



The Chatter

From the Director's Desk

We hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break. The kids did a fabulous job at the Easter program. All of the bonnets were just so darling. I was so happy that we had such a beautiful day for the egg hunt and not the cold weather we are having this week. Thank you so much to the room parents who did an amazing job setting up for the luncheon. I am so appreciate of their time and efforts to make our programs so special.

Please remember that during this time of year where the weather can go from 30 degrees to 80 degrees that we try to go outside as much as the weather will allow. Please make sure your kids have warm coats with them in the morning even if it is predicted to get warmer by the afternoon. We are looking forward to bringing out the tricycles in April and May. Pretty soon, the Fish Pond and Butterfly classes will mark the 100th day of school with projects and a day full of fun. It is hard to believe that we only have about 7 more weeks of school left. Now that the weather is getting nicer, please be sure to not let your children play in the area outside near my office window or on the stairs. Not only does the church plant flowers there but it can also be very dangerous. Please know that you are all welcome to use the playground after school. We just ask that you please make sure that the children clean up all of the buckets and shovels before they leave. They are used to doing this during the school day so they know all the rules and can clean up themselves.

We still have a few more openings for our **SUMMER CAMP**. I must receive all registration forms by this April 22. Any remaining spots will be offered to our new families coming to AGC next year.

We will continue to have aftercare on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm-3pm through May 26. If you are interested in having your child attend, you can sign up on the parent board next to my office. The charge for aftercare is \$15.00.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our graduation ceremony and last day of school which is Wednesday, June 1.
Happy Spring!!!!

All God's Children Weekday Program

- ☺ Special points of interest:
- ☺ White Tee Shirt Day—April 7
- ☺ Vendor Sale—April 13
- ☺ Pizza Day and Chapel—April 14
- ☺ Ledo Pizza Fund-raiser and Chapel—April 20
- ☺ AGC Closed—April 22 because FCPS is closed
- ☺ AGC Spirit Shirt Day—April 27
- ☺ Mothers Day celebrations—May 5 and 6

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Lambs Class—Ms. Jessie and Ms. Dani

We are so proud of our amazing Lambs, their participation in our Easter program was simply wonderful! The Easter bonnets that all our families made for them were quite spectacular as well. It was such a wonderful last day of celebrations at AGC before going on our Spring Break.

This month will be very busy as we observe and explore everything that is growing and blooming around us and continue to experience the joy of Jesus's love. We will also increase our work on our fine motor skills with our new pencil grips and will graduate

from "play dough scissors" to real ones this month.

Our number books were such a huge hit, that we will now begin work on making new ones up to the number 10. Show n Share is a huge success and each Lamb is very proud to have an entire week of school to share their items from home. The questions being asked during this segment are simply adorable!

Thank you Lamb's families for sharing your most cherished gifts with us.



Monkeys Class—Ms. Melissa, Ms. Laurence and Ms. Heera



What a fun Easter Program we had to end the month of March. The Monkeys worked so hard with Ms. Karen and did a fabulous job on stage in front of so many people. I don't think they ever missed a beat and we are so proud of their hard work. The Easter Bonnet parade was a huge success and our Monkeys paraded their very creative bonnets so proudly! Thank you to all of our parents for making our Easter Luncheon so special. I couldn't believe the amount of food we had and everything was so yummy.

April will bring lots to do for the Monkeys. We are continuing to learn our alphabet and our sounds and they know their numbers 1-10 perfectly. We are using our new scissors and are doing a great job!! Thank you to Connor's Mom who donated scissors with springs to make it easier for the Monkey's little hands.

Spring is supposed to bring in much warmer weather, but we will still have lots of cold mornings. We will be outside more and more for our recess, so please make sure you send in a coat each and every day. With the weather getting warmer some of our little Monkeys may want to wear sandals or even flip flops, I would ask you to put only closed toe shoes such as sneakers on the kids every day. It makes it safer for them on the playground! Have a great April and enjoy the warmer days.

