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SUMMER!!!!!!

Joyful Noise Announces a NEW

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



For 2 ½ to 6 year olds*

Open to all Joyful Noise Families
and to the GENERAL COMMUNITY!!!!!!

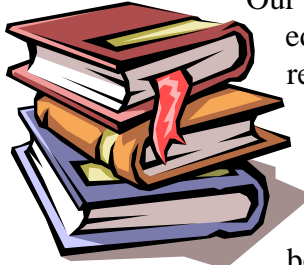
See page 12 for additional details and watch pack back
mail for the hot pink information flyer.

*Children entering and graduating kindergarten.

Get Ready! Get Set! Start Reading!!!!

Joyful Noise classes will spend the first week of March commemorating the birthday of “Dr. Seuss”, Theodor Seuss Geisel, which will “kick-off” our spring Joyful Noise Reading Program. As a tribute to Theodor Seuss Geisel and to highlight the positive impact he had on children’s literacy, students from Mrs. Susan Vigilante’s class from the Morris Plains Borough School will come to Joyful Noise on Wednesday March 3rd to read Dr. Seuss stories to all of the Wednesday classes. We will spend the rest of the week eating green eggs and ham, making and wearing red striped “Cat in the Hat” hats and reading lots of Dr. Seuss stories.

CAT IN THE HAT!



Our focus for the next few months is to highlight the educational benefits that come from establishing good reading habits and a love of books by encouraging lots of reading at home and at school. As part of our spring reading initiative, we are very pleased to remind you about Joyful Noise Book It. For eight weeks we are asking all parents to read to their child, fill out the “Reading Record Sheet” with the names of the children’s books or chapters in children’s books that they have read to their child and send in the “Reading Record Sheet” to their child’s teacher. Your child’s teacher should have sent home information and a “Reading Record Sheet” for BOOK IT. If you have not received this information, please contact your child’s teacher or stop by the office so that you and your child can participate in the fun! Remember, each age group class (playgroup, preschool 3’s, pre-K) that return the most “Reading Record Sheets” will win a pizza party!!!!

In addition to the Joyful Noise Book It Program, **the Joyful Noise staff would like to invite any interested parents and/or other adults (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to come in and read to their child’s class anytime from now until the end of school in June.** All you need to do is to talk to your child’s teacher in order to arrange a day and time that best fits the classroom and your personal schedule. You may select a family “favorite” to share with the class or ask your child’s teacher for book suggestions. If you speak a language other than English, it is always interesting and fun for the children to hear and be exposed to other languages, so a child’s book in a language other than English is always a treat! We would love it if you could find time in your schedule to come in and read.

(Please understand that as much as we would love to allow siblings to accompany you during your classroom visit to read to your child’s class, classroom logistics make that impossible. If you are planning to come in to read to your child’s class, please make childcare arrangements for any siblings. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.)

**Please keep an eye out for your 2010 Parent Survey’s.
It is very important that we get a survey back from EVERY
family!!!!!!!!!!**

(Please remember to fill in your child's class section when completing the survey form.)

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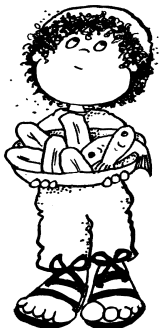
Joyful Noise "Lenten" outreach projects give all of us an opportunity to refocus and redirect ourselves to the needs of others as we prepare for Easter.

The forty-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter is called Lent. This year it started on February 17th (Ash Wednesday) and concludes with Holy Week, the week just prior to Easter Sunday, (March 28th –April 2nd). Easter Sunday is April 4th. Lent is the time for us to rededicate ourselves to the study and practices of the ministry of Jesus Christ. In some traditions, Lent is a time for people to give up something such as a favorite food. In other traditions, people may choose to attend worship services each day or to increase their care and response to others by increasing their daily/weekly acts of outreach to others. Because a very important part of the Joyful Noise's curriculum is focused on teaching our children how to look beyond themselves to see and respond to the needs of others, we use the season of Lent as an opportunity to refocus and redirect ourselves to the needs of others by participating in **One Great Hour of Sharing** (description below) and the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains **Easter Food Drive** (description on page 4)

