

# Small Blessings Newsletter

## April 2026



### Themes for the Month

4/06 - 4/10 Community Workers  
4/13 - 4/17 Favorite Artists  
4/20 - 4/24 Pets  
4/27 - 5/1 Birds

### Warmer Weather

Spring and summer are just around the corner. Here are some things to remember for the warmer months:

#### Sunscreen

Please make sure your child has an updated med. sheet for sunscreen and has a non-expired sunscreen.

#### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle labeled with your child's name.  
Please do not send in water bottles that mist or spray.

#### Shoes

Make sure your child has an old pair of tennis shoes to keep at the center for playground use as flip flops and sandals are not safe for climbing.

#### Jackets

Temperatures change quickly. It is important to have a light jacket as well as a warmer jacket for your child.

#### Children Get Messy

With spring we are blessed with lots of worms and bugs. Your children love digging and exploring. They will get messy, even in the afternoon. If for some reason your child needs to stay clean on a particular afternoon, please give this information to your child's teacher. *Note that we cannot keep a child from playing in a messy area everyday.*

### Book Orders

The next Book order is due on April 14.

You can order online at

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/home?eml=SB/CAC/GKH9R>



Axel 4/4

Esmeralda 4/5

### Art Auction

Annual Art (Silent) Auction/Spaghetti Dinner is Friday, May 15th.

We will be having other items to auction in addition to the children's coveted artwork. If you have items you would like to donate, please email Cheryl or talk to Ms. Janet.

Tickets will be available soon. Please let us know beforehand if your family plans to attend. This helps with planning the amount of food we will need. Sign up at the link or let us know in person.

<https://forms.gle/FtQyEF76uDxxqq298>

Please invite family and friends. All the funds used from the night go towards field trips, the buses are over \$500.00 a trip. Any funds remaining after field trips will go towards equipment for our new Nature playground and parent nights.

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### Communication

There are times when teachers need to communicate with parents about their child. Please let your child's teacher know what would be a good time to call if they need to talk with you about non-emergency issues.

### Nursing Rooms

The church has made a new nursing room. It is located adjacent to the bathrooms in the lobby of the church. These are available for mothers any time the church is open.

### Playground Safety

As the weather becomes warmer, we are outside as much as possible. With the added Natural playground, we are able to do some gardening and teaching outside.

Staff have been given extra training on outdoor play this spring. The training has been a great reminder of the importance of playground safety.

Parents can help with the safety of their children on the playground by:

- Sending children in safe footwear
  - Crocs, sandals, and flip flops are not safe for climbing
- Sending in outerwear and sweatshirts that do not have pull ties that hang
- Keeping necklaces and round headbands at home.
  - These can cause choking hazards

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VScXbJGvKV8>

### Staffing changes

We are sad to let parents know that Ms. Leigh, Ms. Marissa, and Ms. Melina no longer work at Small Blessings. We will miss them and pray the best for them in their future endeavors.

### Parenting Time

April 11-17 is the Week of the Young Child. The first five years are crucial to a child's development. Life can get busy and it's easy to get caught up in the must do's of everyday. Make sure your children are part of the must do's. The links below have some great ideas for connecting to your children this month.

[WOYC Family Activity Guide](#)

<https://miaeyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2026-Week-of-the-Young-Child-Calendar.pdf>

### Summer School age Program

We are preparing our class list for the summer. Please let us know if your school age child plans to be with us this summer. We will be posting open spots next week.

Website

<https://www.smallblessingsfumer.com/>