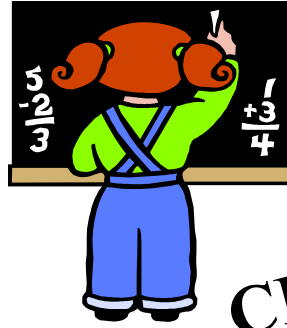




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Our Saviour's Celebration Community Life Center



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**One Evening
One Afternoon
One Morning**
... changed everything!

**Holy Week
and Easter
at
Our
Saviour's**

Maundy Thursday, April 21

Noon and *7:00 pm, Main Campus
"Remembering The Last Supper"

Good Friday Crosswalk, Friday, April 22

9:30 and 11:00 am, Main Campus
Designed especially for families with small children.

Good Friday Worship, April 22

*6:00 and *7:30 pm, Main Campus

* child care available

Easter Worship

Main Campus

Saturday, April 23 *5:00 pm

Oasis Easter Service,

Saturday, April 23 ... 2 pm

**Designed for families of children
with special needs**

**Sunday, April 24 ...6:30, *7:45,
*9:00, *10:15 and *11:30 am**

Celebration! Campus

Sunday, April 24, *10:00 am

March Highlights

"Down in the Meadow" in March ??? As we looked out the windows at melting snow and gray winter clouds, we were certain there was nothing going on down in any meadow anywhere. Ducks weren't quacking. Spiders weren't crawling. Caterpillars went into cocoons and still haven't come out. Obviously a cocoon is a better place than being a butterfly flapping your wings in 30 or less degrees. So we pretended. Our hallways were filled with yellow chicks, spiders, and other small creature facsimiles. There are, as you read this, brown paper bag cocoons hanging on the hall wall.... And, yes, there are holes appearing, as if something is about ready to leave the brown bags!? Just before February bowed to March, parents and staff gathered to hear a Kindergarten readiness presentation by retired teacher, Lynne Sherman, and current kindergarten teacher in the Naperville schools, Stuart Vance. We held parent teacher conferences in March so moms and dads could have time with their child's teacher. It was good time; needed time, to share joys, concerns, and those stories about their child that only a teacher can share. We had an *Eating Out For The Children's Center* at downtown Naperville's Lou Malnati's; and there's *another opportunity right away in April— Tuesday, April 5, at the Colonial Café on Gartner & Washington between 4:30 and 10:00.* It's time for a chocolate malt, don't you think? Just drop your receipt in the bucket by the register when you pay your tab:). Thank you for your participation in these. Our fundraisers make some marvelous things happen at The Children's Center; programs like The Fitz Family (see page 2). Also, this summer we'll be enjoying shade in our sandbox, because we're installing a shade structure for the children to dig and play under; using our fundraising money. Thank you, moms, dads and other special people! We appreciate your support.

A Family Night With Pizza Supper and the Fitz Family Tues, April 26!



**Dinner at
6:15
\$1/person**

(family of 5 can eat for \$5 !!!)

**Family
Performance
following
Dinner at 7:00**



Then

*..... Wednesday morning, 4/27, 9 am,
the Fitz's will return to Celebration to
present a marvelous workshop to
adults on brain development !!!*

The workshop looks at three simple things that have a huge impact on brain function:

- 1) exercise;
- 2) diet; and
- 3) play/rest/sleep.

Strong science to back it up... and what you learn will have direct application to the classroom, confirmation class, worship planning, how you run meetings, how you raise your children, how you function at work, and more...

We'll also explore:

- how the brain can change and the implications of that on the young people of today,
- a simple shorthand way to understand how the brain functions, and
- the implications of brain research on faith formation in the home.

Helpful for:

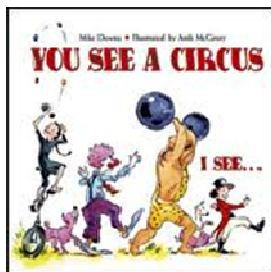
- Pastors and Educators
- School Principals and Teachers
- Parents
- Special Ed professionals
- Senior Citizens
- Corporate professionals
- Medical professionals

**Join us in the ALC by the Open Door
Coffee Bar at 9 am**

Family reservations for dinner and the performance can be made in the office. Then we'll add your name to the class balloon in the hallway. Seating reservations for the morning workshop can also be made in the office with Ms. Renee.

The Fitz Family Performance and morning workshop are made possible by your participation in our fundraising events at The Children's Center. ... Thank You.

April Learning Through Literature



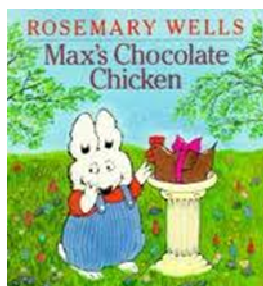
You See A Circus. I See.....

Mike Downs, author
Anik McGrory, illustrator

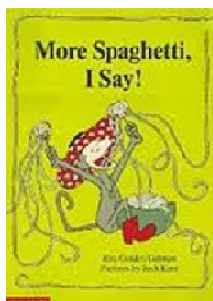
Everyone in this circus family has an important role to play. What is the same about ALL families...they all love and care about each other!

Max's Chocolate Chicken

Rosemary Wells,
author & illustrator



Max and Ruby are off on an Easter egg hunt....or are they? Where did the tradition of coloring eggs originate? We'll make some non-fiction connections using Celebrate Easter With Colored Eggs, Flowers, and Prayer by Deborah Heiligman.



More Spaghetti, I Say!

Rita Golden Gelman,
author
Mort Gerberg,
illustrator

Minnie and Freddie will introduce us to the genre of a circle story in this humorous tale. Mama Mia!

PRESCHOOL CAMPS

For children who have completed at least one year of preschool up to and including children who have just finished kindergarten

"Balls of Fun" June 13-16 (morning session only)

"The Interesting Life of Bugs" June 27-30

"Pirates on the Playground" July 5-8

"Surf's Up" July 11-14

Contact: Alecia Behrens oscpreschoolcamp@gmail.com

PDO CAMPS

For two and three year olds who have "graduated" from PDO (Parents Day Out), and/or will be attending Preschool for the first time in September. You must be three by August 31st!(Need not be potty trained)

"Fun in the Sun" - June 20 -23

"Things with Wings" - July 18 - 21

Contact: Kelly Gilligan at ccmskelly@gmail.com with questions.

Register on line:

www.oursaviours.com/news-calendar/register/registrations



An Easter Basket For Children Served By "Loaves and Fishes"

Won't you help us fill our basket with single serve healthy snacks* for the Children's Nutrition Program?



Suggestions would be: granola bars, applesauce, fruit cups, cracker packs, single cereal packs, popcorn, pretzels,

Our basket will be sitting at the end of our hallway by our main entrance door with our bear through April. Have your children share some of their favorite healthy treats.

* Expiration dates are important on treats, too.