

## The end of a Great Year...

Every school year seems to go by in a flash! Here we are in our final days of preschool with the children getting all excited about their year-end celebrations with all of you! We hope that all parents received your **special invitation** that the children decorated for you.

\*As the school year ends it's always great to just simply be together and remember so many good times that were fun & special to us. We hope that the 3-day class will also have a chance to say good-bye to our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Friends. It will give us a chance to thank them for the special friendship and experiences that we've shared this school year. We thank Mrs. Martin for making it all possible!

\*\*\*Our last class session for the 3-day AM&PM & the 2-day PM students is **Wed., May 11<sup>th</sup>**, and our last session for the Tue-Thur. class is **Thur., May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Note: there will be NO AM or PM sessions on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, because we will be setting up the FLC/gym for the 3-day class Celebration Evening.

### THANK YOU SO MUCH...

We are grateful for all of the extra help that we've received from so many of you when there is so much happening as the year comes to a close. We are grateful for all those who helped at Center Time throughout the year. We want to again say a special thanks to Lauri Schmitt for doing such a great job in putting together our Friendship Memory Quilt for the 3-day class. A big thank you goes to Megan Bittner, Mamie Stunkel, Kristy Byers, Breana Taylor, Amy Goddard, Sarah Rigg and Kayla Reising for doing the time consuming task of binding all of the ABC Books for the 3-day classes and the special books that the 2-day class made this year. On the last day of school all three classes will get to page through their books to enjoy seeing them all finished! We certainly want to thank everyone who volunteered in any way throughout this year. We also appreciate all the wonderful variety of healthy snack foods that each family provided all year long for the children! Your involvement and help has made a huge difference, and enabled us to do so many exciting things for the children here at preschool!

## Special Notes and Reminders

- **For 3-day class parents:** Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the **"Friendship Memory Quilt"** that the children made. Remember, if you can't come in to buy them, just let us know how many you want, and send your cash amount. We'll get the tickets to you to fill out, and then you'll turn them in on the Celebration Evening. We will also have someone in the Family Life Center right before our Celebration ceremony begins to help with last minute ticket buyers. But we do hope most of the families who are interested can buy their tickets this week at school, unless it's not possible to do so. Good Luck! It will be exciting to see who the lucky winner will be on Friday night! The proceeds from the Raffle will be put to good use to benefit our program for the future.  
**Many Thanks!**
- **Tuition payment reminder:** If you have not sent in your **final tuition payment**, please make sure you do so during this last week of school, so I can close out my records for the year. Thanks!
- **Your child's Year-End Progress Report:** You will receive your child's progress report at their Year-End Celebration. Remember to please call me if you have any questions or concerns about it. I'll be glad to go through it with you and offer suggestions for you in helping your child this summer if needed.
- **Help needed on our Nature Playground:** This summer I hope to have a work day to do a little maintenance work on our Nature Playground and to have someone haul more pea gravel into the shovel and rake play area. I will also need a volunteer to possibly set 4 or 5 sign posts. Having printed signs up to designate each separate nature area is one of the final requirements that I need to then apply to be certified as a **Nature Explore Playground** by the Arbor Day Foundation! Let me know if anyone can help me on this.  
**Thanks!**

## Year-End Celebration Details

### 3-Day Class Celebration Evening: Friday, May 13th

Please make sure that your child arrives at 6:45 PM in the Kinder Haus classroom. Then parents are to go on into the Family Life Center/GYM for the 7:00 PM ceremony. It's important to have your child there at 6:45 so we can have them all ready in time. However, keep in mind that our classroom door will not be unlocked until 6:45 PM, so the children won't get too anxious with both classes there at one time. For those of you wanting to get a seat in the FLC/gym before bringing your child to our classroom, you may do so. To help manage the arrival time the best we can, the FLC/gym WILL NOT BE UNLOCKED UNTIL 6:30 pm. Only the main entrance doors on the west side of the FLC/gym will be unlocked to enter that evening. \*\*For any parents who are with us for the first time this year in the 3-day classes, our ceremony is a simple one with the children singing a few songs and receiving their preschool certificate on stage. It usually lasts about 45 to 55 minutes for the ceremony itself. Family members and grandparents are welcome. After the ceremony is over, we do hope that you'll have time to stay and give us the chance to say our good byes to you. Before you leave that night, you'll pick up your child's painted T-shirt, the ABC Book, your child's progress report, their portfolio, your family photo, and a little gift to your child from all of us here at Kinder Haus. So if you are unable to come that night for some reason, please let us know, so we can send these things home with your child on their last class session instead. **IMPORTANT: If something unforeseen happens and your child can't be there, please contact us so we will know not to wait on your child to start the ceremony.** Hope to see all of you there!!

### 2-Day Students Picnic Celebration: Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Our classroom doors will open at 9:00 AM to begin our morning of celebrating with our preschoolers and parents. It will last about an hour. Please note: If one or both parents are unable to attend that day, any adult family member/s may be asked to come to celebrate with your preschooler instead. Don't forget to bring a light "*Snack in a Sack*". (We will provide the lemonade to drink.) We will be giving the preschoolers special items on that day; their T-Shirt, a certificate, their evaluation report, etc. **Therefore, please let us know if your child cannot attend so that we can make arrangements to get them to you on their last session.**

### Closing Thoughts...

As we end the school year it's nice to think back to the day that your child came into our classroom for the very first time. They began a special "journey" with us to make new friends and experience many new things on their own. With your support we've worked together to help your child discover that learning is fun and exciting. All of your thoughtful notes, gifts and words of encouragement to us throughout the year- and as the school year ends- are appreciated and have meant so much to us. This is my last newsletter for the year, and I thank you for reading each one, allowing me to keep you informed and to call on your help in many ways that enhanced our preschool program. On behalf of all of us here at Kinder Haus, we want to say thank you for making this a great year which we will enjoy looking back on and remembering it as a very special time. We ask God to bless your family, and we are grateful that you've allowed us to share this special part of your child's life.

*Have a great summer, and best wishes to all.*