Rainbows Class—Ms. Sharon and Ms. Suzanne

The Rainbow Class will have much to do this month. April will find us exploring nature as we watch our caterpillars turn into butterflies and as we plant seeds to see how they grow. We will bring the outside inside as we decorate our bulletin board with forsythias, cherry trees and azaleas. During show-and-tell we will show our favorite books, pictures of our families, and will share beautiful and interesting things from nature. Our letter-of-the-week project will come to an end, but that doesn't mean that we are done with our letters! We will travel through the alphabet again identifying and writing letters, and will also travel through the solar system as we learn about the sun and the planets (even Pluto!). Our Bible verse this month is "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth," Job 19:25.



Have a beautiful and blessed April.

Fish Pond Class—Ms. Bernadette and Ms. Faith

"Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, 'I am the Lord who made all things"

Isaiah 44:24

Happy April and Happy Spring Fish Pond families!!! We hope you enjoyed your spring break, the cherry blossoms, and this fantastic weather we're having. This April, **"new life and creatures"** are our themes and **"white"** is our color. After all the snow, rain, and wind we've had, it's officially spring! You can hear the birds chirping and animals are coming out of their hibernation, plants are growing, flowers are blooming and we are finally going to celebrate our 100 days of school! We can't wait to see those awesome 100 Day of School projects. We are hoping for wonderful outdoor weather so we can go out and play games, eat our special lunch, and have popsicles. We fully intend to enjoy this lovely spring weather with more playground time and hopefully be able to ride our trikes. In class, we will practice writing the letters Tt, Uu, Vv, and Ww and the numbers 20, 21, 22, and 23. We are going to continue learning about rhymes, opposites, and patterns. This April, we are also going to start recognizing word families and solve simple math problems (addition and subtraction). We would like to say THANK YOU once again to our room parents who made our Easter celebration memorable and fun! Your children's bonnets/caps/hats were adorable and very creative. We are blessed to have such wonderful families in our class.



The Fish Pond is celebrating two birthdays this April ~ a very Happy 5th Birthday to Emma on the 25th and Kaylee on the 28th!!!

Butterflies Class—Ms. Michele and Ms. Preeti

April showers bring Blooming Kindergarteners...



Hopefully spring will stick around allowing our butterflies to fly outside and play at the playground.

This month in the Butterflies class, we are in a race to the finish line with Letters T, U, V, W, and numbers 18, 19 and 20! We will reinforce the letter "T" by having a class TEA PARTY.

At this time of year our goal is for the Butterflies to learn how to follow more complex instructions and multi-task while learning so they are ready for a larger classroom setting.

They are more aware than ever of the beginning and ending sounds of words. The cool thing is that now they auditory identify the sounds in the middle too. Yes, we are very proud of them!

We will explore the season and nature and top it off with a terrarium and a worm box to go with our Science curriculum. Soon our caterpillars will arrive and it will be very exciting to watch our own chrysalis grow into caterpillars and then onto beautiful butterflies. WOW, just like our soon to be Kindergarteners.

It's also time to learn our address. Miss Preeti and I feel it is important for the safety our little butterflies that they know this information, in case they are lost and need to fly back home to their big butterflies.

Happy birthday to Sydney K., Sydney G. and Ayetu. Our precious girls are turning 5!

Music—Ms. Karen

I'm so proud of your children for their energetic singing at the Easter program. They did a great job! In class, we'll start working on our songs for this year's Graduation Program on Wednesday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. Lyrics for the Graduation songs ("One By One," "Love Like You," and "It Is Good") are printed below, and you are encouraged to go over them with your child at home, if possible.

In keeping with AGC's April theme of "New Life/Creatures," we'll explore fun songs about zoo animals in the beginning of April. We'll march with animal puppets to "Going To The Zoo." We'll pretend to be zoo animals to "Animal Action I," "Animal Action II," and "New Zoo Review." We'll move to The Wiggles' "The Monkey Dance" and to "Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport." We'll use hoops to Hap Palmer's "Birds In The Circle."

