



**Our Redeemer Child Care Center
Toddler Room - Group 2
April 2017**

Weekly Themes

March 27 - 31: Windy Weather
April 3 - 7: April Showers
April 10 - 13: Easter
April 17 - 21: Planting
April 24 - 28: Week of the Young Child

Class Notes!

- ♪ Miss Sue will be here for Music & Movement on April 6th & 19th ♪
- Pizza Days: April 6th, 13th, 21st, 27th.
- ORCCC will be closed on Friday, April 14th for Good Friday.
- Join us for Family Night on Thursday, April 13th from 6:00-7:00p.m.

ORCCC is accredited by 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 24th - 28th**. This week, we will be celebrating with other centers across the country with the themes: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday.

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.)

"Easter Bunny"

The hippity-hoppity Easter Bunny is coming straight for me.
Closer and closer, he hops up on my knee.
Up to my shoulder the bunny's much too near.
"Happy Easter" he whispers in my ear.

"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.



**CHECKING OUT
SOME
CREATURES AT
THE RAINFOREST
REPTILE SHOW!**

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

Toddlers are natural explorers and investigators - making the science activities we do in the classroom especially exciting. They may enjoy this planting experience at 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 (if you are worried about your child handling glass you can use a ziploc bag).

- 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. and Amanda T.