

# School News

April 2019



## First Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten



***"Continue to live in Christ Jesus,  
rooted and built up in Him,  
strengthened in the faith  
as you were taught."***

**Colossians 2: 6-7**

### From the Director

Dear Parents,

April is an important month for all of us: children, parents, staff, and all people of faith. April is the month of Easter this year, and the season of resurrection, rebirth, and renewal. We will be telling the story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, and how He has given all of us the blessing of redemption through his sacrifice. **Our School will be closed April 19 for Good Friday.**



**ENROLL  
NOW** ➔

Thank you to all our parents who have returned the Registration Form for the new school year, 2019-2020. **To complete the registration, the \$75.00 Registration Fee must be paid in full.** If you have not turned in the Registration Fee, please do so as soon as possible as your child's space may be filled from our waiting list.

### Important Dates

#### Monday, April 1

Open Enrollment Begins

#### Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday  
Service—Children sing with  
choir!

#### Friday, April 19

School Closed for Good  
Friday


#### Saturday, April 27


2:00-4:00 p.m. Spring Gala

### School Colors

 **Mondays:** yellow and/or  
white

 **Tuesdays:** red

 **Wednesdays:** orange  
and/or brown

 **Thursdays:** blue and/or  
purple

 **Fridays:** green



How many tulips  
can you find?  
The answer is on  
page 4.

Open enrollment begins April 1, 2019. We have many open requests for our 2, 3, & 4-year-old rooms. **If you do not plan to have your child be here for the summer, your space will be offered to another child.**

We are now accepting new students from the waiting list. If you have relatives or friends who may be in need of childcare, please recommend us. **There is a \$100 deduction from your tuition if a recommendation becomes an enrolled student!** With your help we can maintain full enrollment and insure our financial health.

Parent/Teacher conferences were in February and March. Student Assessments, curriculum and student adjustment concerns, if any, were discussed. I hope you had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. A caring and communicative relationship between parents and teachers is key to each child's success.



It's time to plant our garden again. We'll need seeds, garden and potting soil, and flats of flowers to beautify our surroundings! Parents, please consider making a donation to the cause!

Our classrooms are going through a metamorphosis. Some will have butterflies, moths, and praying mantises! Ask your child about the new growing insects in the classroom!



Our annual Spring Gala will be presented Saturday, April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please make sure your Fundraiser Fee is paid in full. Look for ad space for our program book this week. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults; \$5.00 for students 5-18 years old; and children under five are free. Hope to see you there.

Happy birthday to **Ms. Paris** (April 15), **Mr. Patrick** (April 21), **Ms. Rita** (April 24).

Peace & love,

—Ms. Barbara  
Director



## 123 Sesame Street Room



Happy spring, everyone! It is finally spring and we are excited to go outside and enjoy the nice weather.

In April we will be focusing on the season of spring. We will learn about the different signs of spring and the special changes we see outside with plants and trees. There will be a special field trip slip going out soon as we continue to investigate plant life.



First Baptist hosts its annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 27. This year's theme is "What's Going on?" The 123 classroom will be presenting *Baby Beluga* by Raffi. If you would like your child to participate, sign him or her up on the

sign up sheet on the classroom door. The Spring Gala is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. All children

participating in the show should be here by 1:00 p.m. sharp. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to stop by the classroom.

We want to congratulate our potty-trained friends: Ella Rose, Olivia Riley, and Nora! Congratulations on your success!

Please remember to **bring your child's blanket every Monday, and take it home to be washed every Friday.**

Also, please be sure to check your child's change of clothes to ensure they have the appropriate clothing.



### Important Dates

- April 2—**Cassius'** 3rd birthday
- April 15—**Ms. Paris'** birthday
- April 19—School closed for Good Friday
- April 27—Spring Gala at 2:00 p.m.
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—Ms. Paris, Ms. Elise, & Ms. Sharonda

## Sunshine Room



We hope you are all as excited as we are at the arrival of spring. It is especially nice for children, since we can start to spend more time outside.

This month we will continue talking about changes in seasons and watching our classroom plants grow. We will also learn about caring for our world.



Spring is a time for rebirth and new life. The children will learn about this through nature and, most importantly, Easter. Our activities and projects will have a theme of nature as well as new life. The

curriculum will focus on trees, nests, birds, eggs, rain, wind, Easter and caring about our planet.

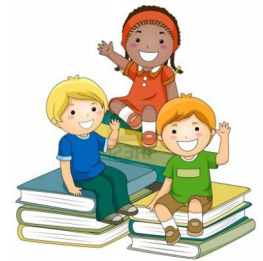
The children have become familiar with their ABCs and numbers. Please continue to help them by asking them to find ABCs and numbers at home. We are also working on the fundamental concepts of quantity, value, and counting.

On Saturday, April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. will be our annual Spring Gala. The Sunshine children will be participating in the program. More information will be sent home on April 1.

### Special Notes

We wanted to remind you of a few rules. If you cooperate, it helps us and your children!

- We ask that children **NOT** bring toys to the school except for Show and Tell Day.
- If your child would like to bring books, this is always welcome, especially about spring. Thank you!
- We will start going outside as long as the weather allows it. Please dress your child appropriately.



We look forward to Easter and the opportunity to learn more about Jesus and his resurrection.

Wishing you and your family a happy Easter!



—Ms. Chely, Ms. Mary, & Ms. Rashai

## Friendship Room



Happy Spring!