† One Great Hour of Sharing †
5 LOAVES AND 2 FISH



One Great Hour of Sharing is part of the World Church Relief Fund which has had a very active role in the Haitian Relief efforts. Churches all over the world take part in a Lenten collection and the money that is collected is used to help feed hungry children around the world. In addition, this money helps to supply medical supplies and personnel to poor and homeless families in the USA and throughout the world. Last week, Mrs. Cate and Mrs. Cantrell shared the story of the feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14, Mark 6, & Luke 9) with the children and this will be our theme for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" program. In the next few weeks, the children will be decorating an envelope with pictures of the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish that the small boy gave to Jesus which He transformed into enough food to feed 5,000 people. **When your child's envelope comes home, we are asking you to put one dollar into the envelope and return it to your child's classroom.** Alone, your contribution of one dollar, like the small gift of 5 loaves and 2 fish, may seem insufficient, but when we add it together with the contributions of others, it will feed and make a difference in the lives of millions!!! Please help us to teach our children how they can make a difference in the lives of others and return your envelope with one dollar in it.



✝ Easter Food Drive ✝

Each Easter, the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains and Joyful Noise provide food baskets for local families in need. Just as was done for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, each class has been assigned several items to contribute. If you and your child would like to participate in this outreach opportunity, there will be a collection bin in the interior entrance of the school for your generous donations. In addition to the non-perishable items, canned hams will also be needed. Please place the hams in the Joyful Noise refrigerators in the kitchen or drop them off in the Joyful Noise office. In order that the baskets can be organized and delivered by Easter, please bring in all donations by March 26th. Thank you!

Room Food Assignments

- Room A – Canned Juice Concentrate &/or Macaroni & Cheese
- Room B – Tuna &/or Canned yams
- Room C – Parmalat or Powered Milk &/or Pancake Mix
- Room D (Mon/Tue & Wed/Thurs/Fri) – Cereal
- Room E – Jelly / Peanut Butter
- Room F – (Mon/Tue & Wed/Thurs/Fri) - Meals in a Can / Box
- Room G – (Mon/Tues/Wed & Thurs/Fri) -Pasta &/or Spaghetti Sauce
- Room H –(Mon/Tues/Wed) - Coffee
- Room I – (Mon/Tues/Wed & Thurs/Fri) - Mayonnaise and/or Pancake Syrup
- Room J – Canned green vegetables &/or Canned corn
- Bezold/Nigro 4-day Pre-K – Canned pineapple &/or applesauce &/or canned fruit



Don't forget VACATION VENTURES

OPEN TO CHILDREN 2 ½ YEARS THRU 3RD GRADE



July 12th–16th & July 19th–23rd
(9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

We will share lunch together!!!

\$250 for 2 weeks for one child

\$300 for 2 weeks for 2 children from the same family

\$325 for 2 weeks for 3 or more children from the same family

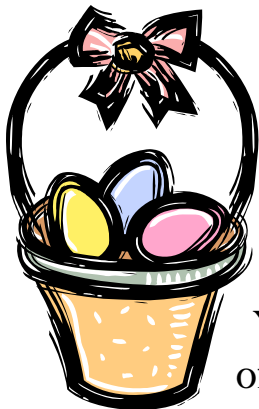
**Applications and additional information will be
sent home April 5th. Watch Back-Pack mail!!!!**

IMPORTANT DATES

MAR. 1 – MAR. 5: Enrollment applications for siblings will be accepted by mail or in person
MAR. 8 – MAR. 12: Open registration for Day Care
MAR. 15- Priority Registration done in person from 9:30 to 12:00 in Westminster Hall
MAR. 22- Easter Bunny's Egg Hunt
MAR. 26- Open registration done in person from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM in Westminster Hall
 Easter Bunny's Egg Hunt
 Dentist Visits Wed/Thurs/Fri, Thurs/Fri, & 4-day Pre-K classes
MAR. 29 – Apr. 2: NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED: EASTER BREAK
APRIL 2 – DAY CARE CLOSED: GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 10 – 6:00 Celebration: Rm I (Th/F), Rm J (M/T/W), Rm. B
 – 7:00 Celebration: Rm I (M/T/W), Rm J (Th/F), Rm. A
MAY 11 – 6:00 Celebration: Rm G (Th/F), Rm F (M/T), Rm. E (W/Th/F)
 – 7:00 Celebration: Rm D (M/T), Rm D (W/Th/F), Rm G (M/T/W), Rm H (M/T/W)
MAY 12 – 7:00 Celebration: Rm C, Rm F (W/Th/F), Nigro/Bezold Pre-K
MAY 31 – NURSERY SCHOOL & DAY CARE CLOSED: Memorial Day
JUNE 17 – Last Day of Nursery School
JUNE 21 – JULY 9: Summer Enrichment Program (Weeks 1, 2 & 3)
JULY 5 – Joyful Noise Day Care & Summer Enrichment Program closed: Independence Day
JULY 12 – 16 – Vacation Ventures
JULY 19 – 23 – Vacation Ventures
JULY 26 – AUGUST 20 – Summer Enrichment Program (Weeks 4, 5, 6 & 7)
AUGUST 23 – 27 – VACATION WEEK – DAY CARE CLOSED

