

May 2017

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It is unbelievable to us that May, our last month of the school year, is here already. The year has just flown by and we will be sad to see it end. We have had such a super year with very supportive parents and a terrific and fun group of children to work with. The world is so wonderful and new when you experience it through the eyes of children. Learning with your children has been fun and invigorating. We hope that you will stop in next year so we can see how the children are continuing to grow. But enough of looking back. We still have 4 weeks of fun and surprises. May brings flowers, insects and culminations. We will be completing our Seasonal Tree Book and All About Me Book. We will also continue to practice phone numbers and review home addresses, and put together a very special end of year program. Not to mention our last Manners Day, the class picnic, and Mother's Day. Busy as bees we will be as we sing we think we can, we think we can, we think we can, we think we can, we think we can finish all the things we need to do!!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences – We enjoyed seeing all of you for your child's conference. It is always a high point in our year when we are able to share your child's accomplishments with you.

Class Picnic – Our class (and family) picnic will be Thursday, May 4 at Wheaton Regional Park. An adult must accompany each child. The whole family is invited to join us for play at the park and a picnic lunch. Each family is asked to pack sandwiches for their family. There will be a sign up sheet outside the classroom door for parents to bring fruit, chips, juice and desserts. We will provide water and paper products. Parents and children should meet the teachers at the park at 9:30 a.m. (at one of the pavilions close to the upper parking lot. Bear left after entering the park.) You are free to take your child to any of the park's attractions. We will meet at the picnic tables at 11:30 for lunch. We will cancel the picnic only if it is pouring rain. If it is raining hard enough to cancel, we will make a decision to cancel by 8:00 a.m. and then start calling parents. Should we have to cancel the picnic, we will have a regular school day and reschedule on our rain date of May 9.

Monthly Helpers - A very special thank you to the Eckel family (Evie) and the Noel family (Grant) for all of their help in April. They were very busy creating amazing "theme snacks". They did such a great job! Our helpers in May are the Bennett family (Emily) and the Worch family (Vincent). We want to thank them in advance for all the help they will give us as we end another great year!

Science – It is insect time! We will learn that insects have six legs, three body parts, usually two pairs of wings, and a four-stage life cycle. To help the children better understand how the different insects go through their life cycles, we will watch the movie "See How They Grow-Insects." The insects we will learn about are crickets, bees, ladybugs, butterflies, and ants. We will watch our caterpillars change into butterflies.

A very special "Thank You" to Dr. Eckel for coming in to talk to us about our bones, and for showing us there is nothing scary about getting a cast when you need one!

Manners Day – Family Manners Day is Thursday May 11! The children are very excited to show their parents how much they have learned and grown throughout the year! Please remember that this is a dress up luncheon for both children and parents. Jen and Danielle have been hard at work to make this a very special occasion for everyone! **Please make sure to deliver place settings for all attending by 9:00AM on May 11.**

We look forward to seeing many wonderful performances in the talent show! It should be a very special day for everyone! We cannot thank Jen and Danielle enough for the wonderful job they have done all year. None of this would have been possible without them!

End of Year Program -- The last day of school is Thursday, May 25. The children arrive at the regular time. Parents, grandparents, friends, and siblings are invited to come to the classroom at 11:00 a.m. to join us for singing, dancing, refreshments and some special goodbyes. The children work very hard on their program and are always so anxious to share it with their parents. After the program, refreshments will be served and the children will leave with their families. See you May 25th!