We have a lot of things going on in April in the Friendship Room. We have a field trip to

Wonder Works—please wear socks! We will also be singing at our Spring Gala on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m.



Friendship used Read Across America Day to assemble our book list. These books were submitted by the students and their families:

**Devin Connelly:** *Olivia Says Goodnight*

**Micah Davis:** *The Cate in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss

**Elliott Harris:** *Princess Trully* by Kelly Greenwald

**Evan Marsaleck:** *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss

**Hawaii Richardson:** *Curious George Takes a Ride* by H.A. Rey

**Blaise Slaughter:** *Every Little Thing* by Cedella Marley

**Deon White:** *I Love My Daddy* by Giles Andreae

**Cailyn Wilson:** *S is for Sophia* by Disney Book Group

Reading to your child builds strong literacy skills. From Reading Rockets here are a few concepts we adults know so well we forget sometimes we ever learned them.



- There's a difference between words and pictures. Point to the print as you read aloud.
- Words on a page have meaning, and that is what we learn to read.
- Words go across the page from left to right. Follow with your finger as you read.
- Words on a page are made up of letters and are separated by a space.
- Each letter has at least two forms: one for capital letters and one for small letters. (Bagert 1996)

One last thing from Reading Rockets:

"You May go through a period when your child favors one book and wants it read night after night. It is not unusual for children to favor a particular story, and this can be boring for parents. Keep in mind, however, that a favorite story may speak to your child's interests or emotional needs. Be patient. Continue to expose your children to a wealth of books and eventually they will be read for more stories." (Bagert 1996)

—Ms. Rita & Ms. Netty

## Rainbow Room



Hooray! Spring has sprung! March brought excellent weather. We've been to the park, library, and even a

nature walk to collect trash in our neighborhood during the "Clean Sweep" unit. It was nice to see the children's eagerness to help clean up and recycle.



Dr. Seuss Week was a hit. Rhyming words were reinforced through the different iconic books by the famous author, rhyming games, and activities, as well as arts and crafts.

April marks the busiest month of the school year as we prepare for our annual Spring Gala. This exciting event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. All participating children are asked to be here at 1:00 p.m. for costumes. Song and costume information will be going out by the end of the first week of April.

Looking forward, we'd like to invite all of the Rainbow mothers to our annual Mother's Day Tea Party on Friday, May 10 from 1:00-11:00 a.m. A R.S.V.P. will go out soon to accommodate those who plan to attend.



Grandparents' Day is also coming on Wednesday, May 15. An R.S.V.P. invitation will go out soon.

Happy birthday to **Ms. Barbara** (April 5)

### Important Reminders

- Children sing with the First Baptist Church choir at 9:00 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 14.
- School is closed for Good Friday, April 19
- Our Spring Gala will be Saturday, April 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Children should be here at 1:00 p.m.
- Our Mother's Day Tea Party will be 10-11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10.



Happy Spring!

—Ms. Rebekah, Ms. Erica & Ms. Amber



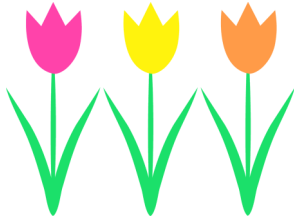
## Kindergarten



Wow, hello Spring!

As you know, the Spring Gala is coming up on Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. Please make sure to sign your child up. There will be a \$5.00 charge for costumes. My all-day kindergarteners and after school kindergarteners will all be in the play, if they would like.

The weather is nice and we will be talking about, and planting flowers. Please feel free to talk with your child about flowers, and show them your garden if you have one.

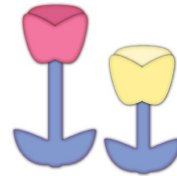


Easter is on the bloom and it is time for Easter baskets. We will be making them. I just need the parents to buy supplies to put in them!

Thank you!



—Ms. Debra



There are 8 tulips on Page 1.  
There are 3 tulips on Page 2.  
There are 2 tulips on Page 3.  
There are 5 tulips on Page 4.  
There are a total of 18 tulips!

## After School Program—Boys

Hello parents, ASP 1 had a great month this month. We celebrated St. Patrick Day and Spring break.



The class has been working hard on practicing our reading skills and working on our homework. This month we will continue to explore our STE(A)M skills through fun classroom projects. We will begin cooking club on April 3rd. We are excited about our plants growing in the classroom.

Thank you for your support.

—Ms. Sharonda

## After School Program—Girls (The Cheer Cheetahs)

We have been blending



our ASP1 & 2 clubrooms more so the ASP Girls can visit Sally and use the computer lab in ASP2 room and the ASP Boys can plant flowers and vegetables in the container garden project set up in the ASP1

room. We have been talking about plant lifecycles and pollination.

STEM with actual stems! Please visit our ASP1 classroom to see our plants grow and bloom!



ASP Girls and Boys had a blast over Spring Break visiting the Garfield Conservatory and going to the movies at the Lake Theater. We also enjoyed visits to the park and Main Library as well as special fun activities in the classroom.

## Upcoming during the month of April:

- We will be starting our ASP Cooking Club! Please sign up (signs are on classroom doors)!
- School will be closed on Good Friday, April 19.
- Spring Gala, "What's Going On?," will be Sat., Apr. 27, 2:00 p.m. Students participating arrive at 1:00 p.m.

We will be mentioning the SPRING GALA during pick up time! Please let us know a definitive YES or NO if your child will be participating in the show.

—Ms. Laura and The Cheer Cheetahs



***Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."***  
*Matthew 19: 14*