

St. John's Lutheran Preschool Press



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Dates to Remember:

May Tuition Due

April 20

Spring Break

April 6-13

Classes Resume

April 14

2nd Annual

Playing with a Purpose

At the Zoo

May 7

September Tuition Due

May 20

Farewell Ceremony

6pm

May 21

Last Day of School

May 21

Position Available

Position:

Mom, Mommy, Mama, Ma
Dad, Daddy, Dada, Pa, Pop

Job Description:

- Long term, team players needed for challenging work in an often chaotic environment.
- Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings, weekends and some frequent 24 hour shifts.
- Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities.
- Travel expenses not reimbursed.
- Extensive courier duties also required.

Responsibilities:

- The rest of your life
- Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5.
- Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly.
- Must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule.
- Must be able to go from zero to 60mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the scream is from the backyard and not someone just crying wolf.
- Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers.
- Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects.
- Must have the ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks.
- Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next.
- Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap,

plastic toys and battery operated devices.

- Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.
- Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.
- Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

Possibility for Advancement & Promotion:

- None.
- Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

Previous Experience:

- Unfortunately, none required.
- On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

Wages & Compensation:

- Get this! You pay them!
- Offering frequent raises & bonuses.
- A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent.
- When you die, you give them whatever is left.
- The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

Benefits:

- While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth, unconditional love, and free hugs and kisses for life if you play your cards right.

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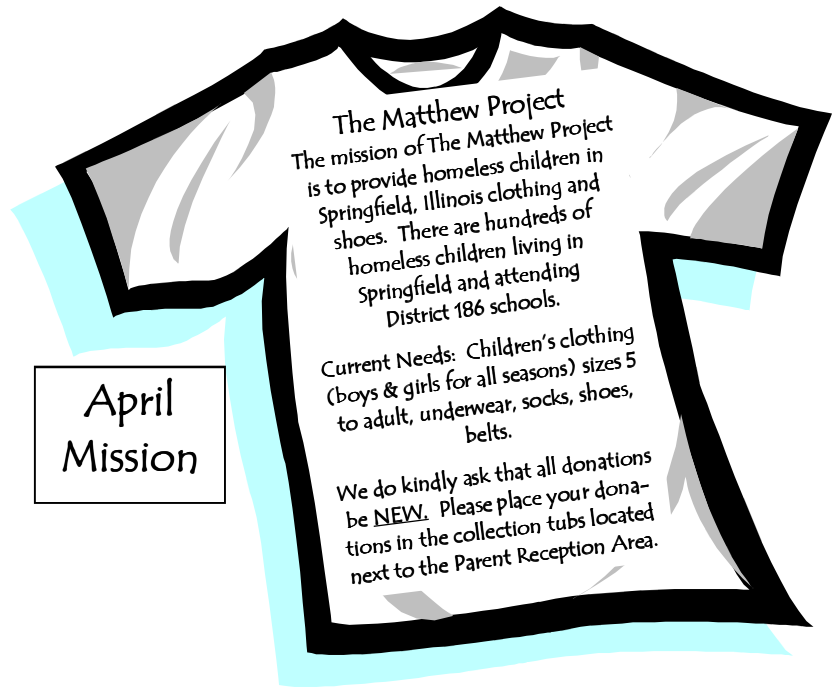
Got summer plans?

**Come to St. John's Lutheran
Preschool for Summer Camp!**

**June 8-12 Going Buggy!
June 22-26 Mad Scientist!
July 13-17 Seuss on the Loose!**

**Registrations are due as soon as
possible but will be accepted as
long as space is available**

**You must pay a \$35 non-
refundable deposit for each
week at the time of registration.
The balance of \$40 is due one
week before the first day of
camp for a total of \$75/week for
each camp.**



Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, May 21
Last Day of School

Thursday, May 21
Farewell Ceremony for our 4
year old classes
6pm
Parish Life Center



Farewell



Family Page



Think About This

Invest in Your Family

No matter whether your family is going through tough times or smooth sailing it is always a good time to invest in your family by building strong ties. A resilient family is the most important asset you can have, and there are specific things you can do to build a strong and resilient family.

Communicate—Believe in and share open and honest communication.

Be Content—Be content with what you have and be grateful for it.

History—Strong families have a sense of family history. Promote family history by telling favorite family stories, going to family gatherings, making sure children know their family members, keeping family traditions alive or starting new traditions.

Optimism—Families should have a sense of optimism about life. Optimism, or positive thinking, can help families feel hopeful during times of negative situations.

Humor—Families need a sense of humor. Having a sense of humor helps families cope with life's stressors and crises.

Resiliency—Family resiliency is the family's ability to cultivate strengths to positively meet the challenges of life.

Appreciation—Think about each family member as an individual and what each gives to your family. Express appreciation for each other.

Unity—Plan time together.

Springfield Area Happenings



April

- 18—March of Dimes Walk for Babies. IL State Fairgrounds.
- 24, 25, 26—American Girl Fashion Show. Springfield Hilton.
- 25 & 26—Country Treasures Craft Show. IL Building at the IL State Fairgrounds. Admission.

May

- 9—Dr. Doolittle Day. Henson Robinson Zoo.
- 10—Mother's Day at the Zoo. Henson Robinson Zoo.

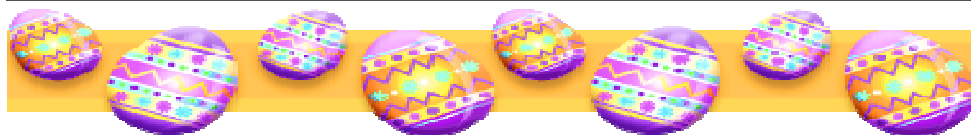
Directory Update

Welcome to the following new students!

