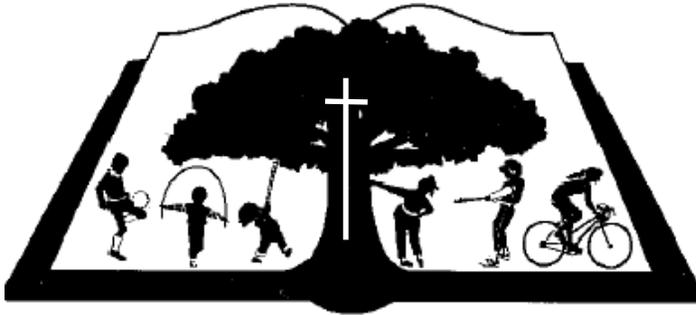


School News



First Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten



***“Continue to live in Christ Jesus,
rooted and built up in Him,
strengthened in the faith
as you were taught.”***

Colossians 2: 6-7

From the Director

Dear Parents,

May has arrived but we still can't trust the weather! Who would have predicted snow showers for the Spring Gala?! The program turned out great, regardless! I hope the parents, families, and friends enjoyed it. I thank the staff for the extra patience and time they put in to help their students put on such a wonderful show! Kudos to Mr. Eric Hogan and Laura Constans for the stage design and video production.

We did have a videographer to capture our program. There will be DVDs available for sale of \$20.00 next week. Please contact me if you would like to purchase a DVD. Parents, if you took pictures or videos, we would like to see them. Please go to the school blog: 1stbaptistpk.blogspot.com. Pictures may be downloaded from the school Picasso Web Album site.

The children will be planting seeds to transplant to the playground gardens. We are asking parents to donate flower seedlings, planters, and potting soil. (Be aware,



Important Dates

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 15

Grandparents' Day

Monday, May 27

School Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29

Progress Reports go out

Monday, June 3

"Fun in the Sun" Summer Camp Begins

School Colors

 **Mondays:** yellow and/or white

 **Tuesdays:** red

 **Wednesdays:** orange and/or brown

 **Thursdays:** blue and/or purple

 **Fridays:** green



How many ladybugs can you find?
The answer is on page 4.

Home Depot and Loew's seedling plants have been sprayed with insecticides that kill bees.) We need water and sandbox toys, too. We are looking forward to spending a lot of time outside and enjoying the weather.

We ask that your child **does not wear flip flops** to school. Gym shoes or closed-toed sandals are much safer for feet and ankles.



The Preschool & Kindergarten Graduation will be Friday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are so proud of all our students; they have made great progress.

Progress Reports will be going out May 28. Teachers will be available for conferences; if you are interested, please see your child's teachers to set up an appointment time.



Our Summer Camp, "Fun in the Sun," begins Monday, June 3. Camp includes field trips, swimming/water play, Spanish, arts and crafts, team sports, and a Junior Olympics. Each class will post their daily schedule. The last day of camp is Thursday, August 15. We are asking for

Summer Camp fees; more information will be available by May 10. The fee will cover Summer Camp activities, except for swimming.

The school will be closed Friday, August 16 and Monday-Wednesday, August 19, 20, & 21. Full tuition is required for August. The new school year begins Monday, August 26, 2019. **Please make sure you have paid your \$75.00 Registration Fee to insure your child's enrollment space for the 2019-2020 school year. The child care cost will be \$900 as of September 1, 2019.**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please take the time to show the teachers your appreciation for all that they do for your child.

We wish all the mothers a wonderful Mother's Day.



We're planning Grandparents' Day on Wednesday, May 15. Invitations will be going out soon.

Peace & love,

—Ms. Barbara
Director

123 Sesame Street Room



Yay! The 123 Sesame Street Class has made it to the finish line.

May marks the end of the academic school year and we have so much for which to be proud. Our students have grown so much from the

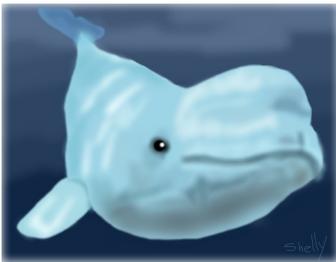


beginning of the school year until now. From the teary-eyed toddlers to the independent conversationalists we see today, we are so



proud of their growth.

We also hope that you have enjoyed this school year with your child as well. Thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of your child's life. We wish your child continued success.



The 123 classroom did a spectacular job this year performing *Baby Beluga*. We hope that you enjoyed the children's performance as much as we enjoyed working with them.

Sunshine Room



How wonderful that spring is finally here (especially after the last bit of winter we've had)! Everything is turning green and flowers are coming up. It is a great opportunity for the children to see nature.

We congratulate our children for their participation in our Annual Spring Gala. It would not have been possible without your help.

ABC During May we will continue to review our ABCs, numbers, and **123** science concepts.



We do not want to end our letter without a special well-deserved greeting to our mothers for Mother's Day. It is hard to express a year's worth of your dedication in one day.

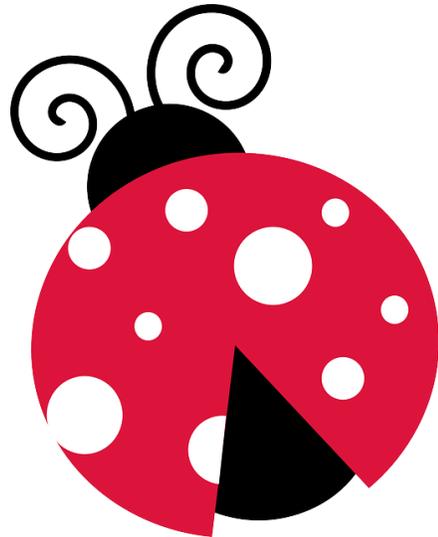
The summer program will be starting next month, along with warmer weather. I will be sending home a letter soon with some of the activities and field trips that we will be enjoying this summer.

