



**Our Redeemer Child Care Center
Toddler Room - Group 2
April 2018**

Weekly Themes

April 2 - 6: Famous Artists
April 9 - 13: April Showers
April 16 - 20: Week of the Young Child
April 23 - 27: Planting
April 30 - May 4: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Class Notes!

- Miss Sue will be here for Music & Movement on April 12th & 25th
- Pizza Days: April 6th, 12th, 20th & 26th
- Stony Brook will be visiting ORCCC on Wednesday, April 4th for an Amphibian Show.
- Earth Day, April 22nd.

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.)

"The Flower Song" (Do You Know the Muffin Man)

Curl up like a tiny seed,
A tiny seed, a tiny seed.
Warm sun is what you need.
Now you can start growing.
Drink the rain and start to rise,
Start to rise, start to rise.
Stretch up tall, arms open wide,
Now a flower's showing.

"I am Special" (tune: Frere Jacques)

I am special, I am special, (point to self)
Don't you see? Don't you see? (make binoculars)
Someone very special, someone very special, (hands out)
Because God made me, God made me! (point to self)

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**WE HAD FUN
HUNTING FOR
GOLD TO
CELEBRATE ST.
PATRICK'S DAY.**

"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.