



# Paradise Place



## May News...

*Mother's Day Tea – May-6th*

*Parent Conferences – May 16-20th*

*Graduation Day – May 19th*

*Memorial Day – May 30th (school closed)*

*Class Pictures – Thursday, May 31st*

*Last Day of School (Spirit Day) –*

*Friday, June 3th*

*Spring Cleaning – Saturday, May 21st*

*School closed June 6th -8th*

*Summer session begins – Wednesday, June 8th*

## WONDERFUL THINGS COMING UP

Mother's Day Tea: Calling all moms to come on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> to join us to celebrate You! The "Tea" will be from 10:30-11:00 in each class. Mothers, please bring a **tea cup** from home for your tea.



Class Pictures: Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be taking pictures at 10:00 a.m. Please try and be here by 9:50 if your child is not enrolled that day and you would like them to be in their class pictures.

Paradise Place Committee: Next meeting will be on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11-1 pm.

Spring Cleaning: Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Every spring we have a day to clean-up and spruce up the school in conjunction with UCC. Before that time we will have parents sign-up to work outside or inside the school. We will also be starting our Paradise Place garden too. It is a great way to **earn the last of your parent hours**. Parent hours need to be completed by the end of May. Remember that there is a **\$10 charge** for each of the 10 hours **not** earned.



Parent Conferences: These important conferences will be held the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to sign-up for a 20 minute conference to hear about your child's many milestones. We hope that all parents will make the effort to meet with their child's teacher.



**Graduation Day:** Our Graduation Ceremony will be on the evening of Thursday, May 19th. We will also have a Pot Luck after the ceremony. All classes will be involved in the ceremony. Please put this on your calendar.

**Memorial Day:** The school will be **closed** Monday, May 30th, 2011.

**Last Day of School (Spirit Day):** The last day is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will also be Spirit Day so everyone wear your school or Beach/Hawaiian shirt & Hats.



**Summer Session** – Begins June 8<sup>th</sup> and ends August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**F.Y.I.'s**

**Summer Scholarships:** Summer scholarships need to be applied for now. Remember that scholarships you had for the school year will end on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the director for a form.

**Snack suggestions from the Doves:** pears, dried fruit, whole grain crackers, pretzels, cucumber, red peppers, apples, cheese(1 block per class), & raisins.

**Prayer Box:** Remember to place your concerns and joys in the prayer box that is in the front foyer. The Family Liaison group will pray each month. All information is confidential.

**Pick ups:** Pick up time for half-day A.M. children **NO LATER THAN 1:00 p.m.** For afternoon and full-day children it is **NO LATER THAN 5:30 p.m.** You are allowed 2 excused late pick ups with a phone call (with a 5-minute grace period). After that you will be charged \$5 for every 15 minutes you are late, or a portion thereof.

## **GREAT PARENT IDEAS!**

[Positive Parenting - Parent-Child Communication](#)

Activities to Do With Your Preschooler

### **Have Fun With Your Preschooler!**

If you are the parent of a preschooler, you are probably hearing a lot of, “No!” and “I can do it myself!” as your child starts to want to be independent. At this age, your child is learning new things every day, and you can support his development by letting him make some small decisions, doing fun activities, and helping him explore new things!

### **Tips for spending time with your preschooler**

- **Give your child choices.** If you ask your child what she wants to wear that day, you are probably setting yourself up for a morning of tantrums when she picks out a sundress in the middle of winter and you have to say no. Help your child make some small decisions by giving her options, such as choosing between two outfits or between cereal and toast for breakfast.
- **Let your child try.** Be patient with your child, as it may take many tries at tying his shoes before he can finally do it himself. Buy clothes that your child can easily put on and take off by himself. If he becomes frustrated, help talk him through a difficult task, and praise him when he completes it. Most importantly, remember that a sense of humor can turn a stressful moment into a fun one. If your preschooler refuses to put on his coat, put it on the dog - the distraction and laughter may make him put it on right away without a fuss!
- **Say what you mean and mean what you say.** Preschoolers need clear directions. For example, saying “I see you put some toys away, but I'd like it if you put the rest in the toy box” tells her what you want her to do and reinforces good behavior, whereas saying “this room is still messy” is not as specific and is negative. Also, preschoolers need limits. Let your child know what to expect and what is expected of her when it comes to small chores that she can and should do, and consequences for when she doesn't listen.

