

# Stepping Stones News

Stepping Stones Preschool Newsletter ~ April 2010  
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## Children are Like Kites by Erma Bombeck

You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground. You run with them until you are both breathless. They crash. They hit the rooftop, you patch and comfort, adjust and teach them. You watch them, lifted by the wind and assure them that someday they'll fly! Finally they are airborne. They need more string and you keep letting it out. But with each twist of the ball of twine, there is a sadness that goes with joy. The kite becomes more distant, and you know it won't be long before that beautiful creature will snap the lifeline that binds you two together and will soar as it is meant to soar, free and alone. Only then do you know that you did your job.

Hard to believe that we are preparing for a very busy spring and last two months of school. Please read all information carefully about the Spring Program, picture days and color days.

Let me also include some important May dates to put on your calendar. May 5-6—Tea Parties for Green, Blue, Brown, Pink, Purple and Rainbow Rooms only.

May 12-13—Field Trip. We will be traveling by school bus to Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs.

May 18—Last day of school and Pre-K Graduation at 6:30 p.m.  
Have a great Spring!!

## *Bible Story*

“Never before had there been such a plague of locusts”  
—Erodus10:14

Our theme for the month is “A Very Buggy Camp Out.” So the Bible Story is about bugs—lots of bugs as I will tell the story of Moses trying to leave Egypt. We will put a hex nut into a balloon to make the buzzing sound.

God was always with Moses but it took the Pharaoh some buggy nights before he let Moses and the Israelites go.

**theme:**  
“The Very Buggy  
Camp Out”

**color:**  
Yellow

**shape:**  
Oval

**letters:**  
I, E, R, Y

**number:**  
9

**Did You Know It's ...**  
**National Turn Off**  
**Your TV & Read**  
**Month**

**National Humor**  
**Month**

**April 2**  
Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL

**April 5 & 6**  
Resurrection Biscuits

**April 7-9**  
Individual pictures &  
Class pictures

**April 14-16**  
Yellow Days

**April 19 & 20**  
Spring Program  
6:30 p.m.

**April 28-30**  
Bible Story



Spring Program  
Stepping Stones  
Preschool  
Presents  
"Camp Stepping Stones"  
April 19 & 20, 6:30 p.m.

The attire for the evening will be casual. Please wear jeans, shorts and bright colored tops. We will have trail mix for our reception in the Social Hall. We are asking each class to bring an item to put into the mix. Remember to check for NO PEANUTS or TRACE NUTS.

Green Room—Large bag of Stick Pretzels

Brown Room—Box of Chex cereals

Blue Room—Mini Marshmallows

Yellow Room—Bag or box of raisins

Orange Room—Large Bag of Cheetos

Red Room—Box Cheezits

Purple Room—1 Large bag Sunchips

Pink & Rainbow Rooms—See Miss Diane

**Rehearsals:** **MWF Red, Orange and Yellow Rooms** will practice Monday, April 19. Friday children will rehearse on Monday at 10:15 a.m., and parents are asked to take their children to classrooms then stay during rehearsals in the Sanctuary. Friday children will be dismissed after rehearsal. Rehearsal will last approximately one hour. **TTh Red, Orange and Yellow Rooms** will practice Tuesday, April 20.

If you are not able to come on your scheduled night, you may let your teacher know. Families and friends are invited to join us for these celebrations.

**Purple Room TTh** afternoon and **Green Room** afternoons—children can arrive at 10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These students need to bring a lunch to eat at school.

**Green Mornings, Blue, Brown, Rainbow & Pink Rooms** will attend school as usual on rehearsal days. If your child is normally picked up at 11:30, then please pick them up. All children are dismissed at 1:00 p.m., even class that regularly ends at 2:00 p.m. on TTh in the Brown Room.

Thank you to  
Josie Plakyda  
for donating the  
sign language  
book to our  
classroom.

### Picture Days

Individual and  
classroom pictures  
will be taken April  
7-9 by Mr. Roy  
Wall, photogra-  
pher.

### Resurrection Biscuits April 5 & 6

All classes will be  
doing this activity on  
Monday and Tuesday,  
April 5 & 6. The school  
will provide the ingre-  
dients. Ask your chil-  
dren to tell you all  
about them.

## *Notes from your teachers . . .*

### *Miss Anne —*

The Red Room is going on a “Very Buggy Campout” in April! First of all, to go camping we have to watch the spring weather. The rhyme says “April showers bring May flowers.” Is that really true? We’ll chart wet and dry days all month long to check out that rhyme! The changeable April weather can also be stormy—we’ll experiment with 2 pop bottles and a Tornado Tube, and make spinning “Tornado pictures.” After the storm, there might be a rainbow—we’ll make squeeze rainbow art, and make “Rainbows in a Jar.” When the weather is nice, we’ll go camping in our Dramatic Play area—we’ll have our tent, lawn chairs, BBQ grill and picnic stuff. We’ll be sure to find lots of bugs when we camp—ladybugs, ants, caterpillars and butterflies. We might also go fishing! We are singing about “Roasting Marshmallows” for our Spring Program on April 19 & 20, and we’ll make “Super S’more” art, too! Secret surprises for our mommies will be created at the end of April -- sh-h-h! Sounds like a busy, buggy month for the Pandas!

