



## Pelham Road Baptist Church Child Development Center

### Spring in the CDC

May like all the other months in the CDC is a busy one. There are programs, special events for Moms and Grandparents, and for many of our children the end of the school year. For others it is the beginning of the summer and a change in the schedule with the addition of water days and the ice cream truck.

We hope that every family will be able to participate in all the programs and activities that are being offered. Please check the calendar and the flyers around the Center. We know that everyone is busy, so we hope that there will be something that fits your schedule!

May is also the time for Parent Questionnaires. These questionnaires help us to better plan our programming, staff, and activities during the upcoming school year. Please take the time to fill one out and return it to the CDC office or your child's teacher.

We are working on getting mulch for the playgrounds and will need parent help to spread it out. A work day will be planned for early June and we could use a lot of help, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows to get the job done. We have looked at permanent mulch but the \$60,000.00 price tag

is too much. We are looking at rubber mulch and wood mulch. There are advantages and disadvantages to both.

As our summer starts we will be making staff changes to reflect our smaller numbers. Some classes will be consolidated and some teachers may be working different hours. We will continue to make sure that all ratios are met and that the children are cared for by trained teachers.

**We also wish each mother a Happy Mother's Day on May 8. We know how special each of you are!**

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#### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Upcoming Events
- ☺ Spring Program
- ☺ Parent Corner
- ☺ Security Door Update

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## Your family's place on Pelham!



- ⇒ Thanks for your Support!!
- ⇒ We raised \$482 for the children at St. Jude's Hospital
- ⇒ We had a great day riding, running, scooting, and cheering our friends
- ⇒ Parents and grandparents came out to cheer us on

## Parent Corner: Jenny Gonzalez— Man & Woman of the Year Campaign to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

*I accepted this challenge because of Eli and all the children like him. He is 3, has acute lymphoblastic leukemia and has been through more in his short life, than I can imagine. I am sending home letters with requests for donations to help fund research in this disease. Please give to help children with leukemia. Thank you.*

*Jenny is Director of St. Francis Sports Medicine & her 2 sons, Holt (2), Elliot (1), stepdaughter (12), and a new baby on the way. Husband Charles works for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. They started at the CDC when Holt was 10 weeks old and the baby will start in December.*



## Spring Program & Toddler Art Show

All are invited to attend the Spring Program on Friday, May 13 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The 3K and 4K classes will perform and the one-year-old and two-year-old classes will have their art work on display. Light refreshments will be served



## Security Door Update

Parents have been asking for the door to the CDC wing be secured and each family given a special access code in order to better protect the children. We would like to raise the funds needed and need parental involvement to form a committee to investigate the cost and how to raise the money for the security system. We have two families who are willing to serve, but we need several more. Please consider helping the CDC in this way. If you are interested, please call or email Ms. Susan at 864-288-7674 or [susan@pelhamroad.org](mailto:susan@pelhamroad.org)

## Upcoming Events at the CDC

- May 6: Muffins for Mom
- May 13: Spring Program 6:00 PM Sanctuary/Refreshments
- May 20: Grits for Grandparents/Special People
- June 3: 4K Graduation 6:30 PM Sanctuary/Family Supper
- June 6-August 12 Camp Pelham—rising 2nd to 5th Graders
- June 16—Doughnuts for Dad

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sing Itsy Bitsy Spider with your child			Stretch-n-Grow 10:30 – 11:30 CDC Comm. Mtg	Happy Feet 10:30 – 11:30 Practice the sounds that animals make	Staff Mtg  Muffins for Mom	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Happy Mother's Day 	Visit the Library and check out a book about an animal	CompuChild 9:00 – 10:00	Stretch-n-Grow 10:30 – 11:30	Happy Feet 10:30 – 11:30	Spring Program & Art Show 6:00 PM Sanctuary	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Play Leap Frog with your child. Ask why it is called leap frog	CompuChild 9:00 – 10:00	Stretch-n-Grow 10:30 – 11:30	Happy Feet 10:30 – 11:30	Grits for Grandparents/Special People	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Ask your child which animal they would like to be	Count the number of animals you can find on packaging	Stretch-n-Grow 10:30 – 11:30	Happy Feet 10:30-11:30	Read Nursery Rhymes to your child	
29	30	31				
	CDC Closed	Enjoy some milk and talk about cows				

## Learning Activities for May: Animals

- Read nursery rhymes to your child
- Take turns making animal sounds and guess which animal it is
- Visit the Library
- What animal would your child like to be
- Enjoy some milk today and talk about cows
- Pretend to be dogs & cats
- Talk about the names of baby animals: kitten, puppy, lamb, calf
- Talk about eggs and which animal they come from
- Play leap frog
- Cut out pictures of animals and paste them on paper
- Walk like an animal

### *Mother Goose Time!*



### *Hickory, dickory, dock*

*The mouse ran up the clock*

*The clock struck one*

*And down he ran*

*Hickory, dickory, dock*

## Books for May

*A House for Hermit Crab* by E. Carle

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* By B. Martin Jr.

*Good Night, Gorilla* by P. Rathmann

*Sheep in a Jeep* by N. E. Shaw

*What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* By R. Page

*Barnyard Dance* by S. Boynton

*Jamberry* by B. Degen

*Fotsam* by D. Wiesner

*Pat the Bunny* by D. Kunhardt

*Guji Guji* by C. Chen

*Move* by S. Jenkins & R. Page

*Mouse Mess* by L. Riley

*The Large Mouthed Frog* by K. Faulkner

*"Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,"*  
*Said the Sloth* by E. Carle

*Bark, George* by J. Feiffer

*The Busy Squirrel* by N. Tafuri

*The Poky Little Puppy* by J. S. Lowrey



## Family Questionnaires

During the month of May, questionnaires will be sent home to every family with a child in the CDC and After-school program. These questionnaires are anonymous and help us to make improvements in our programming, staffing, and activities. If you have any

thing that you want to share with the Director and the CDC Committee, this is your opportunity to do so.

The forms can be dropped off in the box in the CDC office or with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your help with this yearly project.

