** and **"Tootie Ta."** The children really enjoyed the workout these songs provided for them!

The 4 year olds are working hard preparing for the Graduation Program which they will present on the evening of Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

Also in May, we will focus on songs about the sunshine,



warmer weather, and the interesting



animals and creatures we see during May.



I can hardly believe we are heading into May already. We will pack as much fun as we can during May, while reviewing all the skills on which the children have worked this year.



Keep a song in your HEART!!



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