



THE BUSY BEE BUZZ

Cross of Hope Lutheran Preschool April 11, 2012

This warm spring weather is wonderful! Just a quick note that we do have a whole basket full of coats that need to find their owners! The basket is under the lunch box table, so if you get a chance, please check it.

With the warm weather, we still suggest tennis shoes for school. Open sandals and flips flops are slippery, hard to run, climb and bike in and fill up with sand - which is uncomfortable for the little ones and makes it way into the classroom.

We have been busy working on one-to-one correspondence, drawing shapes, blending sounds and learning about bugs! We have some new visitors in our classroom - beautiful painted lady butterflies. We eagerly watched them make their miraculous change from tiny caterpillars to chrysalises to butterflies! We will soon release them outside to find some more "butterfly friends", as one child stated. We will also be reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and creating a sequence sheet for the story. This activity will help with small motor skills (small pictures to color and cut) and is also a good reading skill because the children need to place the pictures in the correct story order - again reinforcing beginning, middle and end. It also helps them remember to work from left to right.

In our small groups we finished up our desert theme by learning about a culture which is all around us here in New Mexico - the Native Americans. We read some folklore stories, about their ancient history and then created the petroglyph stories and pottery! This week we will be focusing on planting seeds, starting a bean plant and counting activities.

Our artist of the month is Vincent Van Gogh. We will read a short children's version of his life - did you know Van Gogh - unlike many artists - did not decide to become an artist until he was an adult? He tried his hand at other vocations before going to art school - such as working at an art gallery,

selling books, being a teacher and even becoming a preacher! After learning a bit about Van Gogh the children will paint some vases of sunflowers.

Coming Up:

Sunday April 22nd - Children of Hope Sunday - Sign-up sheets on cubbies. Please bring your child to the church 15 minutes prior to the service you are attending.

We are collecting School Kits through the month of April. Please consider donating. If you need a list of the contents, please call Miss Mary Sue.

In HIS love,
Miss Donna and Miss Janna

Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

