

April 8, 2022

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 on acts of almsgiving, prayer and sharing kindness. We have collected money in our rice bowls, food for the food pantry, we've been praying the Our Father and the Stations of the Cross, and of course, spreading KINDNESS all around! The children have been so prayerful in church during 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. Ask your child: Who are the people that showed kindness to Jesus? What did Jesus do before he died (he FORGAVE the mean people)? Does Jesus want us to be sad? We conclude the Stations of the Cross each week by reminding the children that Jesus gave us Easter so we can rejoice and be happy! Next week, we will begin a very important week in our church, Holy Week. We will be doing activities throughout the week to better understand Jesus' journey to the cross. 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. Easter Sunday is a day to rejoice and spread the good news!

After dismissal on April 14th, the students will begin Easter Break and will not return to school until Monday, April 25th. We'd like to wish all of our kindergarten families a *Happy Easter!* May Jesus' new life remind you of God's never-ending love for each of us!

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