Later in April, we'll have songs featuring western animals. We'll pretend to ride horses to "The Trail Ride" and "She'll Be Coming Around The Mountain." We'll act out The Wiggles' "One Little Coyote" song, play instruments to "Git Along Little Dogies," and dance to "A Western Medley."

At the end of April, we'll focus on songs about bugs, birds, and flowers. We'll fly our bumblebee finger puppets to Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee." We'll play sticks to Hap Palmer's "Woodpecker" song. We'll do a line dance to "Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me" and dance in pairs to "Rockin' Robin." We'll play maracas to Charlotte Diamond's insightful "Each Of Us Is A Flower" song. We'll act out Hap Palmer's fun "Ten Wiggle Worms" song.

ONE BY ONE

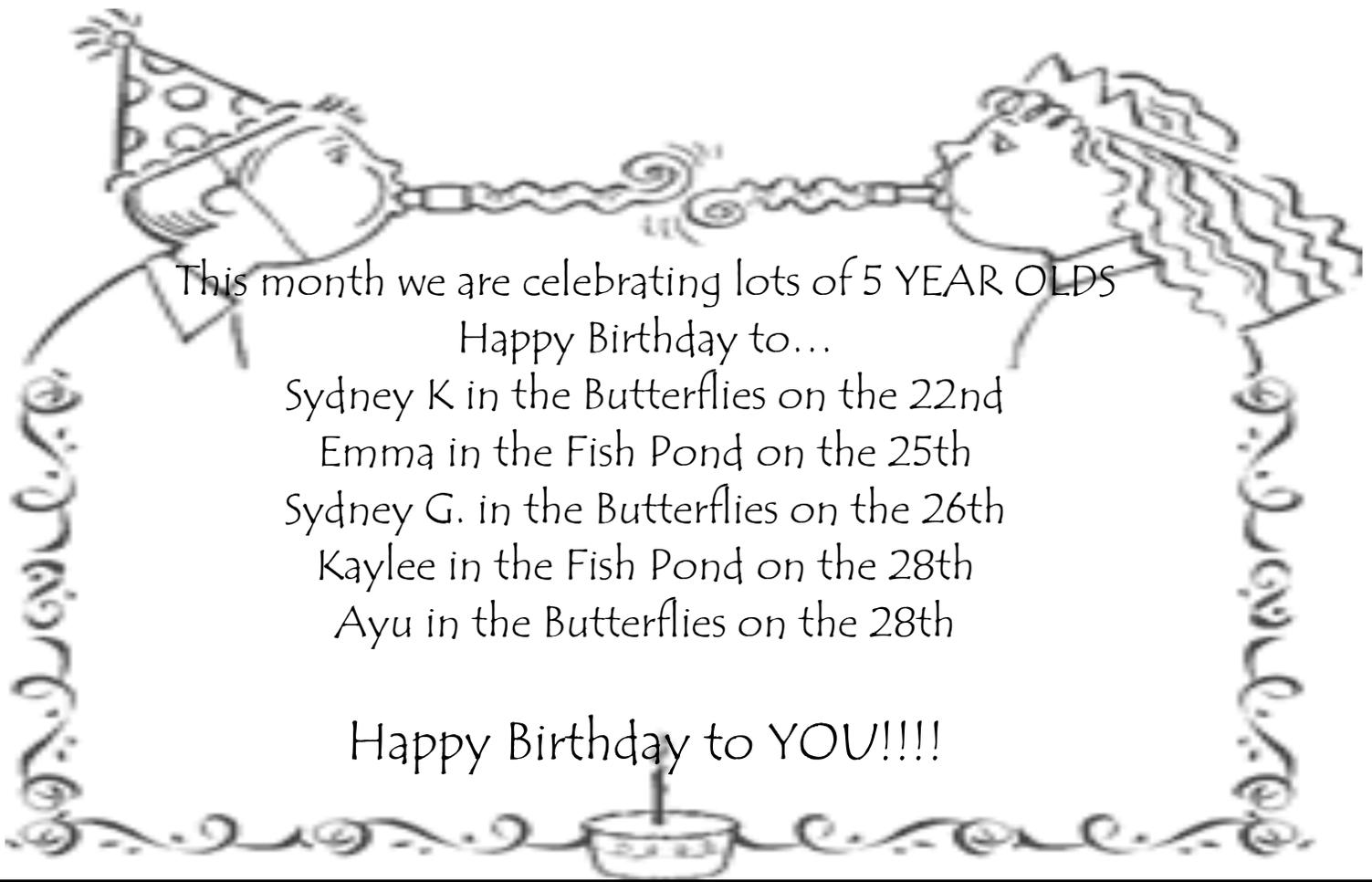
One By One, All God's Children
All God's Children, One By One
Loving, Learning, Leading, Laughing
Every Daughter, Every Son
Two By Two, All God's Children
All God's Children, Two By Two
Loving, Learning, Leading, Laughing
That Is What God's Children Do
You And Me, We're God's Children
We're God's Children, You And Me
Loving, Learning, Leading, Laughing
Faithful, Gifted, Strong, And Free
Here Or There, All God's Children
All God's Children, Here Or There
Loving, Learning, Leading, Laughing
Every Color, Everywhere

