

Hello everyone; here is your May newsletter!

1. **May blessing:**

Bless the buds that bloom each spring,
Bless the birds who come to sing.
Bless the little sleepyheads,
And the pets beside their beds.

2. **Staff updates:** Congratulations to Emma Jonas on her graduation from Florida State University! Please join me in welcoming Caroline Johnson to our staff (not to be confused with the parent Caroline Johnson!). At the end of this month we will have to say goodbye to Lindsey Sweat; she will be heading to Tennessee to finish her degree and continue her pursuit of a career in the music industry. Kimmy Gooch and Marcella Polanski will be taking the summer off and returning in the fall. (For these college students..."summer" begins in May...not for us at the preschool, so the **staffing schedule** is quite different, and you may see students working different schedules for May, June and July.)

3. Our annual **Mother's Day Luncheon** is scheduled for Friday, May 9th at 12:15pm. Moms in the PK2, PK3 and VPK classes should have already received their invitations. You won't want to be late for our special Silly Songs presentation!

4. By now you should have received an email from Elizabeth Birdwell regarding **school photos**. If you have not, please let me know so that I can put you in touch with her. The email contains a link and password for your child's individual and class photos. The pictures turned out wonderfully; be sure to check them out!

5. **Current VPK students:** Our VPK graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 22; a separate invitation with more information will follow.

6. The school year is quickly coming to an end. While that is sad to think about, it does make for a good reason to have a party! We will have a bounce house, fun and games (lunch included) on the 30th of May. There is no extra fee for this event. The **End of the Year Party** is for all age levels, however lunch will only be provided for the PK2, PK3 and VPK classes. We will be serving peanut butter and grape jelly sandwiches, fruit, 100% juice drinks and pita chips; please let us know if you would prefer to send in your own lunch that day.

7. I have attached a copy of the rate sheet; please note that tuition increases June 1, 2014.

8. Jenna Bell, one of our PK3 teachers, is offering **tutoring** for your elementary or middle school aged child over the summer; please see the attached flyer for more details.

9. A Women's Pregnancy Center is in need of new and used maternity clothes; please bring in any donations, and I will see that they get to the donation center.

10. **Dates to remember**

- May 9, 2013, Friday: Mother's Day Lunch – PK2, PK3, VPK – 12:15pm in Moor Hall
- May 22, 2013, Wednesday: VPK graduation – 11:00am in Moor Hall.
- May 26, 2013, Monday: Memorial Day – school is closed
- May 30, 2013, Friday: Last day of school and the end of the year party (toddlers, PK2, PK3, VPK)
- June 2-6 2013: School is closed for maintenance and repair
- June 9, 2013: Summer session begins

11. **Staff Appreciation Week** is scheduled for May 12-16, 2013. Be sure to watch out for information coming from the Advisory Board regarding details!

12. **Next year's VPK students** need to be enrolled with the Early Learning Coalition as soon as possible. Please go to the following website to register or call the ELC for more details.
<http://www.elcbigbend.org/Parents/Voluntary-PreKindergarten-VPK> (850) 385-0504.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

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