Our Redeemer Child Care Center
Toddler Room – Group 2
April 2013

Weekly Themes

April 1 - 5: Teddy Bears
April 8 - 12: April Showers
April 15 - 19: Noah's Ark
April 22 - 26: Planting
April 29 – May 3: Caterpillars

April Songs and Fingerplays

"Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear"
Teddy bear, teddy bear – turn around,
Teddy bear, teddy bear – touch the ground,
Teddy bear, teddy bear – shine your shoes,
Teddy bear, teddy bear – that will do!
(Continue with go upstairs/say your prayers, turn out the light/say goodnight)

"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.)

"The Rainbow Song" (tune: Twinkle, Twinkle)
Red and orange, green and blue, shiny yellow, purple too.
All the colors that we know, live up in the rainbow.
Red and orange, green and blue, shiny yellow purple too.

"Noah Sailed" (tune: Row Your Boat)
Noah sailed the ark, out into the storm.
Rain was falling all around, but they were safe and warm!

"Plant a Seed" (tune: London Bridges)
Plant a seed and water it, water it, water it.
Plant a seed and 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.

Class Notes!

- Miss Sue will be here on April 11th, 17th and 25th.
- Pizza Days: April 5th, 11th, 19th and 25th. Please turn in your pizza money by Wednesday, as pizza must be ordered in advance.
- "The Rainforest Reptile Show" will be here on Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:30. All are welcome!
- The Yankee Candle Fundraiser ends April 2nd.

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The 2013 Week of the Young Child™ is **April 14–20** and the theme is **Early Years Are Learning Years**®.

Look for new resources and hand-outs regarding early childhood education (we'll put them beside the parent sign-in sheet). Or, visit www.naeyc.org to look up specific topics or concerns.

Also, we would like to say "thank you" to everyone who participated in our latest family literacy project. What a success - our wall of hearts looks great! Keep reading!

WE HAD A BLAST PLAYING IN THE SNOW, BUT IT'S TIME TO SAY "GOODBYE" TO WINTER AND "HELLO" TO SPRING!

"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!

- "The Amanda's"