

**LENEXA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESCHOOL/CDO NEWSLETTER
MAY 2021**

April showers have brought us lovely May flowers as well as beautiful sunshine filled days. We are all looking forward to new adventures and fun with our friends as we enjoy this last month of school!!!!!!!

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Please refer to the list below to identify the last day for your child's class. We will certainly miss those families who will not be returning. We wish you well as your children continue school in a new venue. It has been our privilege to have been a part of your lives. The last days for classes are as follows:

May 13 – last day for Enrichment classes

May 17 – last day for T-K, Pre-K and CDO classes

May 18 – last day for 3-year-old Preschool

LUMC PRESCHOOL/CDO ALL SCHOOL PLAY DATE

To celebrate the end of a **wonderful** school year, we will be sponsoring a school wide play date on **Wed., May 19, at Electric Park from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** Anyone interested in getting together to play and for one last good-bye is invited to come. Some of the teachers will make a brief appearance. (Please find the map to Electric Park attached to this newsletter) (No rain date so keep your fingers crossed for nice weather.)

Open Spots

We still have a few remaining open spots for Fall 2021 in our toddler room and afternoon preschool classes. We would love to have some new friends join us! Thank you to so many of you for recommending us to your friends and neighbors. We appreciate your doing so!

Summer Goals

The most important thing to focus on this summer is to spend time enjoying your child. They grow up so fast! Don't forget to make lots of time to read to your child. Reading is the best way to improve literacy skills and set your child up for later academic success. I have included a list of high frequency sight words you can work on this summer if your child is going to kindergarten or ready for this step on their reading journey. Libraries will be open again this summer so be sure to add trips to the library to choose new books a part of your weekly schedule.

Once again, thanks to all our parents for sharing your most precious gifts with us – your children. Parental support, involvement, and kindness are some of the many reasons we continue to have such a successful program here at LUMC. We truly appreciate all that you have done for our school and our staff. May God bless you all. We will look forward to seeing how much the kids have grown next fall. Have a wonderful summer!!!!!!!

Ms. Lori and the LUMC Preschool/CDO Staff

3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

This preschool school year has truly flown by. We have made new friends, learned new skills and in the process have grown taller, stronger and more confident! Yes, we have had a very productive year! We will begin our month with a unit on mothers and their babies, from humans to farm animals. We will have fun celebrating our very own mommies and daddies. During our farm unit, we will paint some adorable fluffy chicks with a bath puff and talk about farms and their importance in our lives. We wish you a safe and wonderful summer! Thank you for sharing your precious children with us! We will miss you all on Tuesdays and Thursdays...our very best days of the week!

PRE-K

Spring has officially arrived. This month, we will continue talking about growing flowers and will even explore the wonderful world of worms. We will also be making a special Mother's Day present for our "Special Moms". We will then discover farm animals. We have been blessed to be a part of your child's life and we thank you for sharing them with us this year.

T-K

Wow! This year has gone by so fast! We'll spend this month with Eric Carle and Fairy Tales, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", "Humpty Dumpty" and "Jack & The Beanstalk". If we have time, we will also read "Rapunzel" and "Cinderella". Our last full day of T-K is Monday, May 17th. Thank you for sharing your children with me this year!

♥ Ms. Cindy

TODDLERS CDO

It's hard to believe that the school year is rapidly coming to a close. We have enjoyed getting to know your children and you. We will remember the children for many reasons—smiles, sparkling eyes, some tears, enthusiastic singing, lots of energy, lunchtime appetites, their comments and participation, and most of all, how they have grown and matured. We will miss them! In May, we will be reviewing shapes and colors (no final exam!) and talking about mothers and babies. We hope all of you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing our "graduates" across the hall or in the other building next fall. Come by and tell us "hello"!