LOVE LIKE YOU

Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You
With Patience and Kindness, Forgiveness Too
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You
Oh Lord, Won't You Help Me To Love Like You?
When I'm Feeling Glad
Help Me To Love Like You
When I'm Feeling Bad
Help Me To Love Like You
When I Don't Get My Way
Help Me To Love Like You
At School Or At Play
Help Me To Love Like You
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You
With Patience and Kindness, Forgiveness Too
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You
Oh Lord, Won't You Help Me To Love Like You?
When Mom Needs Some Hugs
Help Me To Love Like You
When My Brother Bugs
Help Me To Love Like You
In All That I Say
Help Me To Love Like You
Every Day
Help Me To Love Like You
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You
With Patience and Kindness, Forgiveness Too
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You
Oh Lord, Won't You Help Me To Love Like You?

IT IS GOOD

Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh Hey!
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh Hey!
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh
Verse
God Made The World, The Land And Sea
God Made The Creatures, Big And Small
God Made The Sky, The Galaxies
Sun, Moon, And Stars, He Made Them All
But Something Was Missing, A Daughter And Son
God Wanted Someone To Love
So He Made A Family
And When He Was Done
He Smiled On It All And Said, "It Is Good"
Chorus
It Is Good, It Is Good
Everything God Made
From The Stars In The Sky
To The Ocean Waves
It Is Good, It Is Good
God Made You And Me
We Are His Family
And It Is Good
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh Hey!
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh Hey!
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh
REPEAT Verse
REPEAT Chorus
REPEAT Chorus
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh Hey!
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh Hey!
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh



This month we are celebrating lots of 5 YEAR OLDS

Happy Birthday to...

Sydney K in the Butterflies on the 22nd

Emma in the Fish Pond on the 25th

Sydney G. in the Butterflies on the 26th

Kaylee in the Fish Pond on the 28th

Ayu in the Butterflies on the 28th

Happy Birthday to YOU!!!!

A few dates for the 2016 –2017 school year for returning AGC students...

- Open House—Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 9:30am—11:00am
- First Day of School—Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 9am
- I do not need new medical forms for your child UNLESS there has been a change in their health OR they have gotten new shots. I have medical forms in my office if your child falls into either of the above categories. Most doctors offices will allow you to drop of the form and pick it up at a later date if your child has already had their appointment. Thank you for helping me stay in compliance with local and state regulations.

For our soon-to-be kindergarten families, please note:

- Kindergarten open houses will be happening within the next month or so. Be sure to visit your neighborhood elementary school to get registration information and to find out when the open houses will be occurring
- You will need to have a new physical done for your child. Be sure to schedule appointments soon as they become hard to get as the summer time gets closer.

TIME TO RESTOCK! WHILE YOU ARE OUT SHOPPING, AGC IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BABY WIPES

THANK YOU!!!