- **Think outside the box.** Your preschooler is active and always needs to be busy doing something, but you don't have to go far to think of things to do. Preschoolers have good imaginations and like to use them. Play dress-up with your child, get out some paper and crayons and make a book, or just take a walk! All of these things will keep your child busy, help him learn, and be fun for both of you!
- **Help your child transition.** At this age, children still need to know what to expect from their day. Even with a regular routine, your child still needs time to adjust to different things in the day, such as being dropped to school. You can make these times easier by talking him through them. For example, tell him he has ten more minutes to play before it's time to leave for school, and reassure him that you will be there to pick him up after rest time is over at school.
- **Talk and read to your child.** The best way to support your preschooler's learning and spend quality time with her is to have a conversation with her and read to her. Take advantage of things like car or train rides to talk about your child's day and discuss your surroundings. Take your child to the library and help her pick out some books that you can read together. And of course, make reading part of your child's bedtime routine, even if she asks for the same book every night. You'll see that this might even become your favorite part of the day!



## Church Information

**Sunday Services:** Union Congregational Church (UCC): 9:00 a.m.  
 Queen of All Saints Catholic Church: 8:30 a.m.  
 Oh Be Joyful Baptist Church: 9:00 a.m.  
 All Saints in the Mountains Church: 5:00 p.m.



**Birthdays** – Happy birthday to our **May** birthday kids and staff:

Kayla 4<sup>th</sup>

Sasha – 6<sup>th</sup>

Cody – 14<sup>th</sup>

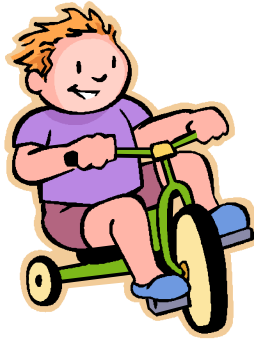
Samuel – 21<sup>st</sup> Miss Meredith - 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Reminders

**Sign-in and Sign-out:** Some parents have gotten in the habit of “forgetting” to do so. Parents, please remember to sign-in and out each day. It is a state regulation.

**Parent Participation:** Parents remember to record your hours! They are due at the end of May. Here are some ideas to help in other ways:

- **Help on *Spring Cleaning Day!!***
- We need help in the basement still!!
- *Extra snacks* to keep on hand



### **WISH LIST**

Old Discmans/walkmans  
Headphones  
Throw pillows  
\*Soup cans for art projects\*  
A chair smaller than 8 inches from the ground  
Tricycles  
Shelves for plants  
baskets/trays to display our lessons  
Push toys

### **THANK YOU**

To all the parents who helped with our Easter Party!  
To Father Steve for the yummy dinner

## **QUOTES**

**Lambs:** Lilian “Strawberry ponies...Jamberry!”  
Liam “Lightning McQueen spinning his wheels.”

**Doves:** Anna “The Easter Bunny is going to bring me a Dragon!” - Alyssa “A real one? – Luke W. “That’s dangerous!”

**Lions:** Kai C. “When I grow up I’m going to be an X-games snowboarder.”

**Whales:** Hayden “A baby comes out with special scissors.”  
Miss Rebecca “What number do you call in an emergency?” – Aksel  
“That’s easy 641.”

## **MAY THEMES:**



*Lambs: Under the Sea*

*Doves: All about me*

*Lions: Spring & Supper Friends*

*Whales: Supper Friends, Letters: x,y,z, a ,e ,i ,o  
& u*

Love and Thanks, Ben, Julie, Rebecca, Gwyn, Meredith, Sunny, Katie,  
Amanda, Hillary, and the Kids!

### **Office Hours**

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| Monday:    | Ben - 8:30-5:00 |                      |
| Tuesday:   | Ben - 8:30-5:00 | Hillary – 9:00-12:00 |
| Wednesday: | Ben - 8:30-5:00 | Hillary - 9:00-12:00 |
| Thursday:  | Ben - 8:30-5:00 |                      |
| Friday:    | Ben - 8:30-5:00 | Hillary - 9:00-12:00 |

**Paradise Place Committee Members (school board members)**

Jeff Engel

Ben Poswalk

Tim Clark

Barbra Crawford

Laurel Marr

Jamie Stambaugh

Fr. Steven Murray