



First English Lutheran Preschool

April 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming activities

April 1-5: Spring break

April 8-12: Week of The Young Child Activities

April 5-9: Online Auction begins and ends

April 10-12: NEW family registration begins (via website)

April 22: EARTH DAY

April 24: Admin Professionals Day (Ms. Marsha!)

**April 24/25: Grandparents' Day
11am**

**April 28: Sunday singing
10:30am**

May 2: Open House new families (4-5:30pm)

**May 10: FAMILY EVENT
5-8pm**

**Food Pantry donations:
pasta and shampoo**

From the Director's desk:

It is hard to believe that spring has officially arrived; now let's hope the spring weather will too! We hope your family has enjoyed activities during our break from school this week! NAEYC's celebration of Week of the Young Child will occur during our return to preschool and we look forward to our daily themes.

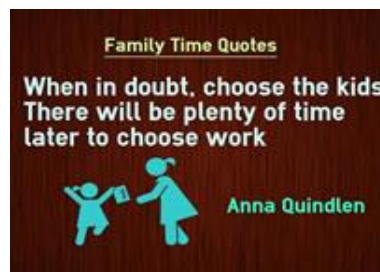
We had our Paths to Quality rater visit right before break (March 27th) and we are happy to announce that we have retained our LEVEL 4 status.

Fondly, Mrs. Gleissner

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2/3's class: April 29 **Mrs. Gomez**

3/ 4's class: April 16 **Elijah (4th)**

Pre-K class: April 10: **Eli (5th)**

April 13: **Evie (6th)**

April 19: **Sebastian (5th)**

April 20: **Violet (5th)**



Register for

FELP

Fall Openings: We have completed our program registration with previous and current families for 2024-2025 school year and we do have spots open in our classes for our new families to register. If you know someone with a 3–5-year-old who would like placement for the fall, please share our information. Also, Pre-K class is a Pre-K on My Way participant and Indiana will support tuition payments for 4-year-olds to attend our Pre-K class. The application is available at: [FSSA: Carefinder: On My Way Pre-K](#) As well we offer ChildCareDevelopmentFund vouchers if you would qualify financially for those. It is worth investigating! [Early Ed Connect \(in.gov\)](#)



NAEYC's Week of The Young Child: We hope to enjoy classroom and program wide activities as we celebrate young children with our NAEYC themes of: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Fun Friday upon our return from Spring Break.



Grandparent's Day at FELP: our family surveys revealed the desire to have a return of some school day activities with family members; we felt this month would be a perfect time to invite a grandparent to FELP to spend some time with their grandchild. We will start the event with some singing in church then move to a few spaces to have a “plethora of projects” to engage with...playground, play time in classrooms along with playdough and puzzles in trout hall and a project to complete together. For the ease of our morning we would hope that only 1-2 grandparents per child would attend as our spaces are limited. Please complete the form to let us know who will be attending. If an actual grandparent is not able to attend then another familiar adult may attend in their place.

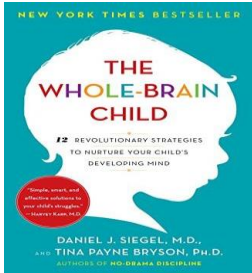


Online Auction: We hope you will take some time to browse and BID on our first ever online auction! We had hoped to offer this with our Spaghetti Dinner however, we decided to change the format to allow the whole school to participate. The auction will open Friday, April 5th at 5pm and will run until Tuesday, April 9 at 9pm. If you are the winning bidder you may pick up your item before or after school the next days. You may share our auction link with others you feel might be interested in bidding. Some items are gently used and marked accordingly.

Happy bidding at: <https://www.32auctions.com/FELPauction2024>



New website look: Over the past few months I have been working to update our preschool website! Hopefully it will help us be able to keep things more current with each month's newsletter/calendar posts. It will be much easier for me to update than the other professional one we had built thanks to Ashley Swanson! I was able to reuse some of the information but the lay out is definitely different. Hooray that it will be ready for new families to register for the upcoming year! We also hope to offer a few more pages with resources and blogs in the future. As well, check out our instagram: **felpreschool**.



