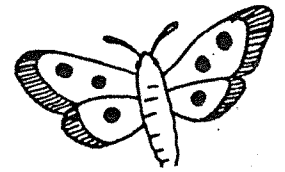


Celebrating God's Beautiful World May 2017



Dear Folks at Home,

Our current unit will focus on "Celebrating God's Beautiful World." God has given us Minnesotans four very distinctive seasons with many different kinds of weather. I know we are all ready to experience warm and sunny spring/summer days! We will talk about the importance of rain and sunshine to us, and to the plants and animals that God has created! We will also be learning about insects and spiders. Most insects have three body parts, six legs and antennae. Spiders have two body parts and eight legs, two for holding and six for walking.

There are many ways to bring this unit into your home. As the weather continues to warm up, take a walk with your child and see how many insects, spiders and other creatures you can find. Once you have found an insect or spider, try to identify it and learn more about it together. If you find insects or spiders dead or alive between now and the end of the school year, please send it to school with your child in a jar. It would be a lot of fun to watch a spider spin a web!

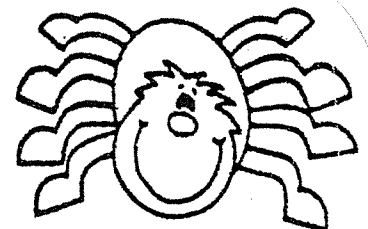
A highlight of our unit will be a field trip to Wargo Nature Center on May 10 (Class 3) and May 11 (Class 6). We will be dividing into groups to explore a variety of activities with naturalists at the nature center. We ask that the children pack a disposable lunch and drink for a picnic lunch before returning to school at 12:30. Please wear weather appropriate outerwear and good walking shoes for our field trip.

The children will be able to explore the dramatic play area that has been transformed into a campsite! The children will practice their camping skills with their friends. We hope that you all will find time to enjoy the wonderful outdoors with your family over the summer months! It has been fun watching the children explore a variety of roles in the dramatic play throughout the year.

Our first Jesus time will focus on the man from Africa (Acts 8:26-40). Through God's Word, the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts so we will believe in Jesus, our Savior. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can share the love of Jesus with others as Philip did in our Bible story. The second Bible story we will learn about Paul and Silas in jail (Acts 16:23-40). God has the power to save us from our troubles, including rescuing us from sin and death. We can pray to ask God to help us when we are facing trouble and sadness. Our last Bible story is Paul teaches Timothy (II Timothy 1:3-7; 3:14-17). God uses parents and teachers to teach us about Jesus our Savior!

Free-Choice Centers:

- Science Center: magnification Science box and sea shells
- Sensory Centers: blubber, counting insects activity, shaving cream on trays, sand with pots and flowers



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- Religion Center: the man from Africa, Paul is changed, Paul and Silas in jail, and Paul teaches Timothy
- Art Table: I Spy friendship bottle and Patriotic decoration made with paper plate and crepe paper
- Easel: flower with cray pas and beach ball with daubers and markers
- Letters of the Week: Review
- Shapes and Colors: Review



Important Dates to Remember:

- Field trip to Wargo Nature Center
 - Class 3— Wednesday, May 10 (School ends at 12:30)
 - Class 6— Thursday, May 11 (School ends at 12:30)
- Last Day of School/Chapel —
 - Class 3 —Wednesday, May 17 (10:45)
 - Class 6 —Thursday, May 18 (10:45)

We will have a special closing chapel service each day at 10:45 with school ending at 11:30

Song:

"Mr. Sun"

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, Please shine down on me.

Oh, Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun, hiding behind a tree.

These little children are asking you, to please come out so we can play with you.

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, please shine down on me.

"There is Thunder"

(tune: "Are You Sleeping")

There is thunder, there is thunder (pound the floor with palms of hands)

Hear it roar, hear it roar

Pitter patter raindrops,

I'm all wet! I'm all wet! (shake rain off hands)



In the name of the Risen Christ,

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"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."