



**Our Redeemer Child Care Center**  
**Toddler Room - Group 2**  
**April 2019**

**Weekly Themes**

April 1 - 5: April Showers  
April 8 - 12: Week of the Young Child  
April 15 - 18: Easter  
April 22 - 26: Earth Day/Planting  
April 29 - May 3: Caterpillars & Butterflies

**Class Notes!**

- Join us for Family Night: Fri., April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Miss Meg will be here for Music & Movement on April 25<sup>th</sup>!
- Pizza Days: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
- Big Joe the Storyteller will be here Thurs., April 18<sup>th</sup>
- ORCCC will be closed for Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> HAPPY EASTER
- Mon., April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. "Darkness to Light" workshop: empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse. Let a teacher know if you would like to attend.

**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!

**"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*)

**"The Hippety-Hoppity Easter Bunny"**

The hippity-hoppity Easter Bunny  
is coming straight to 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!"

**"Spring Song"**

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.*)

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**Cotton ball CLOUDS**



**"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.