



# OSLS PRESCHOOL

## 2016 APRIL NEWSLETTER



### Thankful and Grateful Hearts

*"Rejoicing always, praying continually, and giving Thanks in All circumstances"*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

On behalf of the entire Preschool Team of Our Savior's Lutheran we would like to thank each of you for an outstanding and memorable Trike-A-Thon! This annual event supports our program in so many ways and we are beyond thankful for your gifts and support of our program! **We have raised over \$4,300** and every dollar will go back to the Preschool to support everyday learning opportunities! We also wish to extend a sincere thank you to ALL of our volunteers who made this event possible, with out your help we would not be able to put on this fun and exciting day!

We look forward to sharing with you all the gifts and treasures that these funds raised will bring this year and there after. We are truly blessed....

With a thankful and grateful heart, Katherine L. Yeakel OSLS Preschool Director

### IMPORTANT DATES

OSLS PRESCHOOL  
**CLOSED:**  
4/4-4/8 FOR SPRING BREAK

PTF Meeting: 4/12 @ 9am

ELEA Accreditation Visit:  
4/17-4/19

Miles for Miles Walk for SMA  
on 4/30

VBS Registration begins 5/1

Mother's Day Fiesta Lunch 5/5  
& 5/6



Chapel Offering for April  
will be given to:  
Habitat for Humanity

Verse of the Month:

**Numbers 11:4-35**  
"Grateful for the manna that  
God provides!"

Service Project of the month:  
Miles for Miles

Our Savior's Preschool is walking miles  
for Miles! Join us at the SMA event on  
April 30th in Costa Mesa!

## A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

Mrs. Hardison: March has literally zoomed by as we began our explorations of eggs, chicks, new life, and Easter! We have been busy predicting what we think will happen next in the stories we're reading, as well as in our science experiments. We have also been recording our observations (we learned that this means we watch and see what happens) by graphing and 'writing' in our journals. The children and I have thoroughly enjoyed this meaningful and intentional way of learning! During the month of April, we will continue to explore new life and life-cycles, especially among insects and amphibians, where the process of metamorphosis opens a brand new series of questions and explorations for the children to learn from. This is such a wonder-filled month as we witness these precious miracles that God has given us!

This is our accreditation year, where we are visited by the accreditation team to determine if our school meets the high standards that they have set. The staff have been working diligently for the past 7 years to make sure that we meet the criteria daily, in order to provide the best educational experience for your child. Thank you for entrusting your most precious treasure to our care! My heart overflows with joy and love as I get to facilitate the learning process with your children.

Mrs. Waugh: April is going to be an exciting science month! During this month, we will be learning about Earth, Life, and Physical Sciences, investigating earth materials, living and non-living. First we will be observing and investigating the characteristics and life cycles of insects such as spiders, butterflies, roly poly's, snails, etc., and learning of their importance in our world. During the second half we will explore the growth and changes of flowers and plants, planting beans and seeds and caring for them, as well as transforming our dramatic play area into a farmers market. I will also introduce a "Story Map" for one of the stories we will be reading, where each child will make their own story map to enhance their comprehension of details and ideas in the story that was read. Our final letters of the alphabet will be Y and Z.

Mrs. Micallef: Pre K April Theme: Let's Go! This month we will focus our attention on different modes of transportation, discussing the many different ways in which people move from place to place. We will explore planes, trains, cars, buses and more, as well as learn about many kinds of specialty vehicles that help transport people and things. We will also take some time to focus on our "Waste Management" system and the concept of "Recycling" and why this is so beneficial to our planet Earth. Encourage your child to share with you what our class is learning about recycling and transportation; as you ride or walk from place to place with your child, encourage discussion about the vehicles around you. This also provides an opportunity to play counting games amongst other games that help develop observation skills. For example, you might ask your child to count the number of red cars they see; you may choose a type of vehicle, such as a truck, and have your child count the number of trucks s/he sees. On long rides, you may want to provide paper and pencil and encourage your child to keep count of vehicles s/he sees by making tally marks.

Mrs. Wohlfarth: In the month of April we will dive into the world of BUGS! Each week we learn about a different insect. We will learn about their job, how they live, and why they are so important. We will learn about bees, spiders, worms, ants, and caterpillars. This is another class favorite and if the children are still interested I will continue this unit in May. Get ready for your children to come home with a ton of facts about these bugs!



You are invited to join Our Savior's in supporting our friend Miles in a Cure SMA Walk-N-Roll event! On Saturday April 30th Miles and his team "Miles for Miles" will come together to help raise funds and awareness for Spinal Muscular Trophy. Visit [http://events.curesma.org/site/TR/Events/General?pg=team&fr\\_id=2392&team\\_id=4586](http://events.curesma.org/site/TR/Events/General?pg=team&fr_id=2392&team_id=4586) to register today for team Miles for Miles! We love you Miles!



Way to go OSLS Preschool!  
25 Books were collected during Dr. Seuss  
Week that were donated to CHOC!