The Wednesday, Pre-K Art Enrichment Class is looking for a poster of any Andy Warhol work.

If you have one that is sitting in the back of a closet or in your attic and would like to donate it, the children, Mrs. Bezold and Mrs. Martin would be extremely grateful!!!! See Jeanne Frost or Katie Bezold. Thank you!!!!!!



Mrs. Svoboda and the children in Room I are planning to make Easter baskets out of 2 liter soda bottles. If you could help them out by bringing in empty, rinsed out 2 liter bottles by March 18th, they would be most appreciative!!!!!!
 You can drop off the bottles at Room I or at the Joyful Noise office. Thank you!!!!!!

MUSICAL NOTES

March in the Music Room

March is another busy month in the music room. We have already begun our preparations for our Spring Celebration. Listen for songs about Noah and the Ark (“Who Built the Ark?” and “Rise and Shine”) and about the promise that God made to the world.

We will also be learning more about different musical instruments and what they sound like. The children will be watching a classic version of the timeless tale of “Peter and the Wolf”, where each character will be represented by a different instrument: Peter – the violin; Grandfather – the bassoon; the Bird – the flute; the Cat – the clarinet; the Duck – the oboe; the Hunters – the timpani drum; and of course the Wolf – the French Horn.

The Pre-K classes will be listening and reading along with our character education book that teaches us about “Self-Control”. The music will be to the tune of Finale from “Light Calvary Overture”, originally composed by Suppe.

In celebration of the holidays in March, we will be dancing to Irish Jigs and singing songs about those sneaky green Leprechauns (“I’m a little Leprechaun”). Most importantly, we will learn and sing about that very special day, Easter, when we rejoice that Jesus is alive (“Ho-Ho-Hosanna”, “Alive, Alive”).

Once again, we thank each and every Joyful Noise family for your support. We look forward to another joyful month in the music room.

With a song in our hearts,

Debbie Rossetti, Skip Yingling, Debby Martin, and Mark Johnson





Easter Services!
***You are cordially invited to
 celebrate the Easter season at the
 Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains!!***



Palm Sunday Worship – March 28th

9:00 AM: Music by the Chancel Choir

11:00 AM: Music by the Praise Team

Children's Education and Childcare at both services

Maundy Thursday Worship – April 1st

7:00 PM Worship & Communion

Childcare available

Good Friday Worship – April 2nd

7:00 PM: Music featuring the Chancel Choir

Childcare available.

Easter Celebrations – April 4th

9:00 AM Worship & Celebration with music lead by the Chancel Choir

11:00 AM Worship & Celebration with music lead by the Praise Team

Children's Education and Childcare at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

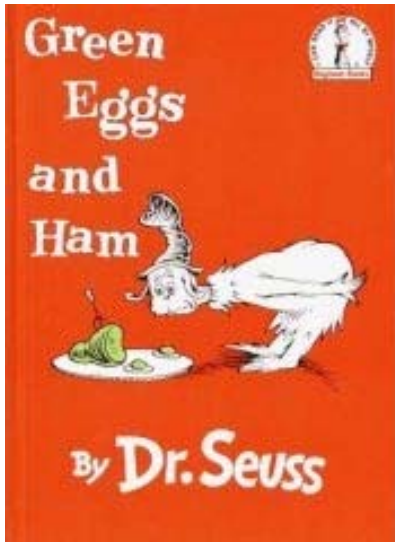
The Dentist is Coming!