The Summer Camp field trip list will be out in the middle of the month. We hope to see your smiling faces all summer long.

Hip hip hurray! You guys are well on your way!

Enjoy Sunshine in the Fall!

—Ms. Paris, Ms. Elise, & Ms. Sharonda



Important Dates

May 12 Mother's Day
May 15 Grandparents Day
May 27 School closed for Memorial Day

Important Notes

- Please dress your child in appropriate clothing including **sneakers** for the woodchips in the playground. Flip flops are not allowed.
- Please remember to check if your child has a change of clothes.



Have a warm, wonderful spring!

—Ms. Chely & Ms. Mary



Friendship Room



Spring is in full bloom!

During April the Friendship Room grew caterpillars and discussed



metamorphosis. Our seedlings are growing. We sang and danced throughout April to be ready for the Gala. During April we hope you enjoyed the lion and lamb weather which we talked about in class. We have been walking outside and looking at different birds and listening to their songs. We also have been look at all the spring flowers coming up.



Some of us sang in church Palm Sunday!

We went to a climate rally in Scoville Park.



We celebrated the resurrection of Jesus with a God Rocks party.

And if you thought April was busy, wait until you get a look at May!

Important Dates

- May 1 Friendship leads worship in chapel. Parents are welcome.
Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8 Ms. Rita will be back from visiting family in Germany
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 13 Mother's Day Sip and Paint from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- May 16 Grandparents' Day Celebration
- May 27 Memorial Day—No School
- May 31 6:15-7:30 p.m.—Graduation
- June 3 First day of summer camp



Many engaging and exciting activities will take place in May. Please bring your preschooler to school in comfortable clothing. We may get messy from time to time.

We want to say thank you for this amazing school year. We know we will be saying a final farewell to some students at graduation. Those spending summer with us, please know we have worked hard to plan many exciting summer days. Then, in August, we will say good-bye to the class and prepare to welcome a new group of Friendship children.

—Ms. Rita & Ms. Netty

Rainbow Room



Well, we've made it to the last month of the school year!

The children have made some very special memories this

year, which have included:



hayrides and pumpkins costumes and parades



feasts and gingerbread houses

Valentines and fun nights



Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick and honeybees and galas!



Through all this excitement we've learned rhyming words, vowels, letter sounds, a few sight words and simple addition and subtraction.

The next and final item on the agenda is graduation. The Preschool & Kindergarten Graduation is Friday, May 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Some very important information regarding graduation will go home soon, so be on the look out, and mark your calendars.

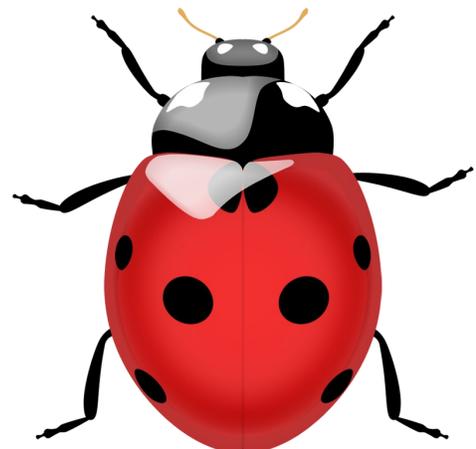


Reminders and important Dates

- Fri., May 10 10:30-11:15 a.m. Mother's Day Tea Party
- Wed., May 15 9:45-11:00 a.m. Grandparents' Day
- Fri., May 31 6:30-7:30 p.m. Preschool & Kindergarten Graduation

Happy May!

—Ms. Rebekah, Ms. Erica & Ms. Amber



Kindergarten



We have come to the last month of this school year. It has come so fast.

I can look back over the many achievements that the children have made. I am so proud of my Jr. Kindergarteners and Kindergarteners. They have learned so much, worked so hard, and have been so resilient when tackling hard projects.

The children have learned to be hard workers, and to be caring to their friends. This year has had its ups and downs, like each year. However, the children have done well and tried hard. I can say they have loved learning!

I would like to thank all our parents for their support this year. A great deal of what we do cannot be achieved without your support.

I hope you have enjoyed watching your child move from one level of life to the next. It has been fun!

—Ms. Debra



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There are 2 ladybugs on Page 2.
There are 2 ladybugs on Page 3.
There are 5 ladybugs on Page 4.
There are a total of 12 ladybugs!

After School Program 1



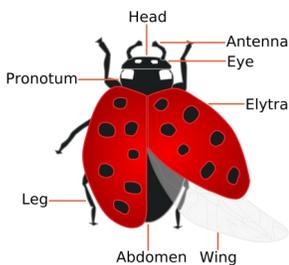
group and all of the hard work they put into their performance! For a view of a video of their performance go to 1stbaptistpk.blogspot.com

Whew! Now that the show is over we will be getting back to our regular schedules with our clubs: Cooking, Gardening, Reading Buddies, beginning May 1, as well as making trips outdoors to the park as often as possible.

Thank you to those of you who attended our Spring Gala on Saturday, April 27! We are really proud of our performance



Please bring a light jacket to school and/or layers as we are well aware of the weather changes here!



If you have any questions or ideas for activities, clubs, outings please let us know. We would love to hear your thoughts!

Thank you First Baptist families!

—Ms. Laura



After School Program 2



ASP 1 had a great month in April. We celebrated Easter, and worked on our Spring Gala preparations. The class has been working hard on practicing our reading skills and working on our homework. We are excited to start summer camp soon.

This month we will continue to explore our STE(A)M skills through fun classroom projects. We will also continue our different clubs.

Thank you for your support.

—Ms. Sharonda



***Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19: 14***