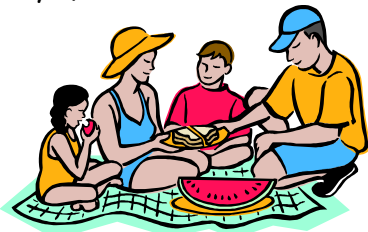


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**May
Newsletter
May 3, 2010**

Wow! It is hard to believe that we've come to the end of the school year already. What a wonderful year this has been! It has gone by quickly. We thank you for sharing your children with us. You have offered us so many blessings; we could not ever count them all.

ALSO - We are excited about our Spring Family Day in the Park. We sure hope you can come! We will have a science project for the entire school this month. We will be watching caterpillars become butterflies. The "plan" is that the butterflies will be ready for release when we go to Locust Shade Park for our Family Day. (see more information in this newsletter)



CURRICULUM

We are busy getting ready for our Mother's Day Teas, our butterfly science project, and our Spring Family Day in the Park. We still have so much we want to do with and for the children before the end of school. (Check out the calendar at the end of this newsletter!)

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week.

We have an incredibly gifted and loving teaching staff here. I am so blessed just to be among them. I know you feel the same about having your children here with them.

Let your child's teachers know how much you appreciate all they have done for and with your child this year with a pat on the back or a note.



FAREWELL TO MS. GRAY

Jaime Gray who has worked here at Good Shepherd for the past 6 years is moving on. She is currently in graduate school at George Mason and will be doing her student teaching next school year. We will miss her! Things just won't be the same around here without her.

Please give her a farewell hug when you can and help us wish her the very BEST future possible.

Spring Family Day in the Park

Thursday, May 27 will be our SPRING FAMILY DAY in the PARK. School will be closed and everyone is invited to come to Locust Shade State Park on Rt. 1 near Triangle. Time will be about 10:00 A.M. until about noon. Bring a picnic lunch for your family and enjoy the day with other Good Shepherd Preschool families and staff. Bring grandparents, baby-sitters, and neighbors - whoever you'd like. It will be a relaxed and fun day for everyone.



There will be an information sheet telling you all about the Family Day coming home soon. Mark your calendar now for this special date - May 27 10:00 AM (alternate date May 28). This will be our last school day.

NOTE: This picnic will be held on the Thursday date unless the weather conditions are SEVERE.

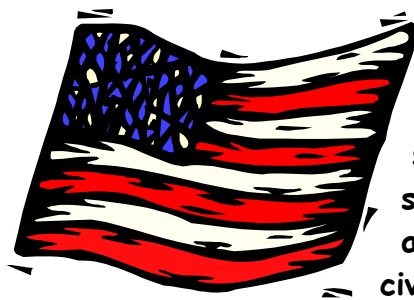
In other words, if we have only rain, we will still have our picnic on Thursday.

PHOTOS PLEASE

Do you have **photos** from events or everyday preschool life that you could share with us? We would love it if you would send us a few for our end-of-year bulletin board and our website.



THINK RED, WHITE & BLUE!!



We will be making cards and artwork to send to military service members and to their civilian support teams our last week of school. If someone in your circle of family and friends would appreciate receiving some special gifts made with love by preschoolers, please provide us with names and addresses.

OMNI-LINK

The Omni-Link local bus will be coming to Good Shepherd to visit our 4's & 5's this month. The morning classes will be doing this on May 17. The afternoon classes will be May 19.

There will be representatives who will come into the rooms and teach the children about our local public transportation system. Then the children will be able to go outdoors and get onto a bus. The driver will talk to them about bus-riding and about safety.

NOTE: the bus will be parked and will not move during this time.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank all parents, grandparents and caregivers for your involvement in the school parties, field trips, volunteering in so many ways. We couldn't have such a great school if each of you did not share your time, talents, food and paper products.

Please offer your thanks whenever possible to Ms. Janae and to Pastor Levi. Help us thank them for the huge commitment they made to us this school year.

- ◆ Ms. Janae - Janae Tschudi-Evatt - who volunteered each month to provide us with a wonderfully enriching Chapel Talk.
- ◆ Pastor Levi Stroud who volunteered each month to provide us with so much fun in Chapel Music.
- ◆ So many of you have given us support in so many ways that we cannot name each one here.



We want to express very special thanks to those families who made contributions to our scholarship fund this year.

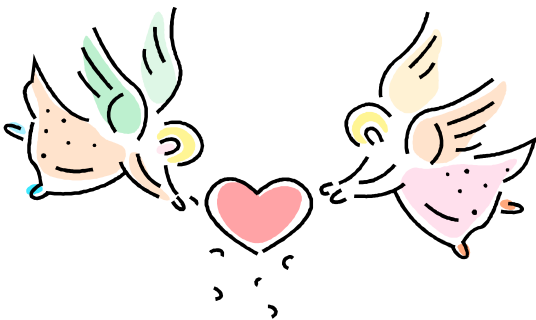
Your special gifts made differences that will last a lifetime.

DONATIONS

Thank you for the many donations you've made to the preschool this year. If you gave us any items and have not yet received a donation receipt for your taxes, then please notify the preschool. We will be happy to provide you with the paperwork you will need.

PERSONAL NOTE OF THANKS

I'd like to say a personal thank you to all of you who have remembered me at holiday times and with birthday cupcakes. The notes of support and gifts - large and small - are more precious to me than you probably know.



What wonderful gifts
you gave us all!

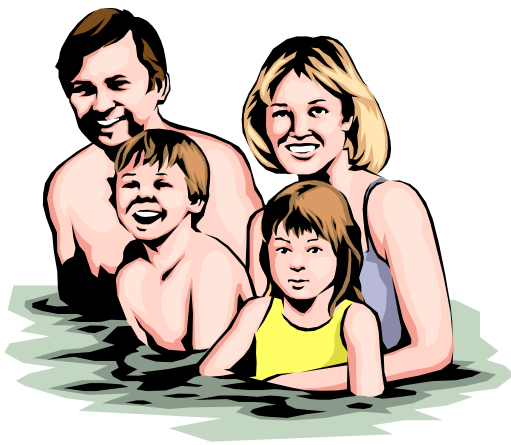
PLEASE CONSIDER YOURSELVES
HUGGED!!

2010

- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 & 6 Mothers' Teas - during regular school time
- May 10 TUITION FOR MAY 2011 due
- May 13 5's - Field Trip to National Zoo
- May 13 Chapel Music 11:00AM
- May 14 Chapel Music 11:00 AM/12:45PM
- May 17 Morning classes of 4's & 5's - OmniLink Day
- May 18 & 19 Petting farm here for 3's
- May 19 Afternoon classes of 4's & 5's - OmniLink Day
- May 24-26 Red, White & Blue Days
- May 27 Spring Family Day in the Park & End-Of-Year Celebration at Locust Shade Park
- May 28 Alternate date for Spring Family Day in the Park

- May 31 Memorial Day Holiday

Have a safe and happy summer!!!



Next school year (for those who will be here at Good Shepherd next fall) - May 10, 2010 - Tuition must be paid for May 2011.

Mid-August - you will receive a newsletter from the preschool office to let you know about the start of school.

Late August - your child will receive a letter from his/her teacher.

Sept. 7th - SNEAK PEEK! This is a self-guided tour time for you and your child. You may drop in anytime between 10AM and 2PM.

Sept. 9th - Orientation* for AM3s.

Sept 10th - Orientation* for PM3's & all 4s & 5's.

Sept 13-17 - First week of classes

* Orientation is during school hours and lasts one hour. In your child's letter you will be notified as to your child's particular time to arrive.

All above dates are subject to change.

