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**April 2015**

### From the director...

*This week is Holy Week for the church. Holy Week celebrates Maundy Thursday and The Last Supper when Jesus and His disciples had their last dinner together and Jesus told them what the next day would bring. Maundy Thursday is followed by Good Friday which celebrates the crucifixion, then 3 days later is Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection. A week packed full of monumental influence on all Christians*

*To our children, this week is about the hype and anticipation of the Easter Bunny and finding brightly colored eggs which they have dyed the week before.*

*As we celebrate Religious holiday's, how do we help our children see beyond the gifts and help them to understand the real reason for the celebration? Christmas is easy, the birth of Christ and a birthday party. Easter isn't so easy! We can't really explain crucifixion to our preschool aged children without scaring them. And how do they*

*understand Jesus coming back from the dead? They will think that Grandparents and other friends and family who we have lost will resurrect as well. So what do we tell them? Something Pastor Brenda and I have talked about a lot as she prepares for her first Easter chapel with us.*

*So what are we going to tell our children? Here's the reality, Jesus dies to forgive our sins. Our children don't really understand sin, nor should they yet. However they do understand the difference between making good and bad choices. We will teach them that God loved Jesus so much that He brought Jesus back from the dead. The reason He did that was because Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to do anything he could to help make it OK when we make bad choices as long as we learn how to make better choices next time.*

*My prayer is that you help them look beyond the bunny and the eggs. Help them understand how much Jesus loves us...but keep it simple!*

*Help them understand in ways that are age appropriate but offer them reasons for the season!*

*Happy Easter!*

*With many blessings,*

*Leigh Ann Downie*

*Director*

*Please join us for  
Holy Week...*

***April 3—Good Friday***

***7:00pm***

***in the sanctuary***

***April 5—Easter***

***6:00 & 8:00am at North  
Beach***

***10:30 in the sanctuary***



## Chapel Time...

Please join us at 11:15am on  
April 15, April 21, April 29

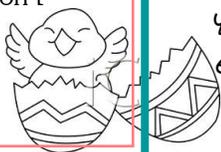


## What is a trike-a-thon?

For La Cristianita Preschool, the trike -a-thon is one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year! Each class comes up with a team name. They have matching shirts and ride together as a class. We come off a large area of the parking lot, forming a big loop for the kids to ride around. The children bring their decorated bike to school that morning (no scooters or razors, please!). At the assigned time, each class will come out for photo's, riding and fun! The student's solicit donations from family and friends for all of their hard riding! What a great event!!

## In Our Classroom...

Spring is such a wonderful time of year! The world is blooming all around us! This month we will be talking about new life as the plants begin to bud, animals begin to have their babies, and the days grow longer and warmer. We will also be learning about the many means of transportation available to us. We will be using lots of pastel colors in our art work and learning that you can make a pastel color by mixing a primary color with white. We will be enjoying the new baby chicks that are being housed in Room 5 so don't forget to stop by and see us!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

APRIL 6-10 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL FOR HALF DAY STUDENTS. DAY CARE AVAILABLE FOR FULL DAY STUDENTS WHO SIGNED UP IN ADVANCE.

APRIL 14 - PAC MTG. 6:30PM

APRIL 17 - TRIKE-A-THON!!

APRIL 28 - CHAPEL POT LUCK 6PM

## The Trike-A-Thon is coming!!

Our annual trike-a-thon will take place Friday, April 17 in the morning! Watch for more details & come home soon! This is a fabulous fundraiser for our school so plan to spend the morning with us cheering the kids on! It is so much fun!! Plan your decorations now but note we will have no razors or scooters this year!



## Have you seen our baby chicks?

Over the past few weeks we have been incubating eggs in Room 5 that all of the children have been checking in on! Just over a week ago our first batch hatched and we now have 3 baby chicks! We still have 12 eggs incubating and we can't wait to see how many more chicks we have over Spring Break!

The chicks are in Room 5 for your viewing but they do go home with Miss Leigh Ann on Friday afternoons so they are cared for over the weekend! The next round of eggs is scheduled to start hatching around April 7 so keep an eye out for more babies!

Your children are soooooo excited about this wonderful experience, so have them take you to Room 5 and have them tell you all about it!