

Dear Families

May 2010

This may be the last month of the school year, but we're not done, yet! Lots of things are still happening. Be sure to read both newsletter *and* calendar so you and your child don't miss a thing!

Special Thanks to Our Many Volunteers: *We are so grateful for your enthusiastic help!*

Special Events in May:

- **Lending Library closes (May 7):** Please return any materials you have checked out. If you need them longer, make arrangements with me. Thanks!
- **Chicks leave (May 8 or sooner)** – Our chicks need larger quarters and we are almost out of school days. Our babies will be transported to a family hobby farm in Dassell, MN where they will be raised for their eggs and as pets. Former Preschool Aide, Sue Dahl, continues to be a key person with this part of our plans.
- **Mother's (and Father's) Day (May 9)** – Enjoy the gift you will be receiving. Your child enjoyed making it just for you. Have a wonderful day as you celebrate the blessings of parenthood.
- **NO SCHOOL (May 10)** – The Preschool staff will be cleaning up after the chick unit and making end-of-the-year preparations.
- **Pajama Day (May 12)** – Please allow your child to wear pajamas to school (bring regular clothes to change into) and to bring a teddy bear or other favorite stuffed toy. This is a fun day for us to 'kick back and relax'!
- **Pocket Day (May 14)** – How many pockets can you wear? We'll count!
- **Armed Forces Day (May 15)** – Thank every member of the military that you meet...not just on this day, but *every* day.
- **Gardening Day (May 16?)** –We will plant flowers amidst the blooming bulbs in our courtyard garden as weather permits. Wear planting clothes. Adult volunteers welcome!
- **Our last Chapel Time (May 19)** – 9:15am. Parents are always welcome to stay.
- **Preschool Picnic (May 19)** – This annual potluck picnic is at 6pm in our gym.
 - We need 75% main courses and 25% desserts. I'll let you decide what to bring!
 - Everyone please bring your own tablecloth, dishes, utensils, beverages, etc.
 - Come early to play in the inflatable Bouncies and stay later to raise our big, colorful parachute!
- **Wear Crazy Clothes Combinations (May 24)** – Wear the craziest combination of clothes that you can. It's great fun! Our custodian, Mr. Merrell looks forward to this day, too. I wonder what he'll wear, this year?
- **Last Day of Preschool (May 26, 28)**
 - The younger children *technically* have their last day on Wednesday, so we'll make it a special day. **However, we'd like to invite all of our Preschool children and families to join us at 11:30am on Friday, May 28 for special treats. We hope you can come!**

The Final Month of School – and Beyond: As our chicks mature, so do our students. We will be saying goodbye to some of you at the end of May, while at the same time continuing preparations to welcome new and returning families next fall. In between, we have the new Summer Program to look forward to. Whether your family is returning to Christ Church Preschool next year, in a few years, or leaving us after your current student's last day, we wish you well and encourage you to stay in touch with us so we can "watch" our child(ren) grow.

Enjoy the Merry Month of May!

**For the Love of Children,
Stephanie R. Gustafson**