Dr. Joshi, Shaila and Shiven's Dad will be coming to Joyful Noise on **March 26th** to teach us the importance of good dental health. All of the children in the Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday, Thursday/Friday, and 4-day Pre-K classes will have the opportunity to learn some very important life lessons about how to best care for their teeth.



Shaila and Shiven are in the Room E, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Pre-K and we are very excited to have their dad share his job and professional skills with us. If you have a skill, a hobby or a job that you would be willing to share with us, please see Fran O'Keefe in the Joyful Noise office. The children love to have their friend's moms, dads or other family members come to school and it is a real thrill for your own child as well!

The Pre-K Computer Corner



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, we will read the animated story, Green Eggs and Ham. Your child will experience reading a great book while watching the characters and objects come alive! The software will help strengthen your child's early reading skills with the following activities:

1. **Make a Word with A Fox in a Box Game:** challenges children to create words and sentences by changing the first letter in a chosen word family (for e.g., pig – wig – fig).
2. **“Sam I Am” Find a Rhyme Game:** encourages children to match images corresponding to rhyming words.
3. **Color Match with a Mouse in a House Game:** challenges children to find matching pairs of brightly colored foods.

In addition, we will use the “I Spy Junior” software. Your child will be given the opportunity to strengthen many skills with the following activities:

1. **Nature:** Strengthen life science, reading and vocabulary through observation and exploration of nature.
2. **Busy Bins:** Work on math skills through classifying and sorting.
3. **Blocks:** Introduce reading and vocabulary skills with different social studies concepts
4. **Oops Hoops:** Strengthens early math skills through classifying and sorting with Venn diagrams
5. **Make Your Own I Spy:** Encourages creative expression through picture making
6. **Pattern Place:** Encourages development of early math skills through auditory and visual pattern recognition.



Happy Reading,

Susan Carvalho and Loretta Tirone



Song Selections from the Music Room

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
All the earth,
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord (repeat)

Make a loud noise, and rejoice sing praises,
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

I'M A LITTLE LEPRECHAUN

I'm a little leprechaun
Dressed in green,
The tiniest man
That you have ever seen.
If you ever catch me, so its told,
I'll give you a pot of gold.

HO-HO-HO-HOSANNA

Ho – ho- - ho hosanna!
Ha ha hallelujah!
He He He He loves me,
I've got the joy of the Lord
(sung 3x's)

ARKY, ARKY

(RISE AND SHINE)

So, rise and shine,
And give God the glory glory
Rise and shine,
And give God the glory glory
Rise and shine and (clap)
Give God the glory glory,
Children of the Lord

ALIVE, ALIVE

Alive, alive, alive forevermore;
My Jesus is alive,
Alive forever more.
Alive, Alive, alive forevermore;
My Jesus is alive.

Sing hallelujah!
Sing hallelujah!
My Jesus is alive forevermore
Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
My Jesus is alive!

AIN'T IT GREAT TO KNOW JESUS?

(Tune: Boom!Boom! Ain't It Great to Be Crazy?)

Boom! Boom!
Ain't it great to know Jesus?
Boom!Boom! Aint it great to know
Him?
He died for our sins to be washed
away!
Boom!Boom!
Ain't it great to know Jesus?

Boom! Boom!
Ain't it great to be saved?
Boom! Boom!
Ain't it great to be saved?
We will go to heaven any day!
Boom! Boom!
Ain't it great to be saved?
(REPEAT VERSE 1)



Story Corner - March

Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, we will be nice and snug in the sanctuary having lots of fun. Our first story of the month is entitled “The Lost Son” (page 397- 404 in the Beginner’s Bible, Luke 15). God is like the father in the story.

He is always willing to forgive us when we have done the wrong thing and he is very happy when we do the right thing. For our second story of the month, we will leave the New Testament and travel back in time to an Old Testament story entitled “Jars of Oil” (page 222- 225 in the Beginner’s Bible, 2 Kings 4) This is the story of a woman who has almost nothing and how God takes a little bit of oil and makes enough to take care of all her needs. Next we will take a trip through the desert on the back of a camel in the Old Testament story, “A New Land” (page 39 -45 in the Beginner’s Bible, Genesis 12 -17). God has a special plan for Abraham. Even though this plan seems impossible, Abraham does not doubt that it will happen. Because Abraham believes, God keeps his promise to him. Our last story of the month is the Easter story, “The Miracle of Easter”. This is the story of Jesus’ journey from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. The book we use is very “child friendly” and does a wonderful job of putting the events of Holy week into terms that are comfortable and understandable for the children.

