

## Classroom Hot Topics

### Rainbow Room

May 2018

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Our lessons this month involve learning about different animals, like sea creatures, farm and zoo animals. We will distinguish what makes their habitats unique to their specific characteristics, needs, likes/dislikes and overall lifestyles. We will also discuss life cycles of many animals from start to finish, like chickens and frogs. There is no better way to learn than hands-on learning, so we have a REAL incubator complete with seven chicken eggs. By mid-May, we will hopefully welcome seven baby chicks into our classroom! We will also conclude our letter study with letters Y and Z and review all of the letters in the alphabet.

The month of May comes with bittersweet emotion as we happily embrace so many fun lessons and sadly say goodbye to our established Explorer community. As Summer creeps up on us quickly, we recall the wonderful moments in Rainbow room throughout the school year and prepare for our graduation festivities. It's a fun time, but always seems to jerk the tears out every year. We are blessed to have spent an entire school year with the Explorer children. As we are sad to see them go, we are happy to see where their Kindergarten lives will take them and their families. Best wishes to all and keep on exploring!

#### Parent Education

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As we end the school year and transition to Summer Camp, there will be changes at St. George's. Maybe your child's classroom teacher will be different as many teachers vacation during the summer months, Maybe your child's classmates differ as different children enroll for varying weeks throughout Summer Camp, and sadly, many Explorer friends will say their final goodbyes. Change can be tough, especially when it happens in 100 degree heat. Here's a great read about how to deal with these changes in a simple, parent-friendly way:

How to Transition from School to Summer Mode:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/development/behavioral/transitioning-from-school-to-summer-vacation/>

#### Chapel Curriculum

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Stories: Jesus: Through the eyes of a Lost Son, Jesus: Through the Eyes of the Good Soil, Jesus: Through the Eyes of a Blind Man, Jesus: Through the Eyes of Peter at Pentecost, Jesus: Through the Eyes of the Church.

Songs: We will enjoy singing many of the children's favorite songs of the year!

#### Monthly Events

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**May 11:** Mother's Day Teas at 8:30 am

**May 18:** End-of-the-Year Parent/Teacher Conference; Details to be posted in the classroom lobby

**May 28:** School Closed for Memorial Day

**May 31:** Last Day of School/Pre-K Graduation at 3pm in Kleberg!

**June 1:** School Closed for Teacher In-Service

**June 4:** Summer Camp begins