

GOOD NEWS

May 2010

So here it is, finally -- the last Good News newsletter for this school year! We were just waiting to make sure you had all thawed out from our beach days last week!!! Chilly it was, but the children all seemed to have fun getting their toes (and then some!) wet, digging in the sand and searching for shark teeth. Thank you once again to the Garrett and Blocksidge families for their kindness and generosity!

We have plunged into the sea and are exploring the world of rainbow fish, sharks, seahorses, jellyfish and octopi! What a beautiful world it is! In the midst of our deep sea dives, we will be evaluating our little guppies to see what they have learned over these past several months. Some of the children were evaluated today -- we realize that we need to review shapes in particular with the “big kids” as well as numbers and letters, especially lower case letters. We encourage you to continue working with your child over the summer with writing – their names, numbers, letters, and words— aiming to make it fun! The MWF class will have their Friday journals sent home soon – they can certainly continue to write in that notebook over the summer. Perhaps the T-Th children can also have their own journal notebook to write in over the summer. Be sure to keep that creativity flowing on those hot and humid or rainy summer afternoons with some family craft time, as your child practices cutting with scissors, using glue, playing with play dough, etc.

We have officially finished the alphabet – yep, all the way from Aa to Zz. We will spend the next week and a half reviewing our letters and their sounds, colors shapes, and numbers. We have begun in earnest practicing our graduation songs in the MWF class—they are quick learners and we should be in rare form by graduation. Yep, the big graduation day is fast approaching for the “big kids” – Thursday, June 3! We will have sign-up sheets out later this week so you can sign up and let us know how many guests there will be that evening and what you type of dish you plan to bring. Since we usually have about 100+ people for our graduation potluck dinners, we ask that you sign up for two dishes – a salad, entrée, side dish, or dessert. Brothers and sisters, grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles are all welcome to attend. Once folks start signing up, we will have a better idea of what is still needed. Folks are welcome to arrive in Doran Hall between 5:30PM and 6PM. We will begin dinner at about 6PM followed by songs sung by the graduates, a slideshow presentation, and the presentation of diplomas. Don't forget the camera and the Kleenex that evening! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

As joyful an occasion as graduation is, there will no doubt be some shedding of tears. We thank you all for blessing us with the opportunity of getting to know your

precious little ones over the past year or two. It is such a gift to be able to literally see them blossom and grow. As we anxiously waited for our caterpillars to become butterflies and then had to release them from our hold, it is now time for us to release our little friends to the world of kindergarten -- their wings have spread and they are ready to fly! We will miss them all dearly. Thank goodness we still have a class of caterpillars that we need to hang on to for another year and a brand new group of littler caterpillars on their way to us!

We still have a few spaces available in next year's T-Th class as well as spaces available in the summer camp! We pray that all our Good News families have a safe and healthy and peaceful summer.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 27	Last T-Th Class
Friday, May 28	Last M-W-F Class
Thursday, June 3	Graduation for the M-W-F Class

Blessed Birthdays

Christian Barrett	May 3
Lindsey Claude	May 4
Stephen Hayden	May 9
Daniel Wickstrand	May 22
Courteney Murray	June 5
Gavin Brinkerhoff	June 21
Joseph Caldwell	July 13
Kate Montgomery	July 17
Lily Abel	July 18
Madeline Swann	August 8

May you each have a blessed birthday and be deeply touched by the love and joy of Jesus throughout the year ahead!

God is not only my creator and my master; He is also my last end. A God infinitely wise must have proposed to Himself an end in creating me; a God infinitely perfect could only have created me in His glory; that is to say, to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him.

- Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Priest