**May/June Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are entering the last full month of the school year! Time has flown by and we are excited to finish the year off with many fun and educational activities. Our class received caterpillars and it looks like they are almost ready to enter the chrysalis stage. We look forward to watching them emerge as butterflies and then releasing them. This is always a fun and exciting day for our Pre-K children!

In the first week of the month, we will introduce our last unit for the year called Changes with the first theme, In and Around Me. We will explore the concept of change and its effects and that change happens to everyone. We will also be preparing to honor our special Moms on Sunday and learn about Mary our mother in heaven. We will review uppercase and lowercase letters and their sounds, rhyming words, and writing our names the “Kindergarten way”.

During the week of the 8th, God Made Trees is our religion theme and in literacy, we will discuss Earth Changes including weather, seasons, and day and night. We will also meet a new letter friend Ms. Y with her Yodeling Yawn.

The week of the 15th, God Made Flowers and Nurturing Earth are our themes. We will explore and appreciate the beauty and resources of the earth as well as ways to protect animals, plants, and natural resources. We will meet Mr. Z with his zipping zippers.

The next week, God Made Big Things is our religion theme and we will meet our last letter friend, Dancing Mr. D. We will be learning all about dinosaurs and our literacy theme is Before and Now. There will be no school on Thursday, May 26-30 to celebrate the Memorial Day holiday. Classes resume on Tuesday, May 31st.

We will finish off the year learning about Father’s Day, Summer Safety and Fun, and lastly, Off to Kindergarten! We are in the process of finalizing all the activities for our final days of Pre-K this year and we will share the details shortly.

Thank you so much for continuing to practice the skills being taught at school with your preschooler at home to ensure kindergarten readiness. Some ideas include upper- and lower-case letter recognition, printing letters, and identifying letter sounds. In math, review concepts such as comparing numbers, number recognition and writing, beginning addition and subtraction skills, and patterning. Also, fine motor activities such as scissor skills and using the correct pencil grasp.

Thank you for all that you do to help me make this school year run smoothly. I appreciate that you took the time to read this newsletter to keep yourselves informed on what is going on in your child's classroom! Please continue to check my website each week under the “Weekly Announcements” tab so you are aware of the themes, letter, and math concepts being discussed. As always, if you have any questions/comments/concerns, please feel free to send me an email or put a note in your child's folder and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a busy and fun-filled last few weeks of Pre-K together!

*Mrs. Houston*