Humayl Hashmi—TTF 3
 Parents: Syed & Shehla Hashmi
 115 Exeter Court
 Springfield, IL 62704
 (217) 698-1007
 shehlaaslam337@hotmail.com,
 sfthashmi@yahoo.com

Lane Smith—Toddler
 Parents: Matthew & Christina Smith
 706 W. Eureka Street
 Athens, IL 62613
 (217) 636-7462
 csmith3607@yahoo.com

Mia Williams—TT 2 & 3's PM
 Parents:
 Stephanie Goben
 14 Sundowner Lane
 Springfield, IL 62711
 Damon Williams
 3541 Ridge Avenue, Trailer 68
 Springfield, IL 62702



Area Easter Egg Hunts

April 4

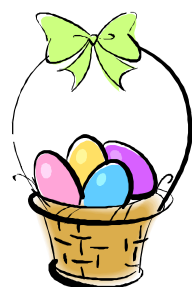
Breakfast with Benjamin Bunny
9am—Nelson Center

April 5

West Sangamon Republican Club
1pm—Rotary Park

April 11

Knight's Action Park
10am, 11am and Noon



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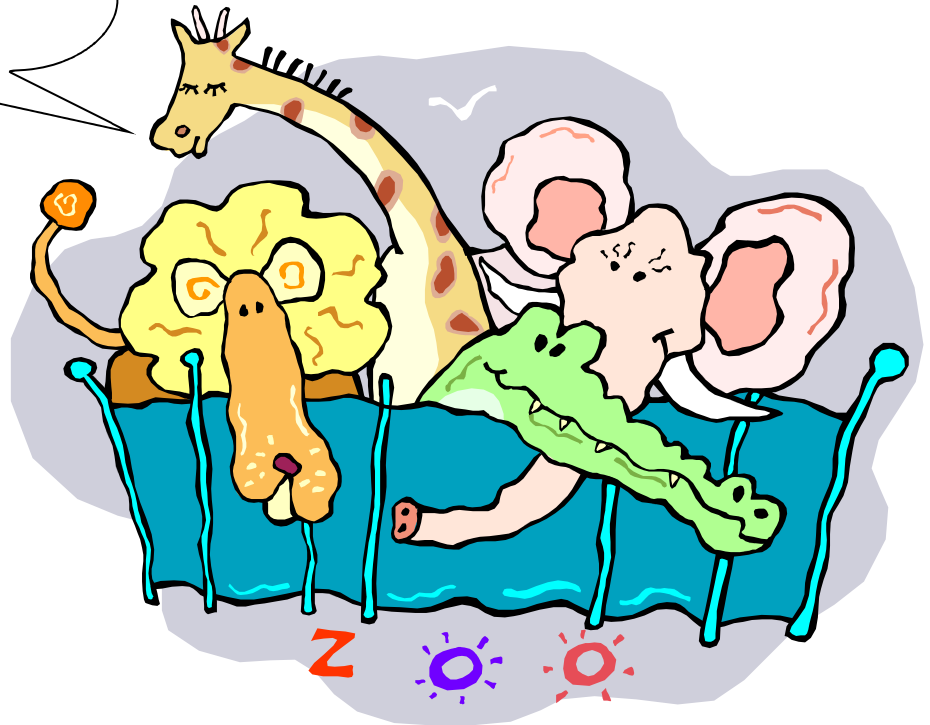
**Come join us for our
2nd Annual
"Playing with a Purpose at the Zoo"
May 7 ~ Henson Robinson Zoo
5pm-7pm
Proceeds benefit
Asbury Children's Supper Hour
Playground Project**

**See the
animals**

**Have fun
with other
preschool
families**

**Bid on our
Silent
Auction
Baskets**

**Pizza Party for the
students of the class
that collected the
most spare change**



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 20-24

**Please join St. John's Lutheran Preschool as we celebrate
"The Week Of the Young Child" April 20-24
by allowing the children to express their creativity through their clothing!!
Parents, please show your support by wearing a PURPLE RIBBON.**

**Monday 4/20
Tuesday 4/21
Wednesday 4/22
Thursday 4/23
Friday 4/24**

**Crazy Hair/Hat Day
Bring Your Favorite Stuffed Animal Day
Sports Day
Backwards/Mismatched Day
Color of Your Classroom Day**

Spring Break

Monday, April 6—

Monday, April 13

Classes resume on

Tuesday, April 14



All I needed To Know About Life I Learned From The Easter Bunny

Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.
Walk softly and carry a big carrot.
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
There's no such thing as too much candy.
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
Some body parts should be floppy.
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans.
Good things come in small sugar-coated packages.
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.
An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.
To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell.
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.



Keep the spare change coming!

**Check the wall outside the double doors to see
which class is in the lead!**



**Let's help the children of Asbury
Children's Supper Hour get a
playground!**

The Silent Auction Baskets are coming.....

You've seen the sign-up sheets in the classrooms

You may even be purchasing an item or items

Now, see the final results and make a bid!

*The baskets will be available for bids beginning April 28 and ending May 7 at 6pm
at the Zoo. The winning bidders will be able to take their baskets home after
6:30pm. Need not be present to win.*

*The Silent Auction is in conjunction with our 2nd Annual "Playing with a Purpose at
the Zoo" and benefits the Asbury Children's Supper Hour Playground Project.*