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From Ms. Shelley

Join us April 8-12 for fun filled themed days to celebrate of our youngest learners! **The Week of the Young Child** is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families and communities.

A few of the activities we have planned include the following: Kona Ice, Topeka Zoo coming to KCDC, K9 unit and MPHM junior high band concert.

We are asking that each child pay \$5 to help off set costs for this special week.

Spread the word about the importance of high quality early learning and critical role early childhood educators play in a child's development and learning! The best advertisement is word of mouth. Children learn so much as they enjoy music, explore food and cooking build together, create art and celebrate their families!

Summerfest!

Summerfest is a school carnival Thursday May 23 in the evening here at MPHM. Music, food, adult beverages and lots of carnival games are what make Summerfest so fun! KCDC is in charge of hosting an activity. In the past, we have done Pop Ring Toss. It has proven to be successful so when will do that again this year. The Summerfest committee has asked for KCDC to find a sponsor for our booth. What does that mean? We are needing either a person or business to donate \$250. Your business or name will be on a banner outside of the classroom where our game is being played. Also we are asking that every family donate a 12 pack of pop. The pop is the prize for winning at the game. You can bring your 12 pack of pop to the KCDC office at your convenience. Thank you so much for supporting Summerfest and our game!!!!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As we continue to prepare for the greatest feast, Easter, we are learning new works about Jesus' last days in Jerusalem. Some of the new works include the following: The Cenacle is where Jesus had His Last Passover Supper with His friends, The City of Jerusalem is a 3D map and The Empty Tomb. The children are also learning about various offerings and gestures during mass. The purpose of learning these are developing a greater appreciation of the mass and fuller participation. We have also looked at the Liturgical Calendar to see if Lent or Advent is longer. Lent is longer. We wondered why? Maybe because it takes us longer to get ready for Easter. In the atrium the focus is on Jesus rising on Easter Sunday not His death. So many mysteries!

Dates to Remember

April 8-12--- Week of the Young Child and Book Fair

April 14--- Palm Sunday

April 18--- MPHM and KCDC Closed for Holy Thursday

April 19--- MPHM and KCDC Closed for Good Friday

April 21--- Easter Sunday

April 22--- MPHM and KCDC Closed for Easter Monday

MPHM Family and Youth Ministry

This month's challenge-- Are you conscious of the types of media your family consumes? (Read Romans 12:2)

Parenting, work and chores are warring and it's natural to want a break! Yet, instead of filling on the TV to watch whatever is on, evaluate what you watch. People of any age are forming their interior culture every time they participate in media, from books to websites to Facebook to apps on your phone. Think about the kinds of "diet" you're eating: is it nourishing and filling, or are you ingesting cheesy poofs and carcinogenic mind soda? Even good mentally nourishing media sources should be consumed in moderation- we need time unplugged with our families and communities to truly engage with our God, our loved ones and even ourselves.

Love and Logic

Some of the best lessons in life come from messing up. Failure is not final.

ROOM 104-MS COURTNEY

"April Showers Bring May Flowers"

"In Like a Lion out like a Lamb"

Spring is Here!!! We have already started to discuss our weather change! In April we will talk more about rainbows rain and wind. We will also be talking about the Sun and warmth.

What we can grow..

The weather is not the only thing changing... Caterpillars are doing some major changes. we will be talking about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Week of the Young Child will be a fun week at KCDC!!! Fun things going on Monday- Friday!!

The Most Exciting of ALL.... Jesus has Risen!!!!!!!

Lots of fun!

Lent Blessings!

ROOM 105- MS CALLEN

Letters: E,N, & X

This month we'll learn about rabbits, birds & eggs, and how plants grow. The kids will also learn about Easter. We discuss and read Bible stories about Jesus' resurrection. Spring is a fun time to learn about new beginnings in nature. They will do lots of science with seeds, soil, and water. The kids will plant seeds and water them to help the plants grow. There will be lots of observation and trial and error. The kids will learn what plants need to thrive.

ROOM 106- MS RENE

What a wonderful time of year!!

We will be learning about the stations of the cross. We will continue to discuss Lent. We are enjoying the warmer weather by spending more time outside, we have been working hard on our large motor skills on the playground as we are riding tricycles, playing catch with balls, and drawing pictures with sidewalk chalk. We will be learning about the letters T, U,V and W. We will also be discussing spring and all of the wonderful things we can do outside. We planted flowers in our classroom and we are enjoying watching them grow!

ROOM 107- MS JENNI

During the month of April the children will be learning about our world around us then we will broaden our thinking to in encompass the universe around us.

We will learn about the season spring and celebrate Holy Week.

Our letters for April are Y and X.

101 PC- MS AMY

Hi Parents the weather is warming up and we are so excited to get outside. Please remember to still bring a jacket, our outside time in the morning is still really chilly. Our show-n-tell this month will be on Friday the 26th and we would like to bring easter themed snacks for our friendship mix on that day. The themes for the month are:

Rain and Rainbows

Bunnies and Chicks

Eggs and Baskets

Easter

Thank you for all you do for our classroom. Happy Easter!!!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Sign Up for the following Full Days Out (FDO):

Full weekly fee plus

\$8 per 1/2 day and

\$15 per FDO per child

Sign up sheet will be available a week prior to FDO on the sign out clipboards. Due to staffing and meal planning your child must be signed up to attend the FDO. Your account will be charged even if your child does not attend. Cancellation the day prior will be accepted and no charge.

Dates to Remember

Mon May 6--- MPH M Closed
ASC available

Wed May 8--- Parent Summer
Camp Meeting 6:00

Wed May 22--- Last Day of
MPHM Noon dismissal 1/2 day
ASC available

Thur May 23--- PreK Graduation
9:30 KCDC Open normal hours
MPHM Closed ASC available

Fri May 24--- KCDC Closed

Mon May 27--- KCDC Closed

Tues May 28--- 1st day of
Summer Camp

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILDREN

FROM THE SELF AWARE PARENT BY CATHY CASSANI ADAMS

1. Make yourself a priority - Sounds like a paradox, but to be a good listener you need to take care of yourself. If you are running on empty and constantly overwhelmed with your own concerns (worries, commitments, stress) it's hard to be an effective listener. Taking care of YOU is the first step toward healthy communication with your kids.

2. Be a good listener - Demonstrate that you are really listening. Stop what you are doing (put down that phone), make eye contact, and give your children the gift of your attention. Good listeners also let go of the constant need to fix. There are times when offering suggestions and lessons are valuable, but children also appreciate just being heard.

3. Allow for feelings - Don't tell your children how to feel, just let them tell you how they feel. Understand that the full range of emotions is normal. Sometimes children get angry, sometimes they get sad. Expecting them to be happy and gracious at all times is unrealistic. Let them know that it is safe to turn to you if they are feeling strong emotions and offer them tools to deal with challenging feelings.

4. Appreciate their experience - See questions, issues and events from a child's point of view. Parents often tell their children that something they say or feel is silly, unimportant or small, but remember the worldview of a young person - everything is new and big. Respect who they are right now and meet them where they are.