

# April Newsletter

## Kindergarten and PreK5



**S**pring has arrived! This month we will investigate rain & rainbows, caterpillars and butterflies, springtime weather, more seeds & growing things.

SUMMER Camp registration forms and ALL Class Calendars and Monthly Newsletters are available on our website at [tcnsk.com](http://tcnsk.com) Sign up today for summer fun!

Please **update** a complete weather appropriate change of clothing for your child at school. And kindly remember to send them to school every day with a **jacket**. We are outside long before the forecasted high temperature of the day. Also, our playground is windy, so the “feels like” temperature at recess is always chillier than you might expect. We find it’s much easier for the children to take their jacket off if they are warm, rather than face the windy chill of our playground unprepared.

Frequently used words to get to know: them, then, many, so, would, out, she, some, these, other  
(Make flash cards, memorize & practice, practice!)

### Seven Tips for Raising Caring Children (continued)

3. Make caring for others a priority and set high ethical expectations. Try this:

- \* Send clear and daily messages about the importance of caring. For example, instead of saying to your child, “the most important thing is that you’re happy,” you might say, “The most important thing is that you are **kind** and that you are happy.”
- \* Prioritize caring when you talk with other key adults in your child’s life. Ask teachers and others that spend significant time with your child if you child acts kindly and cooperatively within the community before asking about academics or “good” behavior. “Good” is very relative.
- \* Before letting your child quit a team, a project or even a friendship - ask them to consider their obligations to others and encourage them to work out problems.

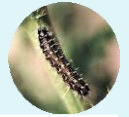
4. Provide opportunities for children to practice caring and gratitude. Try this:

- \* Expect children to routinely help with household chores and siblings. Caring is like a muscle. It develops and strengthens through practice.
- \* Make expressing gratitude a daily ritual at dinnertime, bedtime, or in the car.

### A Spring Prayer

by Paul Schreivogel

Oh, thank you Lord for the new life of spring,



for butterflies, puddles, showers and budding bushes, for planting, winds and wiggly worms...for new bird nests and new birds.

April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Chapel 10am-join us!

April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Picture Day



April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Last Bible Buddies visit

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### Donations Needed:

Elmer’s Glue sticks  
Can you help?

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### CATERPILLARS

We’ll watch tiny caterpillars grow, form a chrysalis and then emerge as Painted Lady butterflies!

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### COMING IN MAY

**May 3:** Class Field Trip- parents must attend more info soon

**May 16:** Graduation Day- plan to join us!

