

April 10, 2019

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Happy Easter! With the arrival of spring, we see evidence of new life blooming all around us! Can you see your child blossoming too? We do! We are so very proud of all the children's accomplishments. It's fun to see them doing things that maybe they could not do at the beginning of the year—tying shoes, reading, writing sentences, saying prayers—so many accomplishments! Your child should feel proud and so should YOU! Together we have helped your child grow!

Throughout these past few weeks of Lent, the children have been working hard to spread kindness. With each kind deed performed, a new tissue was added to our kindergarten butterfly and the once dull, colorless caterpillar has been transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Just like that butterfly, each child has worked hard during Lent to transform—to become more beautiful on the INSIDE by doing nice things. We are doing God's work each and every day when we do kind things for one another.

Next week is Holy Week in our church. Ask your child what he/she knows about the Stations of the Cross. We have been praying them together in an appropriate way for our young ones to understand and feel compassion for Jesus. We conclude the Stations of the Cross by reminding the children that Jesus gave us Easter so we can rejoice and be happy! Your child will be coming home with a Holy Week flip book. Ask your child to share what he/she knows about this week in our church. Though we are not in school on Good Friday, please take time for a prayerful moment to discuss why this day is special. Remind your child that though it is a sad day, we remember it is called 'Good Friday' because Jesus' death on the cross saved us from sin and opened the gates of heaven for us! After dismissal (aftercare is still available) on April 12th, the students begin Easter Break and will not return to school until Thursday, April 25th.

We'd like to wish all of our kindergarten families a *Happy Easter!* Easter is a time of profound love and joy! May Jesus' new life remind you of God's never-ending love for each of us!

The Kindergarten Team

