

SEPTEMBER: GETTING TO KNOW YOU

*I am a special child of God! *Learning classroom rules
 Three's: *All about sharing, rules & making friends from "Miss Bee Polite" *Color Days
 *Learning snack-time prayers *Noah's Ark
 Four's: *Introducing "The Our Father" prayer, *Upper Case ABC's *Learning Nursery Rhymes *Creative and dramatic play



OCTOBER: SEASONAL CHANGES WE OBSERVE

*Observing changes in leaves, trips outside to enjoy the fall.
 *Halloween fun projects *Making Apple and Leaf Prints *Costume Parade for families to see.
 Three's: *Visit to Church to see stained glass windows *Making stained glass crosses & learning "Sign of the Cross"
 Four's: *Writing our own Fairy Tales
 *Beckwith's Apple Orchard Field Trip *Fun gross motor exercise games with Little Leapers *Olympic Day, Number concepts 1-10, Begin Letter recognition *Following directions & cutting, recognition of all colors and shapes



NOVEMBER: THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Three's and Four's: *What are we Thankful for. *Learning about the first Thanksgiving *Preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast: learning songs, finger play poems and our table manners * Making table decorations and costumes
 *Baking bread for our feast
 *Four's class trip to Little Leapers,
 *Number concepts 1-20 * Recognition of letters in name, "How's my child adjusting" Conferences for 3's and 4's.



Family Thanksgiving Feast (3' & 4's)
 Come and share our Thanksgiving meal
 And hear the Pilgrims and Indians sing!

OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is based on guidelines developed by the Ohio Office of Early Learning and School Readiness in areas of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science. Our Daily schedule and monthly themes include developmentally appropriate experiences designed to support each child's pace of learning. The children participate in activities involving creative play, games, cooking, music taught by our music director Mark Ludwig, art, science and field trips. Little Leapers visits once a month. Yearly vision screening is provided. Our curriculum emphasizes development of large and small motor skills, and math and reading readiness concepts. The children learn about their faith through bible stories, visits to the Church and Chapel and through daily prayers.

DECEMBER: PREPARING FOR JESUS' BIRTH

*Giving to others: *Making special family gifts
 *Learning Christmas songs
 *Three's Christmas Concert: Come for cookies and hear the children sing.
 *The Wise Men's gifts *The Candy Cane Story"
 *Four's: Nativity Play presented to families
 *Creating Christmas wreaths *Learning the Nativity story and creating the Nativity scene



JANUARY: A NEW YEAR OF DISCOVERIES

Learning about animals that hibernate *making special projects for our Dads *DAD'S NIGHT: Dads are invited to come and play with their child and have ice cream!
 Three's: *Fun with snowflakes and concepts of same and different *Special Teddy Bear Picnic Day *learning to trace
 Four's: *The magic of Jack Frost Paint
 *Beach Day *Monthly visit to the Chapel

Learning days of the week & months, Lower Case Letters

FEBRUARY: THANK YOU GOD FOR ALL I LOVE

*Ways to show love *Valentine exchange
 Three's: * Dental Health Month: how to care for our teeth *Counting fun, *Winter exercise fun with Little Leapers, "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Day before Lent.
 Fours: *Music Week, Learning our addresses and phone numbers, writing 1-10, *Begin to learn "The Hail Mary"
 *Monthly visit to the Chapel



MARCH: SPRING IS IN THE AIR

*Parent-Teacher Conferences
 *Vision screening
 Three's: Marching in March, music fun
 *Our Five Senses *Hot Cross Buns and making Easter Crosses
 Four's: * Kite creations * Rainbows, Review Shapes, upper/lower case letters * Visit to church and learn about stained glass windows *Pretend sleep over at school!



APRIL: NEW LIFE AT EASTER

Preparing special gifts for Mom, Caterpillars turning to butterflies in the classroom
 Three's: *April's Fools Day with opposite fun
 *Earth Day: Story of Creation *Circus Day: dress as your favorite circus star *Palms for Palm Sunday
 Four's: *The Easter Story *The Cross and Resurrection
 *Imagine going to Hawaii-come fly with us, recognizing friend's names-can you write it?



MAY: MONTH TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER, MARY & OUR MOMS

*Outside fun *Mother's Day Brunch for Moms
 *Baking bread *Visiting the Statue of Mary
 Three's: *Planting seeds *Mother May I games
 *Friendship Day * Family End of Year Picnic
 Four's: Trip to the Fire Station and wood park * Drawing Mary's portrait * Grocery Day Shopping *Opposites and comparing *Graduation Ceremony & Celebration



Each child should: *Learn that he/she is a child of God and will grow in His love. *Develop a positive self-image. *Develop basic social skills: enjoy being part of a group, learn to share and cooperate. *Increase independence *Develop a trust in his/her teacher* Develop large and small muscle coordination. *Develop an enthusiasm for learning and acquire kindergarten readiness skills. *Develop problem solving strategies and creativity.