

# Park Lake Post - April 2019

## Center News

Lifetouch Pictures of your child were taken last week. You should have received your picture proofs. **Please remember to place your orders online by Wednesday, April 3, or turn in your proof envelope to the office with your check made out to Park Lake Child Care Center.**

Wiggle Wednesday will be held on April 10 at 9:00 a.m. immediately following breakfast, for ages two and older. Parents are always welcome to join us!

The **22nd Annual Park Lake Child Care Center Art Show** is coming soon! We hope you make plans to stop by Struble Hall (downstairs) on **April 12** during the hours of 3:30-5:30 p.m., and take a look at all of the wonderful art that will be on display. Every classroom participates, so you won't want to miss it!

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## Infant Room News

Spring time is here! The flowers and plants are blossoming and so are the babies!

We welcomed Hera in March. She is a calm and sweet baby. We said good-bye to Caroline and Aiden, who both turned one last month and moved up to the Toddler Room. They are both doing well. We sure do miss them!

All of the babies are developing at their own pace. Audrey is walking and exploring so much. She will celebrate her 1st birthday later this month. Valentina and Judah are pulling up and crawling around the room. Marion is beginning to pull up to a stand, and she enjoys dancing.

Finnley is trying new food and he can sit with support. Fox and Landon are reaching and starting to grasp onto objects. They often give us big smiles!

## Toddler Room News

Over the past month, we have explored the themes of "Spring" and "Baby Animals". We created flowers and made a collage of a baby chick.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a week full of the color green!

We welcomed two friends, Caroline and Aiden, who recently transitioned from the Infant Room. They are busy exploring all of the Toddler Room learning centers and activities we have.

Please be sure to check your child's bag and have a few changes of clothes that are appropriate for the changing weather. Thank you!

## Calendar of Events:

- **April 10, 9:00 a.m. Wiggle Wednesday**
- **April 12, Art Show, 3:30—5:30 p.m.**
- **April 19, Good Friday, Center Closed**

## Staff Birthdays:

Ms. Nathalia 4/27  
Ms. Sandra 4/30



## News from the Two's Room

The Two's Class said goodbye to the month of March. A lot of exciting learning activities happened in March. We learned all about colors and shapes. The children took turns each day pointing out the colors they were wearing on their clothing. We went on a color hunt around the classroom and on our playground. During art time, the children mixed colors together. During lunch time, we talked about the different colors on our plates. We learned that some foods even change color after they are cooked!

As a whole group, we played a shape sorting game. The children were able to identify the shape and put it in their correct place. We also looked for shapes all around the classroom and in the cafeteria.

We welcomed two new friends to our class, Logan and Aedan! We are so happy to have you at Park Lake!

## Three's News

Spring has sprung and the Three's Class is enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having. We began the month of March by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and Mardi Gras! Even though it rained on our parade, we didn't let the weather stop us from dancing and sharing beads. Thank you to our parents who joined us for king cake.

During the week of St. Patrick's Day, we explored all things green. Many learning activities included sorting and counting with items that were green. We also had a visit from a leprechaun, who made a mess of green all over our classroom! We will catch him next time!

To finish up the month of March, we are observing the flowers and plants that are blooming outside. The children helped to pour potting soil inside pots, added seeds and poured water in their pots. They have really enjoyed watching their seeds grow!

We welcomed Houston, who moved up from the Two's Class and we also welcomed two new friends to Park Lake, Maria and Jace. We are glad you have joined us!

## Four's News

Springtime came during the month of March, as well as some new friends from the Three's Class. We welcomed Walter, Nolan, Freya and Lily!

Last month's activities included:

- Learning about the different kinds of weather by graphing the type of weather we prefer.
- Making a tornado in a bottle. We also discussed and observed different types of clouds.
- Reading stories about St. Patrick's Day and the leprechaun's pot of gold.
- Building traps around the classroom to catch the leprechaun.
- Dancing around the leprechaun hat.
- Creating black and white handprints and day and night pictures during a unit on Opposites.
- Weaving and learning concepts "over and under"
- Discussing the signs of spring and painting watercolor flowers and our impression of spring.
- Observing the life cycle of a butterfly.



## VPK/Pre-K Five's News

We kicked off the month of March with our traditional Mardi Gras parade. Because of the rain this year, we gathered in Struble Hall for dancing and followed that with king cake, a special treat! We painted with Mardi Gras colors, purple, green and gold. We also finished our first week of March rhyming with Dr. Seuss books and of course, cooking up some green eggs and ham!

Our second week included lots of St. Patrick's Day activities: counting, patterning, and dancing "Irish Jigs" along to Irish music. We went on a leprechaun "hunt" and discovered that a sneaky leprechaun had been in the VPK Class making a huge mess! He left behind some green and gold beads and potatoes!

Next, we learned more about the spring season. We learned some of the different names of flowers and even planted a few in our playground. We celebrated "The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Birthday" with his very favorite snack, fresh fruit. We also painted our own caterpillars using a balloon, and spelled our names to personalize them.

Lastly, we learned about eggs and baby animals. We painted "ducklings" with our own feet using brushes, which the children thought was very ticklish! We are preparing for the Art Show on April 12. We hope you can stop by and visit!

### 2019 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Park Lake Presbyterian Church**

309 East Colonial Drive

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Toddler friendly!

Infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Crafts, Easter story, egg hunt,  
fun & fellowship!**

*Remember to bring your Easter basket.*



**Come Easter Sunday**

**All are welcome!**

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 am Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 am - Easter Sunday Worship



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Park Lake**

**Vacation Bible School**

**To Mars and Beyond:**

**Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!**

**July 8-12, 2019**

**Monday - Friday**

**9:00 am - 12noon**

**Ages Prek 4- 5th Grade (after care available)**

**Look for registration information [plpc.org](http://plpc.org)**