

OSLS PRESCHOOL

2016 MAY NEWSLETTER



Important May Dates

5/5 & 5/6

Mother's Day Fiesta @ 11am

5/7

OSLS Spring Auction

5/10

PTF Meeting @ 9am

5/17

OSLS Open House &
Spring Sing @ 5pm

5/18 & 5/19

PJ's for Disaster Day

5/26 & 5/27

Donuts with Dad

5/30

CLOSED for Memorial Day

WISDOM BEGINS WITH WONDER

Albert Einstein once said, "I am neither clever nor especially gifted. I am only very, very curious."

Observing children in their prime curiosity driven moments can be awe-inspiring. The ability for a child to be curious is a natural and progressive part of their development. As the adult, we can often rush these experiences or even miss them completely-but every curious mind is only further enriching and developing a future independent thinker and creator.

When you are with your child, remember that everything is new-even the tiniest of things are interesting and exciting. Installing an appreciation for a child's sense of wonder is easy! For example, let your child choose what to explore! Always ask open-ended questions and guide your child to draw their own conclusions from the observations they've made. Touch-lift-look under! Children need to touch the natural world to more fully understand it. Encourage your child to gently

nudge the frog or grasshopper and when observing objects examine it from all sides and angles as well as different light dimensions.

This month, may you each foster the sense of wonder with your children to be inspiring and naturally occurring. Take the moments of curiosity and turn them into those teachable moments towards a lifelong journey to becoming the wise learners of our next generation!

Prayers of love, learning, and serving to you all!

Katherine L. Yeakel,

OSLS Preschool Director



Verse of the month: Luke 15:11-24

"We're going to feast! We're going to have a wonderful time! My son is here—given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found! And they began to have a wonderful time."

Chapel Offering for May will be given to: *Lutheran World Relief*



Service project of the Month: PJ's for Disaster Day! Wear your favorite Pajamas on May 18th and 19th to help raise funds and awareness for Lutheran Disaster Relief. \$5 donation suggested.

A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS!

Mrs. Hardison

During the month of May, we continue to explore life cycles as we observe our tadpoles growing back legs and watch as our plants form roots and begin to sprout and grow! May also brings us into studies of the ocean and sea life. We will continue to predict, observe and record our findings through journaling, graphing and dictations. Keep checking out my weekly lesson plans to get more detailed information about what your child is doing in class, and my door is ALWAYS open to you for any questions, concerns, or thoughts of any sort. ☺

Mrs. Wohlfarth

In the month of May the outdoor class will be learning about healthy choices for our bodies. We will talk about the importance of exercise and healthy foods. We will try many different sports and graph our favorites! The children will be exposed to the food pyramid and why it's important to have healthy habits with our food. At the end of the month, we will have a healthy food "Risk-Taker" experience. The children will have the opportunity to try new healthy foods! Every time they try a new food they will receive stamp on a "Risk-Taker" badge. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the sign-in sheets.

Mrs. Waugh

It's hard to believe the end of the school year is near, with May being our last full month of school. This time of year brings me great joy to see the evolvment and growth the children have made. It will prove to be another busy month, with our celebrations of Mother's and Father's Day, and our recital at Open House. We are already busy learning a new song, and the children are getting excited. We will be covering various topics this month, some at the children's request! We will be discussing the importance of families in our lives, and what it means to respect and appreciate them. We will have a unit on Dinosaurs, learning about their life cycle, making a volcano, etc. We will also begin our Ocean Theme, learning about the importance of keeping our ocean and beaches clean, varieties of seashells, and sea animals. During these units, we will be integrating and continuing activities with opposites, rhymes, number and letter recognition. Our letter share day is over, however, we will continue with a weekly share day based on the topics we are discussing that week, and I will keep you informed of these by email. Thank you for all your support!

Mrs. Micallef

May Blurb - " Little by Little"

In this unit, the students will be talking about and learning more about all types of changes – seasonal changes, changes in plants, and the personal changes that they will be going through as they get older. Children will be revisiting the pictures that they created about themselves, in our first unit, last September. Have the children grown taller? Do they weigh more? Have they picked new favorites? As these and more questions are answered, the children will begin to understand the differences between then and now.

Changes are all around us – spring turns into summer, snow turns into water, caterpillars turn into butterflies, tadpoles turn into frogs, blossoms turn into flowers, seeds turn into fruits and vegetables, and our students go from PreK to Kindergarten! As we progress through this unit, the students will continue to develop important skills in reading and writing. They will continue to work on blending individual sounds into words, followed by blending final sounds into words, and lastly, words with three sounds.