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THE PRISM

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Wow, can it really be that we are in our final month of our school year program?! We still have some fun and excitement planned before we transition to our Extended Year and Summer-FUN-tastic Program, though, so read on to see what's left! -Darla

Family Conferences:

Thank you for making our family conferences run smoothly and efficiently. We hope you found your conference to be helpful and informative in tracking your child's growth and progress. Any time you have questions or concerns about your child, please know that our teachers are always willing to make themselves available to address whatever you have in mind.

The Week of the Young Child:

Wasn't the "Spring Garden" in our hallway just lovely? We hope you enjoyed walking through our sunny, flower-filled path all during our Week of the Young Child celebration. Now that it's over, you are free to "pick" your flower, and its accompanying "insect", from our garden to take home. If you have any trouble locating your child's particular artwork, please just ask your teacher to help.

And how about the FUN BUS? Who knew that so much cool equipment, like a zip line and trampoline, a parallel bar and tunnel, and a basketball net and a wavy slide, could all fit into a bus? We hope your child had a great time while getting in some exercise in this innovative way.

The concert with Zev was pure delight! Children school-wide were singing and dancing and scratching like chickens! We have a few CDs of Zev's available in the office if anyone is interested in purchasing them. They cost \$10 each.

Pajama Day was such a blast! It was almost like having a daytime sleepover at school minus the pillow fight, of course!

School Spirit Day – Friday May 4th:

Our final School Spirit Day for this school year will be Friday, May 4th. Be sure to wear your school T-shirt, or any other shirt, that is the same color as your classroom door.

Parent Committee News:

Our Parent Committee is planning some special surprises for honoring our fabulous teaching staff at First Church Preschool during Teacher Appreciation Week. Daily expressions of gratitude and appreciation will begin on Friday, May 4th, and then each day from May 7th – 11th.

A family "End-of-the-Year" picnic will be held at Tod's Point on Friday, May 18th at 4:00 PM. More information from the Parent Committee will be forthcoming regarding this event.

The Parent Committee has also arranged for a special reception, including some surprise entertainment, in the Daniels Center following our Move-Up Day performance on Friday, May 25th.

Summer Birthdays:

Does your child have a summer birthday that you would like to acknowledge with his or her current classmates? If so, please speak to your child's teacher to make special arrangements to do so.

Schoolwide Butterfly Project:

Each of our classrooms has received several caterpillars that they have been observing over the course of a few weeks now in order to note what changes they see occurring. Most of the caterpillars have entered a chrysalis stage by now, and they will soon be emerging from these as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. Once the butterflies have hatched, each class will set the butterflies free in the great outdoors. Be sure to ask your child about the caterpillars in their room and what is happening with them.

Our Last Days of School

- The last day for our current Lunch and Afters Programs is Friday, May 11th.
- The last days of our school-year program are fast approaching. Students in our 3 year-old programs will celebrate by singing songs for their families in their classrooms during a portion of their usual class times. Students in our 4 year-old and Pre-K programs will participate in our "Move-Up Day" singing performance in the church's Meetinghouse (sanctuary). Look for your invitation to your child's class celebration in your next Friday Folder.

3 year-old programs: 3-days/wk Wed. May 23rd

2- & 5-days/wk Thurs. May 24th

4 year-old programs & Pre-K: Fri. May 25th

Extended Year Program:

Registration has already begun for our Extended Year Program, and there are still openings available. Our Extended Year Program is a great way to prolong the play and fun of your child's preschool experience for just a little while longer. During the Extended Year Program, which is only open to students who currently attend First Church Preschool, children will enjoy art activities, sand and water play, songs, stories, nature study, and outdoor fun based on the themes of "Above and Below the Sea" for the 3 year-olds, and "Dinosaurs" for the 4's and Pre-K students. The program runs from May 29th through June 8th, from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Additional Notes:

- Thank you for taking the time to respond to our questionnaire regarding enrichment programming. Your input is very valuable and appreciated.
- Have you checked out our website lately? We have been busy updating, expanding, and improving upon it. Our latest additions include new photos from our programs and of our staff. Let us know what you think!
- Our staff is collecting old tennis balls to put on the bottoms of the chair and table legs. If you have any to donate, we would welcome them.
- There are still some openings available for our Summer-FUN-tastic Program for our 4 & 5 year-olds. Be sure to let others you may know who might be interested!

First Church Preschool will be closed Monday, May 28th in honor of Memorial Day. Our Extended Year Program will begin on Tuesday, May 29th.

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“You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.” - Abraham Lincoln



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