

END OF YEAR

We have enjoyed your children so much that it is hard to believe the end of the year is almost here. With the end of the year comes the time to say good-bye. The last day of school for the MWF 3's is Wednesday, May 21. The last day of school for the TTHF 3's is Thursday, May 22.

The final day of school for the 4's and the end of year celebration will be on Thursday, May 22. Parents and special guests should plan to arrive and be seated in the church sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served following the program. If you are interested in helping with the end of the year celebration, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway between the two fourth classrooms. **There will be no extended day on Wednesday, May 21 or Thursday, May 22.**

PARENT BOOK CLUB

Parents in the book discussion group are excited to begin the next book. They have chosen the book, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and How to Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. If you would like to order a copy of this book, please sign up on the sheet outside the school office by May 9. Purchasing the book does not obligate you to join the discussion group.

STUDENT INTERN

UMNS is sponsoring Jill Longo, Mrs. Longo's daughter, in a four week senior internship project. Jill is a senior at Ridgefield High School and plans to follow her mother's footsteps in the early childhood education profession. Jill will begin working at the school on May 8. She will be reading to individual and small groups of children.

RESULTS OF FAMILY SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out and return the family surveys. Overall, the responses to the survey were very positive. 100% of the parents in the school responded that they are satisfied with the activities in the classroom and that their expectations for what the children would do and learn in school have been met. 95% of the parents are satisfied with the communication between the school and parents. Several parents said they would like to understand more about the curriculum and we will address that concern. Finally, 92% of the parents felt that there were enough opportunities for parents to be involved in the classrooms and school. Some parents asked for more field trips and parent coffees.

MINI CAMP

The three weeks of Mini-Camp begin on Tuesday, May 27 and run through Thursday, June 12. The first week of camp runs Tuesday-Friday. The second two weeks will run Monday-Thursday. The theme of camp this year is **Under The Big Top**.

Each group will have a mix of three- and four- year old girls and boys. We will make an effort to place your child with a friend but we see mini-camp as an opportunity to make new friends. Please explain to your child that camp is different from school. They will be in different rooms and have different teachers. Group assignments and camp information will be sent home the week of May 12th.

We have several specials planned for this year's camp including visits from a clown and a juggler.