

May 1, 2012

Dear Parents,

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!!!! It's hard to believe the school year is almost ended. This time of the year is bitter-sweet for me. I am looking forward to some time off, but on the other hand, I will truly miss each of your children. We have become like a family and had so much fun this year with so many different kinds of learning. The children have all become good friends and truly care about one another. It will be hard to say good-bye!

April was insect month in our classroom with caterpillars, butterflies, worms and ants. We studied the life cycle of the butterfly...we watched as the caterpillars grew, made their chrysalis, emerged from the chrysalis and became butterflies. We also had live worms in our sensory table and most of the children were fascinated by them. I loved the discovery that some of the children made—from not wanting to touch the worms to having the worms crawl on their legs and arms! We then released the worms into our garden. We also had an ant farm where the children were able to observe the ants working to make their tunnels.

**Important dates for May:**

**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Crowning of Mary. After Courtyard Prayer**

**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Tea. 11:00am. I hope all the moms can join us. Your children will be working hard to make this a special time. Grandmothers, aunts are welcomed also.**

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Water Day. Wear swim suits, bring towels and lather on the sunscreen as we will be outside most of the morning. I'll need a few parent volunteers.**

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School. We will have a goodbye party in our classroom at 11:00am. All parents are welcomed!!!!**

I think back to September and realize how very much your children have grown, not only physically, but spiritually, emotionally and developmentally. They have learned so much through their play. Socially, they have made good friends, learned how to share, and how to use words to resolve conflicts. They have enjoyed cooking applesauce, making pumpkin pie, green pancakes and mighty milk smoothies!! They have made great progress in cutting, writing their names, recognizing letters and numbers, understanding opposites and rhyming words. They've had fun turning the Dramatic Play into a Farmer's Market, Vet Clinic, Grocery Store, Wrapping Center and Dental Office.

The one thing you can do over the summer with your children that will continue this growth is to READ to them every day. The more a child is read to, the greater his/her love of reading will be. Turn off the computer, the T.V. and the video games and READ!!

A final THANK YOU to each and every one of you. You have contributed to the success of this year by being so involved in your child's education. Your children THANK YOU for the love you show, and I THANK YOU and your children for making my job so very pleasurable!

Have a carefree, relaxed summer!!!!!!!!!!

Blessings,

Meg Kinneberg

