

Little Bridges News



April 2011

Calendar of Events

School Age Spring Break

All Day Camp 4/5 – 4/9

Monday – Picnic at the Park

Tuesday – Forest Home Farm
(K thru 1st only)

Wednesday – Mt. Diablo
(2nd thru 5th only)

Thursday – Western Day

Friday – Gadget Day

Trike-A-Thon

St. Jude Children’s Hospital

Forms Due 4/25

Trike-a-Thon 4/26 & 4/27

CLOSED

Memorial Day 5/30

Enrichment Classes

Art & Soul (3-4 yrs)

Tuesdays

Tuff Tumblers (2-4 yrs)

Thursdays

Science/Math/Magic (3-4)

Thursdays

Kinderdance (3-5 yrs)

Wednesdays

Soccer Shots (3-5 yrs)

Mondays

Art & Soul Music (K-5)

Piano Lessons Mondays

Rejoice!

Our annual spring show is coming! Our theme this year is “Rejoice” and you won’t want to miss this performance. All children ages toddler through pre-k will be singing and dancing praises to our King on Thursday, April 14th. The show starts promptly at 7:00 pm and will last about an hour. Watch for news from your teachers about drop off times. Don’t forget your cameras!

Speech and Language Screenings

Adriane Marsh, M.A., CCC-SLP, will be conducting speech and language screenings at Little Bridges on April 4th. Adriane has been with the SRVSD for the past ten years and has two preschoolers of her own. The screenings will briefly assess language comprehension, expression and speech clarity. Registration forms are available in your classroom. If you are unsure if your child needs a speech-language screening, please consult with your classroom teacher.

Thanks for a Great Book Fair!

Thank you to all who stopped by and supported our book fair. We sold over \$3000.00 in books, which means we have an extra \$1500.00 to spend on literature for the classrooms!

St. Jude’s Hospital Trike-A-Thon

We will be hosting a St. Jude Children’s Hospital Trike-A-Thon on April 26th and April 27th. Your child will have the opportunity to ride a trike around our playground to help raise money for others in need. St. Jude’s is the only National Cancer Institute devoted solely to children. Your contributions will help make it possible for patients to receive treatment regardless of a family’s ability to pay.

School Age Summer Camp

Little Bridges offers a fun-filled summer program for school age children ages 6 to 11 years. Our camp alternates between structured activities like academic review, book time and journal writing along with summertime traditions like crafts, organized games, swimming and field trips. Campers explore a new park every Monday, swim every Tuesday and Thursday, travel by chartered bus every Wednesday for a weekly field trip and spend Fridays on site participating in specially planned activities.

Spring Pictures

All picture money or unwanted pictures are currently over due. Please drop off payment or unwanted pictures to the office. Thank you.

Faith Like A Child

13And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. ~ Mark 10:13-16

Maybe it is because I love kids so much, but this idea of faith like a child is significant to me. Kids have a lot of wisdom in their faith, loving God without question and knowing he is there no matter what. Recently one of the preschoolers said this to me " I'll tell you what God's love feels like. It feels like God is hugging you with his fur coat on." Another time I had a sick child in my office with a fever, "Ms. Jacque, can you pray that God makes my head feel better?" Children are constantly reminding me what it is like to have that simple and trusting faith like a child.

When I think of children, I think of these things: teachable hearts, innocence, dependence and worry-free. A child believes in anything, trusts easily, and anticipates with excitement - and that's the very faith Jesus wants from us! Jesus is telling us that we must live with such dependence and receptiveness - not in childishness, but in childlike faith, fully dependent on the love and mercy of God.

In this passage, parents are bringing their children to Jesus. The disciples, who are caught up in their agenda rather than the Lord's, don't think that Jesus has time for these little kids. When Jesus sees this he is indignant, furious! He points out to his disciples that in the Kingdom he is building, the citizens are more like these children than like them. The citizens of Jesus' kingdom receive his gift of salvation through faith and their ultimate desire is not their own agenda. Their desire is to love on and be in relationship with Jesus.

Children teach us many things: how to love others regardless of skin color, personality, and abilities; how to be real and sincere in our emotions-not being afraid to laugh or to cry when we need to; how status and significance means nothing compared to kindness and tenderness; how to enjoy life and not worry so much. But perhaps the most important thing our children teach us is how to receive. They teach us how to receive the kingdom of God. Jesus tells us that the way of entering into his kingdom is by receiving, and children are able to believe and receive Christ without a mind stuffed with self-righteousness, nor intellectual, and emotional baggage.

"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Luke 18:17). Childlike faith is required for us to enter God's kingdom. We are called to obey God, but he desires us to humble our heart, be vulnerable, and have a simple but profound level of faith. Notice, we do not enter the kingdom of God by working hard to be good enough for God's approval. We enter it by receiving - humbly and simply.