



# NEWSLETTER

## April 2026

Camp Amos - Register now!

Important Dates



### CAMP AMOS

#### Once Upon a Silly Story

Week 1: May 26 - May 29  
Get ready for giggles and imagination as we dive into some of the silliest stories around!

#### Nursery Rhymes Come to Life!

Week 2: June 1 - June 4  
Classic nursery rhymes take center stage as children sing, and create their way through familiar favorites.

#### How to Catch a...? (STEM Series)

Week 3: June 8 - June 11  
Inspired by the popular "How to Catch a..." stories, children will become little engineers and problem-solvers.

#### Go on a Fairy Tale Adventure

Week 4: June 15 - June 18  
Step into a magical world of fairy tales! Children will explore beloved stories through creative, imagination-sparking activities.

### JOIN NOW!

Camp registration is open to all children enrolled in the 2025-2026 school year. Camp runs 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, rain or shine. Forms are due May 4th.



Apr. 7: Classes resume.  
Apr. 13 - Apr. 17: Week of the Young Child  
Apr. 17: Earth Day Program -4A & 4B  
Apr. 20 & 21: Pastor & Mrs. K. visit  
Apr. 22: Upper Schuylkill Valley Park Bus Trip - 4A, & 4B  
Apr. 23 & 24: Lending Library - Last day to take out books  
Apr. 27 & 28: Spring Nature Walks  
Apr. 29 & Apr. 30: Spring Nature Walks (rain dates)  
Apr. 30 & May 1: All Lending Library - Returned

### Important Reminders

As the weather changes, please be sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Sneakers or rubber-soled, closed-toe shoes are the safest choice for the playground. Shoes should stay securely on while climbing. Please no flip-flops or Crocs.

### The Week of the Young Child

## Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: APRIL 13TH

#### MONDAY

##### MUSIC MONDAY

WEAR YOUR SILLY SOCKS AND LET'S SEE YOUR DANCE MOVES



#### TUESDAY

##### TASTY TUESDAY

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY OR SPORTS SHIRT



AND ENJOY A PHILLY PRETZEL!

#### WEDNESDAY

##### WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY OR SPORTS SHIRT.



#### THURSDAY

##### ARTSY THURSDAY

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR! LET'S GET CREATIVE.



#### FRIDAY

##### FAMILY FRIDAY

OUR SCHOOL IS ONE BIG FAMILY! WEAR YOUR AMOS GEAR OR YELLOW.



## From the Director

Dear Families,

Happy spring! As the season begins, we look forward to more time outdoors, exploring nature, and enjoying the warmer weather with the children. Spring is a wonderful time of growth and discovery, and we are excited to watch your children learn and thrive during this special season.

In the coming weeks, we will be incorporating spring-themed activities, including nature walks, planting, and creative art projects. Please be sure to send your child in weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes for outdoor play.

Thank you for your continued support—we are looking forward to a joyful and busy spring!

Warmly,

Warm regards,  
Christie Haelle  
Director  
St. Andrew's Nursery School

## Teacher Tips

### Taking Learning Outside

It has been a tough winter, but spring is finally here! This is a great time to reflect on all the important skills young children develop outdoors. We can get caught up in wondering if preschoolers can write letters, names, numbers, or shapes, but research tells us that learning doesn't start with worksheets.

Fine motor skills grow from strong gross motor skills and core strength—both developed through active, hands-on play. Outdoor experiences give children meaningful ways to learn, explore, and create.

A few simple ideas for outdoor fun:

- Take a walk and collect sticks. Use them to build, create pictures, or form shapes, numbers, or letters.
- Bring boxes outside and let your child(ren) build and decorate with markers.
- Use old towels as mini parachutes to shake and launch balls.
- Enjoy the rain—walk with an umbrella, jump in puddles, and toss rocks in.
- Wash toys, bikes, or even the car together.
- “Mow” the lawn with child-friendly scissors to build hand strength.

Outdoor play builds the foundation for learning in a joyful, natural way.

## St. Andrew's Lutheran Church News

This year, St. Andrew's will be presenting “Stories from the Sea” as our VBS program!

VBS will run June 22–25 from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Throughout the week, children will learn about the many ways God is always with us. We'll sing songs, play games, create crafts, enjoy snacks, explore hands-on water activities, and have a wonderful time sailing the seas together!

The cost is \$10 per child, and VBS is open to children ages 4 years old through Fourth Grade.

Register online at  
<https://standrewslutheran.com/support/>