On March 22nd and March 26th the Easter bunny’s helper will be at Joyful Noise to have an Easter egg hunt for the children.

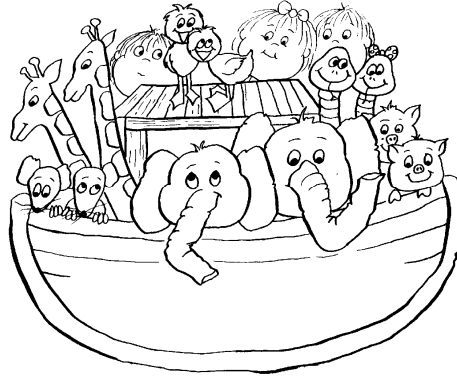
We hope March “goes out like a lamb”, but whatever the weather, we will be sunny and bright as we share the joy of stories that teach and entertain us!

With a story in our hearts,
Jenn Cantrell and Susan Cate

SPRING WEATHER REMINDERS:

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CAREFULLY WATCH YOUR CHILDREN WHEN LEAVING THE BUILDING**
- **PLEASE DO NOT LET CHILDREN RUN UP AND DOWN THE RAMPS OR GO UNESCORTED ON THE RAMPS OR INTO THE PARKING LOT**
- **PLEASE DRIVE THROUGH OUR PARKING AREA WITH EXTREME CAUTION. SMALL CHILDREN SOMETIMES GET AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WHEN CROSSING THE PARKING LOT.**

THANK YOU!



IMPORTANT SPRING CELEBRATION NEWS!!!!

MONDAY, MAY 10TH

6:00 – 6:30

Room B Pre-K: Beyrent/Nunn/Simone

Room J (M/T/W 3's): Scala/Clarkin

Room I (Th/F Playgroup): Svoboda/Smarz

7:00 – 7:30

Room A Pre-K: Caputo/Markey

Room J (Th/F 3's): Scala/Johnson

Room I (M/T/W 3's): Svoboda/McCormick

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH

6:00 – 6:30

Room G (Th/F 3's): Huhn/Moore

Room E Pre-K: Carvalho/Johnson/Mosuriak

Room F (M/T 3's): Martin/Amelio

7:00 – 7:30

Room D (M/T Playgroup): Johnson/Moore

Room G (M/T/W Pre-K): Huhn/Case

Room D (W/Th/F 3's): Votapek/Amelio

Room H (M/T/W Pre-K): Smarz/Ribaudo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

7:00 – 7:30

Room F (W/Th/F 3's): Fleischer/Matzuk

Room C (M/T/W Playgroup): Apicelli / Leyhan

Bezold/Nigro Pre-K

Just as in the past, if you have two children that are not celebrating at the same celebration or if you have a child in two different class sections, you have the option of attending the one celebration that best fits into your schedule. Please let us know of your choice.



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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
\$30/DAY



The Enrichment Program will run for 7 weeks and you have the opportunity to sign up for any combination of days of the week and weeks of the summer that fit your personal/family summer plans. Each enrichment class will be a single session learning experience, allowing you the flexibility of coming for a class, skipping one or more classes and returning several weeks later. Each day of the week a different enrichment topic will be offered:

- Mondays: LITERATURE
Tuesdays: PHYSICAL FITNESS EXERCISE FUN & WATER PLAY
Wednesdays: MUSIC & HAND BELLS* / DANCE THEATER
Thursdays: GEO-CACHING: WALK ABOUT IN MORRIS PLAINS
Fridays: ART

*Hand bells will only be available for children entering and graduating kindergarten.

Summer Session Weeks

- Week 1:** June 21- 24 **Week 2:** June 28 – July 2 **Week 3:** July 6 – 9
Week 4: July 26 – July 30 **Week 5:** August 2 – 6 **Week 6:** August 9 – 13
Week 7: August 16 - 20

The Summer Enrichment Program is open to all Joyful Noise families as well as the general community and will enroll children 2 ½ to those graduating kindergarten. It is a great opportunity to give young children exposure to the fine arts enrichment that research has proven makes a great difference in young brain development and later school success.

Additional information and registration materials will be sent home by back pack mail and available in the Joyful Noise office beginning April 5th. See Jeanne Frost if you have any questions.