

From the Desk of Cathy Sexton, Director

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32 out of 51 Parent Surveys have been returned! Not 100% like we wanted but at least it's more than half. Thank you to all who took some time out of your busy days to complete them. If you have not completed the survey there is still time to fill it out and return it to the office. If you cannot find the form please ask your child's teacher or give us a call in the office and we would be happy to get a new one out to you.

The Easter Festival was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Watch for photos coming home.

Many of you have seen the enthusiastic emails from Barb Freeman who has taken it upon herself (along with her husband Jeff) with the support of the Family Life Board and Director to help organize fund raisers for our program. Barb's first undertaking is to run in her 1st ever half marathon in Champaign, IL on Saturday, May 1st. She has been working on a 12 week training program. She has high hopes of finishing with a smile since she

is not only running for herself but she is running to raise funds for the Family Life Program.

Family Life is on a campaign to purchase updated classroom supplies (new games, learning materials, and computer games, etc.) for the children. This is the first fund raiser we have done in years and it's been a long time coming. Her goal is to raise \$500. She is asking for your assistance. There are two ways to help. One is by a dollar amount per mile, say \$1 for each mile making it a \$13 donation. The second is a flat donation, say \$20. REMEMBER, 100% of all of the proceeds go directly to Family Life and are 100% tax-deductible. There are sign up sheets outside room 205 and outs

She will run the half marathon on May 1st. When completed, she will return to tell you how many miles she ran and collect your contributions. Checks are made payable to Family Life Program. Thank you again for your time. Every little bit is appreciated and is going to a great preschool.

Spring Conferences

The weeks of April 19th and April 26th have been designated as Parent/Teacher Conference Week. We will be sending home a copy of your child's evaluation in the next week. The evaluations focus on academic, social-emotional, and physical skills. Conferences are optional, but we strongly recommend you take 15 minutes of your time to discuss your child's accomplishments over the past year.

We are asking you to return the attached form with your signature and check one of the boxes. If you wish to sign up for a face to face conference you must sign up on the sign-up sheets located outside your child's classroom. In order for us to accommodate all the families, conferences are limited to 15 minutes and we ask that you arrive on time. If the times posted out-

side the classroom do not work for you we can make arrangements to meet your needs.

Please remember that the evaluations are just a sampling of what we have observed. Children may respond differently at home in a smaller environment than they do in a larger group at school. The evaluations show your child's strengths and areas that still need developing. The teachers do offer suggestions of what to work on at home to help reinforce what they are taught here at school. Please remember all children develop at their own pace, and not everything is learned in school, we need your help too. If you have any questions please call me at 968-0527 between the hours of 10:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday.

Please check all that apply.

- Yes, I would like to schedule a 15 minute conference.
- No, I would not like to schedule a conference at this time.
- Yes, I would like to schedule a conference, but the times posted do not work for me, please call me to arrange a more convenient time.

Parent Signature _____ Child's Name _____
 Date _____

Spring and Summer Safety



**Jellies are cute.
Sandals are cool.
Swim shoes are neat
For a backyard pool.**

BUT...

**When coming to school,
Where we jump and run,
Gym shoes, please,
For safety and fun!**

**Gym shoes only no crocs or
sandals! Socks are impor-
tant too!**



Now that spring is here and summer is just around the corner there are mornings when we need a jacket and then by afternoon we are ready to go for a swim. Please be sure to send a light weight jacket or sweatshirt every day for those days we cannot predict the weather. Also, please supply your child with a seasonally appropriate change of clothes. For those of you who have rest time here at school you may

also want to switch out to a lighter weight blanket.

Parking lot safety is always on our minds at Family Life. Please drive slowly especially at pick up times as some children may be heading out to or in from the playground. If you see anyone driving recklessly through the parking lot, please let me know or do not hesitate to say something to the person who is driving. We want to keep everyone safe.

Think *safety* when you are out and about this spring.



Upcoming Events

April 12—Summer Camp Registration Begins

April 12-16— NAEYC Week of the Young Child! Watch for special events.

April 19-23—Parent Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten and Preschool 1

April 26-30—Parent Teacher Conferences for Childcare and Preschool 2

***Note change of Date April 28**— 9:00am-12:00pm Field Trip to Drury Lane to see “High School Musical”

May 1—Barb Freeman runs in Half Marathon-Proceed to go to Family Life

May 3-7—Staff Appreciation Week

May 7-9—FCC Brothers Annual Plant Sale-Order forms available outside Room 205 or in the church office.



May 26—
6:30pm Kindergarten Graduation

May 27—Last Day of Preschool



June 7—Summer Explorer’s Camp Begins

Classroom Connection from Kindergarten

The month of April will be a time for the children to understand how much they have all grown. We have finished our “Letter Detective Pictionary” so we can now use them to make our stories. We will be placing more items in our “Take Home Work Sample Portfolios” for you to see our work from the school year.

The children will be able to grow plant seeds to learn what plants need

to grow. We will be exploring how we can help the environment we live in by participating in Earth Day activities such as cleaning up the playground, and learning about trees.

Also during the month we will be reading and listening to “mother Goose” Nursery Rhymes. We enjoy listening for the rhyming words. It **Yee Hah!**



is fun to hear the patterns in the word. It helps us become good readers! Many of us have become very accomplished readers.

Keep up the enthusiasm!

Happy growing!

Ms. Jenni and
the Kindergarten Class

PERMISSION SLIP

WHERE: DRURY LANE, OAKBROOK TO SEE "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL"

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

BUS LEAVES: 9:00 A. M. (Promptly)



RETURN: 12:00 P.M. (Approximate)

PLEASE SIGN THE PERMISSION SLIP AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

DETACH AND RETURN
FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM
FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

I GIVE MY CHILD _____ PERMISSION TO TRAVEL BY BUS FOR A FIELD TRIP TO DRURY LANE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL NECESSARY AND REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FOR HIS/HER SAFETY. AS STATED IN THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM DOES NOT CARRY ACCIDENT AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE ON CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT MY CHILD HAS ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Parent Signature

Emergency Contact for that day (Name) _____

(Phone) _____