

Willowbrook WEE

April 2021

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From the Director

As 2021 moves along, to me at what seems like a rapid pace, we are embarking on another season change and another holiday. A holiday that means so much, Easter. This month at WEE will be focusing on the Easter story and the empty tomb that gives us hope and reason to celebrate. Our verse this month is "He is not here; He is risen!" Luke 24:6. What powerful words these are today, but can you imagine the emotion they invoked all those years ago when the tomb was found empty! Thankfully death could not hold God's son and death will not hold us either. One day we will unite with Him in a place greater than our imagination can fathom. So as we celebrate Easter and the dawning of Spring, let us always remember the ultimate gift God gave us and the promise that it holds.

As I have stated many times before, quality time with your child is the most important time you will ever spend and time you will treasure forever. The years you are in right now are years you will never get back and as I look at my own family, with a graduating senior and a Freshman, it saddens me to think of the few months we have left together under one roof. Family time is my favorite time whether it be at home or far from home, being together is what makes it fun! This time of year is when outdoor family fun kicks off!! Here are few fun ideas that you and your family may want to enjoy:

Green Mountain nature trail - Located atop Green Mountain in southeast Huntsville, high above the noise of the city, a mood of quiet tranquility envelops you as you enter the 72 acre park. Open free to the public each day from seven in the morning until thirty minutes prior to sunset, your convenient escape from urban life encompasses Sky Lake, a 1.5 mile walking trail, pavilion, chapel, outdoor classroom, picnic tables, covered bridge, and accessible restrooms. Children under 16 years of age or seniors over 60 can fish Monday through Friday. A small fishing fee is charged.

Hays Nature Preserve - One of the City's most beautiful recreation areas along the Flint River. The Hays Nature Preserve hosts several miles of paved trails that follow the Flint River and a wonderful playground for young children. 7153 Hwy 431 S Owens Cross Roads, Huntsville, AL 35763

Monthly Reminders

Update:

WEE will continue with all current COVID policies until further notice. This includes masks in carline. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates to Remember

4/1-4/15—Tuition due

Verse of the Month

He is not here; He is risen! Luke 24:6

Carline News & Reminders

- Please wear a mask in carline when you have any interactions with the staff.
- Please let your authorized pick up people know that they should wear a mask in carline during all staff interactions.
- Please turn your heat down or off when you enter carline. This will help us get a more accurate temperature reading.

Procure Sign In/Out

Thank you for downloading and using the app. Please complete all steps and wait for the sign in/out confirmation screen before closing the app. If you have not yet signed up, please email us at wee@willowbrook.org and we will resend the link.

Seasonal Reminders

- As seasons change and your children grow, please remember to update their change of clothes that are at school.
- Please label jackets and sweatshirts.
- We play outside 42 degrees and above.
- Please turn your heat down or off when you enter carline. This will help us get a more accurate temperature reading.

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From the Director, continued

Backyard Camping - round up a tent, sleeping bags, pillows, and a fire pit for making s'mores and telling stories and enjoy time together making memories and enjoying nature (even if it is in your yard).

Monte Sano State Park - located atop Monte Sano Mountain it is a great local place to picnic, play on the playground, enjoy the hiking trails, or bring your camper, tent or rent a cabin and spend time camping. A small entrance fee is charged.

Walking paths and lakes at Jones Farm - located off of Four Mile Post Rd behind the Dicks Sporting Goods shopping center, it is a wonderful area to enjoy a walk, ride your bike, feed the ducks, or fish.

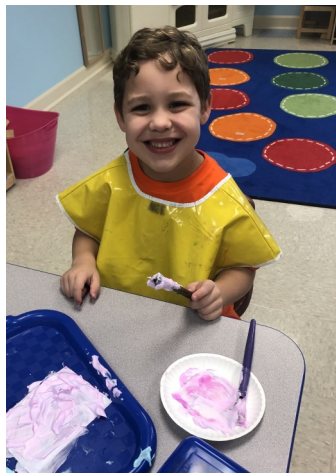
Big Spring Park - Located downtown off of Church St SW and Williams Ave SW this park has been newly renovated with great walking paths around the lakes where you can feed both the fish and ducks. It is a great place to spend time together outdoors.

Brahan Springs Park and Splash Pad - Located off of Drake at 3771 Ivy Ave SW this Huntsville City park offers an "everybody can play" playground and splash pad.

These are just a few places and spaces that our wonderful city has to offer. I encourage you to get out and explore and spend time together making memories!

Many Blessings,

Ashley Scott



Kindergarten

Mrs. Cates

How quickly the year has flown by! It's hard to believe April is right around the corner! Don't you wish sometimes that time would just slow down? When we return from break, we will have just seven weeks of school left!

In the Turtle Room, we are trying to make the most of each moment in all the different areas of learning. Over the next month, we will spend some time learning about plants, birds, and pond life (turtles included!).

For reading/language, we will continue to build our sight word vocabulary and work on long vowel sounds in reading and writing. We will use these skills along with skills already acquired to complete a plant journal about seeds we will plant in our classroom. We are also spending time on story sequencing as a large group, and when the time is right, this will become independent work. I'm looking forward to seeing what the children will create!