OLDER 2'S AND 3'S CDO

April showers hopefully will bring May flowers and lots of SUN for playing outside. Can you guess we like playing outside? It will definitely be spring weather in our classroom no matter the outside weather. We will learn about:

Week 1- Bugs & Butterflies

Week 2- Ocean & Summer

This school year has been amazing and we have loved spending time with your children. We will hopefully see them next year as they move on and keep learning and growing at LUMC.

FANTASTIC FRIDAYS

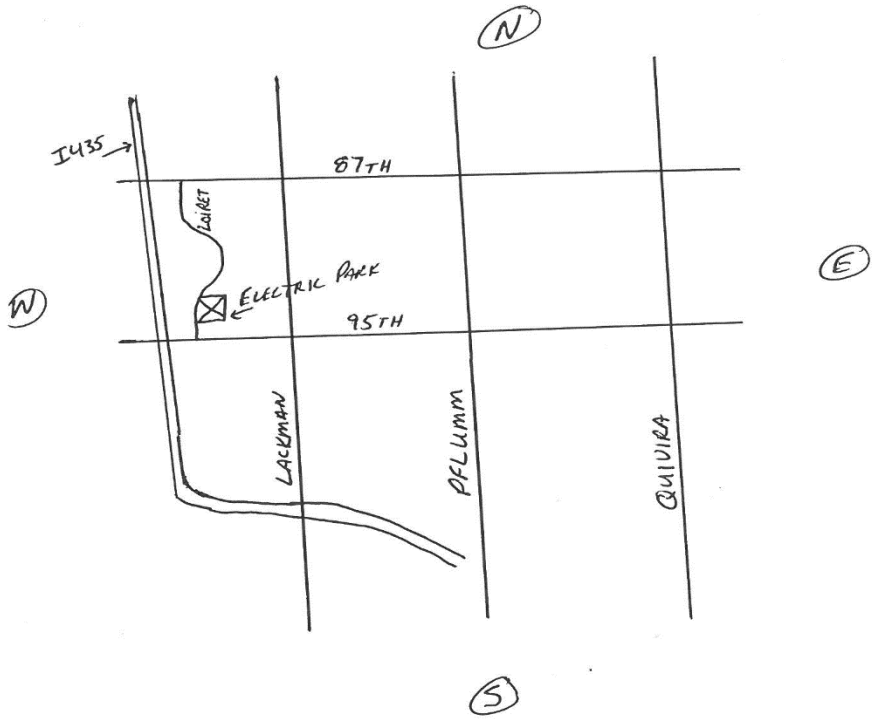
It is so unbelievable that May is already here! It has been a wonderful year and getting to know your children has been such an incredible joy. The first week of May we will be learning about how plants and flowers grow. Our last day of school will be game day. We will be enjoying our favorite games and breaking out the “volcano” one more time. Have a wonderful summer, filled with beautiful memories. For those of you heading to Kindergarten next year, may your stars keep shining bright! Best wishes! Ms. Janet and Ms. Kristi.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

We made it to May! This month, with only a few weeks left, we will be practicing for our Virtual Songfest! Get ready to tune in to a Facebook Live on your teacher’s page to hear all the FABULOUS songs we’ve been singing this year. We will do some old-time favorites mixed in with some new songs! It has been an absolute delight to come to school and hear these little voices sing. What a precious reminder, that even during a pandemic, there is joy to be found. Stay tuned for what is sure to be a great culmination of all that we’ve done this year!

END-OF YEAR PICNIC

Map to Electric Park for end-of-school picnic
on May 17th from 10:30-12:30. See you there!



SIGHT WORDS

I have included a list of high frequency sight words our kindergarten bound/early readers can work on over the summer. In addition to sight words, don't forget to practice cutting, practice gluing, work with play dough, and READ, READ, READ!

**high frequency word list
(early emergent)**

up	in	at
to	no	did
my	go	said
am	yes	me
like	see	do
on	and	can
is	a	you

another resource from <http://teachmama.com> to help our little ones learn while they play...



high frequency word list (early emergent)

are	it	I
the	Mom	Dad
look	he	she
so	we	happy
friend		