

APRIL



2020

April Themes:

Insects, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, the Garden, Earth Day, and the Zoo Please check out resources for April on the Catholic Diocese of Jackson's website:

<https://schools.jacksondiocese.org/education-overview/early-learning-center-at-home-learning-resources/>

Parent Tips from the Southern Association of Early Childhood:

- Establish/Maintain a routine- consistent wake/sleep times, mealtimes, and other routines give children a sense of normalcy. Build in set times daily for outdoor play, reading and creativity. Maintain social interaction via FaceTime and Zoom.
- Learning is Everywhere - involve your children in household tasks -children love to help!
- Screen Time - The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests parents co-view media with children to help them understand what they are seeing and apply it to the world around them. (Ages 2 through 5)
- Make the best of this time by focusing on the positive - your child will follow your lead.

Catholic Identity:

Just one more week of Lent - time to pray and think of others. During Holy Week we will remember the Last Supper, Good Friday, and celebrate the Resurrection. *Try the Holy Week Activities at home.

THIS MONTH: April
St. Paul Early Learning Center is currently closed through April 17th due to COVID19.

To be determined: May
PreK5 Graduation



St. Paul Early Learning Center will reschedule a time to draw the winning ticket. If you still have tickets/money to turn in, please just hold on to them for now.

\$10 Donation for a chance to win a 5 day/4night vacation in an ocean front condo at Ocean Breeze in Perdido Key, Florida, May 21-25, 2020. We are waiting to hear if this date will still work or we will reschedule to a later time.

***HOLY WEEK Activities**

Palm Sunday - Make palm branches and hang on your door.

Holy Thursday - As a family read John 13:1-17. Wash another member of your family's feet to show how much you love them like Jesus showed his disciples how much he loved them.

Good Friday - Pray together with your family and thank Jesus for loving us so much.

Easter Sunday - Rejoice! Jesus is Risen. Spread Easter Joy! Talk about what you are thankful for this Easter Day.



St. Paul Early Learning Center Advisory Council

The St. Paul Early Learning Center Advisory Council's March meeting was postponed due to the Corona Virus. The Advisory Council voted to charge \$300 per child for April tuition in order to continue to pay the full and part time staff. Pat Taylor will move \$30,000 from our savings account. The Council will meet again soon to decide about the next steps for the Learning Center.



Thank you, St. Paul Early Learning Center Parents, for working with the Advisory Council to pay partial tuition for April so we can pay our full and part time staff and keep the Learning Center viable during this most difficult time. May God Bless you for your generosity.

UPDATE ON THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANT PROJECT

Charles Gordon mounted the chalkboard flowers and busy boards. We can't wait for the children to come back and try them out. We will finish the cross when the children return.

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