



## Our Redeemer Child Care Center Toddler Room - Group 2 April 2016

### Weekly Themes

March 28 - April 1: Windy Weather  
April 4 - 8: April Showers / Noah's Ark  
April 11 - 15: Week of the Young Child  
April 18 - 22: Planting  
April 25 - April 29: Caterpillars

### April Songs and Fingerplays

#### Rain Song

It rained on Anne,  
It rained on Fran,  
It rained on Arabella!  
It did not rain on (Child's name)  
Because he/she had a big umbrella!

#### "The Rain"

Pitter-patter raindrops, falling from the sky  
(Wiggle fingers to imitate falling rain.)  
Here is my umbrella to keep me safe and dry!  
(Hands over head.)  
When the rain is over, and the sun begins to glow,  
(Make a large circle with arms.)  
Little flowers start to bud,  
(Cup two hands together.)  
And grow and grow and grow!  
(Spread hands apart slowly.)

#### "Plant a Seed" (tune: London Bridges)

Plant a seed into some soil, into some soil, into some soil,  
Plant a seed into some soil, then we'll watch it grow.  
When it's dry, we'll water it, water it, water it,  
When it's dry we'll water it, then we'll watch it grow.  
Make sure that it's in the sun, in the sun, in the sun.  
Make sure that it's in the sun, then we'll watch it grow.

#### "The Fuzzy Caterpillar" (tune: Itsy Bitsy Spider)

The fuzzy caterpillar curled up on a leaf,  
Spun her little chrysalis and then fell fast asleep.  
While she was sleeping, she dreamed that she could fly.  
And later when she woke up, she was a butterfly.

### Class Notes!

- Miss Sue will be here on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Pizza Days: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in your pizza money by Wednesday, as pizza must be ordered in advance.
- *Week of the Young Child*, April 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

As you may know ORCCC recently received its re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The NAEYC is a professional membership organization that works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by NAEYC celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. This year's Week of the Young Child™ is **April 11 – 15<sup>th</sup>** and the theme is **Celebrating Our Youngest Learners®**.

Our classroom will celebrate this week with Music Monday, Nutrition Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Family Friday (look for new displays in the hallway inviting you to participate in our celebration).



**SCIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM!  
TODDLERS TAKE A CLOSE LOOK  
WHILE TEACHERS SHOW THEM  
WHAT THEY WILL USE FOR  
THEIR EXPERIMENT. ON THIS  
PARTICULAR DAY WE USED  
WARM WATER, BAKING SODA,  
VINEGAR & RAISINS TO TRY TO  
MAKE THE RAISINS "DANCE" –  
IT WORKED!**

#### "A Windowsill Garden": A Fun Project for Home!

You will need 3 or 4 bean seeds (if you soak them overnight, it will help them grow faster), paper towels, a glass jar with a lid and water.

- Line the jar with paper towels.
- Place beans between the paper towel and the jar, so that you can see them through the sides of the glass.
- Keep the paper towel damp with water as needed.
- Within a week, the beans should sprout and start to grow.
- You can plant the sprouts outdoors when they are about 2 inches tall. Have fun!

- Amanda M., Amanda T. & Ana