### *Miss Dawn —*

Hello Yellow Room friends! I sure hope April does not go as fast as March did. In April, we are going to start out the month by celebrating Easter and the Resurrection. We will cook some Resurrection biscuits and they are very yummy. Throughout the month, we will be talking about things that we see and do when we go camping. We will also be taking Individual and Class pictures. Mr. Roy will come into our classroom and take pictures while the children play. They turn out wonderfully, this way. This will happen on April 7th-9th. The next week we are going to have our color days, the 14th-16th. Around that time we will have some very special caterpillars come in, to watch them grow and turn into butterflies.

### *Miss Kim —*

Welcome Spring! I can hardly believe it is already April. Now that it is Spring, we hopefully will get to spend some much needed time outside! We are going camping this month. We will look at the oval shape and the color yellow. Some art we will do this month includes making s’mores, flowers, and chicks. Please remember there is No School on Friday the 2nd. We will have Easter egg hunts before the month begins. Spring pictures and class pictures will be taken on the 7th-9th. Our Spring Program will be Monday, the 19th for Monday & Friday classes; and on the 20th for Tuesday classes. The classroom door will open at 6:15 p.m. to receive your children. We will have a Bible Story on the 28th-30th. We also look forward every year to receiving our class caterpillars at the end of April. We will watch them grow, cocoon, and then we will release them. This is always a fun project for the kids. Please remember as it is getting warmer outside we will be having recess outside. Please remember to send you child with a jacket and tennis shoes. As always, my door is always open if you ever have questions or need to talk to me.

### *Imagination Day —*

We will start the month of April with “campin’ out. We will have tents, lanterns, and a campfire. On the 16th, the Drama Room will transform into a garden. We will be reading Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert. The next week, we will be learning about the Earth and recycling. For the last week of April, we are reading Tiny Seed by Eric Carle. We will be planting seeds.

***Miss Madeline, Miss Lori & Miss Lisa*** —

Spring has sprung in the Pink & Purple Rooms! This month you will find us making our Resurrection Biscuits after Easter arrives, we will enjoy the outdoors as much as possible so be sure to layer your children with a jacket everyday. We will have fun pretending to “camp out” in our rooms and making fun art projects for the month! We will begin our Mother’s Day project and practice our song for our Spring Program on April 19 & 20. Our class and individual pictures will be taken April 7th & 8th.

***Miss Dianne*** —

We will start our April with chicks and eggs. We’ll make feathery chicks for the bulletin board and peek-a-boo eggs. Then, it’s off to camp! We’ll go on a nature hike in our yard, go fish for ABCs, and pretend to camp in our home center. We will catch some bugs and worms along the way and wind up at the end of the rainbow. Come join us as we explore the month of April. Here are a few of the books that we will share: The Singing Chick, The Golden Egg Book, Amy Loves the Sun, In the Tall Tall Grass, Curious George Goes Camping, and The Very Lonely Firefly.

Thank you parents for reading to us in the month of March. Letter weeks:

April 5—“E”

April 12—“Y”

April 19—“I”

April 26—“R”

**Snack ideas for April**—I found some fun “camping snacks” for the month that I will post outside of my door.

***Miss Jamie*** —

We are ready for a “Very Buggy Campout” this month! We are sure to have lots of fun as we turn our room into bugs and camping! Some things we will make this month are a pet rock, a yellow duck, dragonfly and we can’t forget about our “Very Hungry Caterpillars!” We will get to watch caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies at the end of April into May! Some books we will read this month are Bugs, Bugs, Bugs, There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, Splish Splash Spring and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will be working very hard all month to perform for you at our Spring Program on April 19 and 20! Also, don’t forget individual and class pictures are April 7-9! Happy Spring!

***Miss Trish*** —

I can’t believe it is April already! This year is flying by. April is going to be a fun month. Our theme is all about camping—which includes bugs! This first week, we will finish up our Easter projects and then we will do several bug projects. Earth Day is April 22, so we will be talking about the Earth and make an Earth project. We will also be practicing hard for our Spring Program which is on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Have a great month!

***Miss Jennifer*** —

Wow! What a fun and exciting month we are going to have in the Brown Room! We will be hopping in and out of Easter with our egg hunt and resurrection biscuits. We will also enjoy the story The Runaway Bunny and create some literacy connections to go along with the story. We will then be gearing up for one of my favorite units in the classroom; camping! We are going to have a lot of fun with fish, worms, canteens, lanterns, tents and more. We, of course, will continue practicing for the Spring Program. The big night of our program is Monday, April 19th/Tuesday, April 20th. Both are at 6:30 p.m. Your child needs to be here at 6:15 p.m. in camping clothes. We will enjoy getting our pictures taken on April 7th & 8th.

It’s going to be a very fun month, so hang on tight.