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From the Director:

March came in like a lion, and went out like a lamb, just as the saying goes. Our 3 and 4 year old classes had a good time tracking and monitoring what days in March were lion or lamb-like.

We now start heading into the end of the year. As we make our way into April, our 4 year olds will study community helpers and then transportation. Our 3 year olds will enjoy a wonderful classic literature unit and then a colors and baby animals unit.

This is the time of year where we really begin to look for signs of spring. When we are outside, we will intentionally have your children looking for flower buds, new grass, little bugs and insects. God's creation is very exciting this time of year and we so enjoy sharing our excitement with your angels.

~Jennifer Bujno Director

April Bible Verse: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24



Upcoming Events

April 1st April Tuition Due

April 8th School resumes from spring break.

April 11/12th Teddy Bear Day-3s

April 12th Veterinarian Day-4s

April 16/17th Wacky Days-4s

April 19th Walking Trip to mail letters at Post Office-4s

April 22/23rd Earth Day Family Fun Projects due-3s & 4s

April 26th Doctor Day-4s

April 29th Farmer Day-4s

April 30/May 1st Grocery Store Day-4s



ASign of Spring

Here at Heaven Sent, a sure sign of spring is not the first robin; not the early crocuses; not the buds of leaves on the trees; but kids with mulch stains on their knees, shoes, bottoms, etc. If you have clothes or shoes that you *REALLY* value, please save them for church or parties, and send the kids to school in things that no one will get upset about if they get stained. In addition, a reminder to have your child wear shoes that will be safe for climbing and jumping on our playground. Children in backless shoes, clogs, shoes with heels, or long narrow skirts will be restricted on the playground.



DID YOU KNOW?

Every day that we play outside, every child in this school puts on his/her own jacket to go outdoors to play, and then takes off his or her own jacket and hangs it up-<u>on his or her own?</u> Are you still helping put on or take off jackets when you are at home? Allow him/her to show you how well (s)he can do it-"all by myself!" They've got this skill down now!

SPEAKING OF COATS

We remind you that as you purchase new spring jackets, please take a minute to write your child's name inside the jacket. The children sometimes forget which jackets they wore to school, and we can't help them without identification on the garment.

The Memorial Day Parade:

Heaven Sent Nursery School will be walking in the Hackettstown Memorial Day parade on May 27th. Our little angels can dress in their school t-shirts and little angel wings and walk with us to help promote our sweet little school for years to come. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to sign up to walk with us.

A SELECTION FROM "The Ten Worst Discipline Mistakes"

1. PRAISING TOO MUCH OR TOO LITTLE "You put your dirty clothes in the hamper? Wow! You're the best!" To bolster selfesteem, parents sometimes turn kids into praise junkies. "A praise dependent child doesn't pursue goals for her own satisfaction," explains psychotherapist James Windell. She may expect lavish thanks for routine chores or be unable to finish a task without more approval. Overcriticizing can also be harmful. "If you only point out how kids fall short, failure becomes a self fulfilling prophecy," says Windell. Compliments should outweigh corrections by about three to one. If your ratio is far higher, your praise may be insincere or exaggerated; if lower, you may be too critical. Give praise a reality check. Often, a simple thank-you will do. And consider the child's age. A six year old learning to wash windows should be commended despite some smudges; not so for a sloppy ten year old who knows s/he's capable of better.

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