

# Nursery School News



Severna Park United Methodist Church

May 2015



*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*  
- *Philippians 4:8*

## Welcome, May!

It's hard to believe our school year is coming to an end. Our students have had a busy year making friends, developing self-confidence, creating artistic masterpieces, learning, playing, and sharing, and it's been a privilege to get to know them and watch them grow.

Enjoy these last few weeks of school, which are jam-packed with fun activities for you and your children. Thank you all for such a wonderful year. The staff and I wish you and your families a wonderful summer, and for those of you whose children are moving on to other schools next year, we hope you'll stay in touch. We'll always consider you a part of our SPUMCNS family.

### 2015-2016 Steering Committee Opportunities

Thank you to the following parents for volunteering to serve on the Steering Committee next year:

Treasurer – Carrie Rayburn  
Parent Group- Janey Queen  
Project Cutters – Kelly Stitt

We're still looking to fill a couple of key positions. Would you be able to help? Here's a list of volunteer opportunities for next school year:

- **Playground:** This entails occasionally blowing leaves from the playground during the fall, in between our lawn service visits.
- **Back to School Night:** This person will take care of setting up and coordinating volunteers (just a few) for the Parents' Orientation night, scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.
- **Scholastic Book Orders:** This person will distribute order forms, collect, place, and distribute book orders six times during the school year.

Please see Mrs. Taflan if you're interested in finding out more about any of these volunteer positions. And thank you to everyone who volunteered to help this year!!!

### **PARENTS OF 3-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS:**

It's our tradition to find volunteers from the 3's parents to run the Farewell Program so the 4's parents can just enjoy the evening. We're looking for two parent coordinators (one for Monday, May 18 and one for Tuesday, May 19) and a handful of volunteers each evening to help set up, serve, and clean up the refreshments and put away the chairs following the events. Watch for sign-up sheets, and please see Mrs. Taflan if you're available to help.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all you've done to make this such a great year. Your generosity and support of our few fundraisers enabled us to host the Zoomobile for both the 3's and 4's, to add new books to our library, to invite Santa to our Christmas party, and to purchase new and fun equipment for our "indoor playground." (We got a LOT of use out of that this winter!)

In addition, your donations of lunch items for Winter Relief and of books to the USO book drive enabled us to help many people. Teaching children to think of and do for others is a lesson that leaves a lasting legacy.

We are grateful for your support and have enjoyed spending this year with you and your children. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
The SPUMCNS Staff

# 4 Year Old News

## May Studies

This month, we'll talk about Mother's Day and will continue to rehearse our Farewell Program. Details for this event are outlined on page 3 of this newsletter. The last class day for all 4 year olds is Monday, May 18. The children have worked through the year to learn letters, numbers, first and last names, addresses, and telephone numbers. To help them retain these skills, we suggest you continue to review them with your child throughout the summer. Reading with them daily is a great way to get them ready for school.

## **4 Year Olds: Field Day** **Friday, May 15**

Thank you to all who've signed up to help with Field Day. Everyone is welcome:  
Moms, Dads, Grandparents...  
The coordinators will contact you in early May.

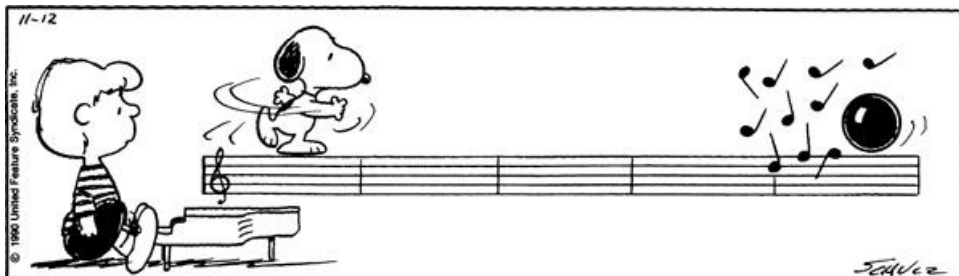
**ALL PARENTS: REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD  
15 MINUTES EARLY FROM FIELD DAY (11:15/ 2:30).**

## **Field Trip to Severna Park Lanes** **Friday May 1st**

We're looking forward to our 4's Bowling Field Trip this Friday!

**The AM classes will meet at the bowling alley at 9:30-11:00 AM**  
**The PM classes will meet at the bowling alley at 12:30-2:00 PM**

We encourage you to make alternate arrangements for siblings. If siblings do come, please know that only the students will be permitted to bowl on the assigned lanes.





# 4 Year Old News, cont'd.



## 4-Year Old Closing Program

The closing program for the morning classes will be held on the evening of Monday, May 18. The program for the afternoon classes will take place the evening on Tuesday, May 19. Please drop your child off at his/her normal classroom at **6:30 PM on their assigned night**. The programs will begin promptly at **6:45 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Children should wear nice, comfortable clothing. Parents, grandparents, family, and friends are invited to attend. This is an exciting night for our 4 year olds!

We have hired a professional videographer, Douglas Hornick of Hornick Studios in Odenton, to record the entire program, which will allow parents and guests to enjoy simply watching the program as it is performed. Mr. Hornick will produce a DVD that will also include a photo montage of all of the children, capturing special moments through this school year. Copies of the DVD may be ordered for \$30.00. Order forms will be sent home in early May and will also be available the night of the program. Checks should be made payable to **SPUMC Nursery School**. The DVDs will be mailed to your home in June, and is a wonderful remembrance of your child's preschool experience.

Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following each program, courtesy of the Parent Group and our 3-year-old parents.

**Monday, May 18 will be the last class day** for all four year olds. Congratulations on a wonderful school year!



## Summer Birthdays

If your child has a summer birthday and would like to celebrate a "pretend birthday" with their friends at school, please contact your teacher to schedule a date.



## FAMILY GATHERING

**All students, 3 and 4 YEAR OLDS, AM and PM**

Thursday, May 21  
In the Fellowship Hall  
AM and PM Classes 10:30-11:30

Please join us to celebrate the end of the school year with special guest  
**Pam the Kindersinger**

# 3 Year Old News

## May Studies

We will be talking about the changes that continue to take place as spring unfolds. We will also talk about family, love, and Mother's Day. Our last class day will be Tuesday, May 19.

Remember to spend some time over the summer with your child practicing reading, spelling and writing their name in preparation for next year. Reading to your child is the best way to prepare them for school.



## Mother's Day Tea

**Please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for a special Mother's Day Tea with your little one.**

Mothers of students in the AM classes come to school 10:30-11:30.

Mothers of students in the PM classes come to school 1:45-2:45.

So this can be a special time for you and your child, please make alternate arrangements for siblings.

If you are unable to attend, Grandma or a special friend may attend in your place.

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