In math, we are blazing ahead with addition and subtraction. We'll end the month with counting by 5s and working with tally marks. We continue to loop back to lessons learned previously such as identifying numbers that come before and after a given number, graphing, counting numbers in a set, and writing numbers. It has been a Marvelous March, and I can't wait for our Amazing April!

Mrs. Williamson

Happy April! This is such a fun time of learning in Kindergarten. Spring is bringing life to the trees, color to the ground, and the butterflies and bees are out and about!

This month we will focus on what makes something a living thing. To learn more about this topic, we will be planting flowers and watching a caterpillar turn into a butterfly. The kids have been looking forward to this for a while, so I am pumped to begin this unit!

In reading, we are continuing to learn about reading strategies, using our phonics skills to decode words, and identifying sight words. In grammar, we are still learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives.

In math, we will be switching things up. After months of addition and subtraction, we are looking into place value-how the numbers are built. We will be dissecting double digit numbers and identifying how many tens and ones are in each number. I can't wait to spend this month learning with your sweet children in the fish room!

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4's Classes

Mrs. Gibbons

Winter is finally behind us and we are ready to "spring" into lots of fun activities centered around God's amazing creation! We will learn about plants, flowers and trees, as well as a variety of animals and their habitats! There will be hands-on opportunities for the children to play in the dirt, plant seeds and watch them grow, and witness an amazing metamorphosis as our own class caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies! Literacy lessons will focus on the letter J, as well as the final three letters of the alphabet: X, Y, and Z!! We will also continue to explore rhyming words. And we will round out our study of numbers with numerals 9 and 10. We can't wait to get started!

Mrs. Geiselhart

God's workmanship is on display all around us, as spring is here! The beauty of His world is amazing. Colorful blooms, fresh grass, and sunny days. We have plenty of engaging classroom activities as well. We will plant seeds, observe caterpillars, and wait in anticipation to see if butterflies will emerge.

We will continue with the letters J,X,Y, and Z, plus our review of the numbers 0-10.

Hope you all have a "Happy Spring" and enjoy this bright new season!

Mrs. Keel

Spring has sprung, flowers and trees are blooming, birds are chirping and the sounds of children playing outside fills the air. Spring brings to mind so many wonderful and exciting fun activities and our classroom will be buzzing. Spring is a time for the outdoors to wake up and bring forth growth and new beginnings.

April will bring us our last four letters!! They are J,X, Y and Z. We have so many fun activities planned to reinforce each letter.

Happy Spring everyone

3's Classes

Mrs. Brinkley

He has risen...He has risen indeed, Hallelujah! This month we celebrate our risen Savior. He has blessed us with new life. New life is in full swing with everything spring! This month we will explore bugs, butterflies, budding flowers and trees. We will watch our butterflies grow and hatch and celebrate with a butterfly release party!

Mrs. Gillis

Hello WEE families! We hope you all had a wonderful spring break! April is upon us and we are so excited to celebrate spring with your children.

We are learning about Easter and the miracle of our Savior's resurrection.

We will be learning about the life cycle of butterflies and we will raise our very own caterpillars.

We will learn an amazing verse too this month, "He is not here. He has risen!" Luke 24:6. He is risen indeed.

Mrs. Utley

Wow! Spring is in full bloom, and everywhere we look we can see God's creation coming to life! This month we will focus on all the wonders of Spring and how we can take care of the Earth God has given us. We'll watch caterpillars become butterflies in our classroom and then release them into nature with a fun celebration.

As always, I am honored to get to spend my days with your precious children, and so very thankful for each of them! I hope everyone had a fun and restful Spring Break and a wonderful Easter with your families!



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2's Classes

Mrs. Rebekah and Mrs. Rebecca

April is here and so is spring! We will celebrate all the fun things that spring brings like flowers and butterflies. We will spend time outside enjoying the spring weather. We hope you take time to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus all month long. We love your sweet children. They have grown so much this year!

Mrs. Sarah and Mrs. Kim

Hello Spring! We are so excited about the fun things we will be doing this month. We will be planting flowers and watching butterflies grow.

We will be celebrating Easter all month and talking about the wonderful things God has created.

Mrs. Michelle and Mrs. Melissa

Welcome spring! We are so excited that spring is finally here!! We can go outside and enjoy all the wonderful things that God has made and the warmer weather. Be on the lookout for some spring artwork to be coming home with your child. We will be making flowers and maybe even some bugs. We will be learning about what happens to the trees and plants this time of year.



Lambs and Ducks Classes

Ducks: Mrs. Alison and Miss Phoebe

We're so Eggcited...Spring is in the air! And our little Ducklings are looking forward to enjoying the sunshine, butterflies, birds, bees (maybe not), flowers and trees.

They continue to enjoy singing their favorite songs in Music and love all the neat things they do in PE.

We have enjoyed watching your little Ducklings bloom this year. Quack, quack!

Lambs: Mrs. Martina

Springtime is finally here and weather permitting, we will be going to the screened porch to play, and outside for bye bye buggy rides. It is such a blessing to see spring through a toddler's eyes. Also, this month is Easter and we'll have fun art, books, and activities about Easter.