May 10th Family Event: FELC is hosting a family event with activities for children and adults from 5-8pm. We will start with dinner from 5-6pm then separate so the adults can enjoy some time with Donna Pangburn (family resource specialist) and children will have their own activities with peers. Families will gather back together to end the evening with a magic show. This entire event is FREE and we hope you can prioritize attending! More information will be arriving in your child's cubby about reserving your family's attendance. The public is invited so you may share this information with family, friends, co-workers or neighbors!

Things happening in Michiana this April

Elkart Public Library:

- April 5 @9am-6pm Spring Break Lego city (Dunlap branch) and Chocolate Chip Taste test
- April 5 @ 1-3pm Oxbow county Park: Books and Boots
- April 8 @2-4pm Eclipse viewing parties (Dunlap and Cleveland)
- April 8 @2-3 Eclipse activities (downtown branch)
- April 10 Trolls Preschool Pajama Party (downtown) 5:30-6:30pm
- April 29 Family Movie (downtown) 8am-5pm
- May 3 @1-3pm Boots and Books at OxBow County Park

Mishawaka Penn Harris Public Library:

- April 22 @6-6:30pm Night Owl Story time (Bittersweet and Harris)
- May 1 @6-6:45pm virtual World Treat tasting activities
- May 4 Star Wars Day 2-3pm (Harris)
- May 11 @10am-4pm All branch locations for Mother's Day walk in crafts
- May 13 @5:30-6:30pm Greenhouse Storytime (at MISH parks greenhouse)

St. Joseph County Public Library:

- April 6 @11am-noon and 1-2pm Main branch-Queen of the Flowers (puppet theatre with SB Civic)
- April 13 @11am-1pm Poke'mon Lunch Bunch (Centre Twp branch) bring own lunch and trade cards
- April 22 from 5-6 pm at Centre Twp branch-Sensory Storytime
- April 25 from 5-5:30pm (Main Library at the Story House) Evening Story time
- May 3 from 4-4:45pm Main library at Story house-South Bend Symphony concert



Things to do, continued

Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Dept. has a variety of outdoor sports activities for preschoolers like: T-ball (registration ends May 10), tennis (sessions in May, June, July), Track and field (registration ends July 12). There is also a Memorial Day Dash, May 27th at 8:30am, but you must register by May 6.

Rum Village Nature Park: Hosts Sunday afternoon walks every week in April at Rum Village 2pm (meet at the Nature Center); your family can explore inside the Nature center before or after the hike. No cost or registration.

South Bend Venue Parks and Arts Events:

April 27 from 4-8pm Made Art Showcase at Howard Park



Plan some at home activities for Earth Day, April 22nd like:

1. Recycle or swap some items your family doesn't need with another family
2. Hold a family meeting to talk about ways to help the earth and how to reduce waste
3. Conduct a trash walk as everyone looks for litter; come prepared with trashbags and gloves to pick it all up
4. Make a nature craft/mobile with things found; use contact paper to stick little treasures to the window
5. Watch a documentary about the Earth or take a virtual tour of a National Park or the Great Barrier Reef

Please return this form by April 18th so we can plan accordingly!

Grandparent day attendance:

_____ My child will not have an adult available to attend for the event and we wish to partner up with another family.

My child _____ will have a grandparent attend on:

Wednesday April 24 or Thursday April 25.

Name of person (s) attending: _____

_____ My child has permission to leave with them after their school dismissal.

_____ I (parent) will pick my child up after the grandparent event at regular dismissal time.

_____ PreK extended day children: My child will NOT be staying for lunch in order to continue spending time with grandparent.

_____ PreK extended day children: My child WILL plan to stay for extended day activities.