

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Let Me Shine Parents,

It's hard to believe that summer break is almost here. It's been an amazing year with 110 wonderful children. I love spending time with all the children and watching them grow. I smile as I hear the stories they share with you about their school day. It's so fun to see how much they've changed over

the past nine months.

I will miss those of you who are graduating and invite you to come back and visit any time. I look forward to next fall as the rest of you return!

As always, my door is open. I invite you all to share your thoughts, concerns and affirmations with me. Thank you for an incredible year and for being part of the Let Me Shine family. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

God's Peace,

Barb Ballif, Director

Spring Music Program

Let Me Shine Families,

Please save the date and time to join your child for the end of the year music program! Miss Alia

Wednesday, May 2

9:15 a.m. - 18 mos. & 2's Miss Kristina S., Miss Carlee & Miss Heather

11:15 a.m. - 3's - Miss Megan & Miss Kristina O.

Thursday, May 3

9:15 a.m. - 18 mos. & 2's -Miss Kristina S., Miss Carlee & Miss Heather

11:15 a.m. - 3's Miss April & Miss Kristina O.

Wednesday, May 9

11:15 a.m. - 4's -Miss Chris & Miss Sabrina

Thursday, May 10

11:15 a.m. - 4's -Miss Chris & Miss Anne

Pre Kindergarten GRADUATION

All pre-kindergarten students will participate in a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 23, at 11:00am. Please invite family and friends for this time of celebration and completion.

End of School Year Financial Statements

The last tuition payment was due April 1st! (for May). I will be passing out year end statements soon, so look for those in your child's cubby. April Morning Bunch will be billed May 1st, and May Morning Bunch will be billed the last week of school!! Remember Lunch Bunch cards will carry over into the next school year, so if you have extras, save them!! If you have any questions about tuition, Lunch Bunch, or Morning Bunch, please ask me!!

-Miss Holly



Need a little extra time in the morning?

Be sure to take advantage of Morning Bunch!

Advanced notice is required!

Drop off time is anytime between 8:00am—8:45am. Please sign your child in as usual on the clip board at the sign-in table and bring him/her down to Miss Sabrina's Room #8. Morning Bunch has story time, color time and game time! Make sure your child has breakfast before they come! Your child will be escorted to their classroom to begin their school day at 9:00am.

LUNCHBUNCH

Do you need an extra hour after school for a hair appointment, doctor's appointment, etc.? Try out the Let Me Shine Lunch Bunch program!

Lunch Bunch is a hit with kids, and it is so easy to do. Pack a lunch for your child, buy a lunch ticket in the office, and that's it! We'll take care You don't need to come unof the rest. til 1:00 for pick-up, and the lunch bunch kids will be downstairs in the Terrace Room. Lunch Bunch is a lot of fun for the kids! We play lots of games, have fun and interesting activities, and the kids get to eat their lunch together in a social setting! Our fabulous Lunch Bunch staff helps the kids open their lunches (eating the "healthy stuff" first!), then they get to do floor tumbling, art, fun games, story time, even some science activities! Lunch Bunch costs \$6.50 for one ticket, but if you buy the tickets in a pack of 10, the price is \$60.00 (a savings of \$5.00). We'd love to have you! If you have any questions about lunch bunch, please ask Barb or Holly for information!

Worship with Us! Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Morning Prayer with Communion 8:15 am Traditional worship 10:30 am

Summer worship schedule begins May 27
Sundays, 10:00 am

Everyone is Welcome!

ZELC Vacation Bible School and Music Camp 2018

<u>Full day camp for kids completing K through 6th grade</u> (half day option for children completing Kindergarten)

Music, art, bible study and games

Theme: Psalms

August 6-10 and August 12 Sunday Worship Performance

9 AM – 3 PM (9 AM – 1:30PM Fri) Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church \$20 registration if paid before July 21 This fee covers the entire week! Call 801.582.2321 for more info.

From Dr. Laura Markham's **Peaceful Parents**, **Happy Kids**, please read and consider including these *10 Routines that will strengthen a Parent-Child Relationship. (continued)*

9. Bedtime snuggle and chat.

Set your child's bedtime a wee bit earlier with the assumption that you'll spend some time visiting and snuggling in the dark. Those companionable, safe moments of connection invite whatever your child is currently grappling with to the surface, whether it's something that happened at school, the way you snapped at her this morning, or her worries about tomorrow's field trip. Do you have to resolve her problem right then? No. Just listen. Acknowledge feelings. Reassure your child that you hear her concern, and that you'll solve it together tomorrow. The next day, be sure to follow up. You'll be amazed how your relationship with your child deepens. And don't give this habit up as your child gets older. Late at night is often the only time teens will open up.

10. Show up.

Most of us go through life half-present. But your child has only about 900 weeks of childhood with you before he leaves your home. He'll be gone before you know it. Try this as a practice: When you're interacting with your child, show up 100 percent. Just be right here, right now, and let everything else go. You won't be able pull this off all the time. But if you make it a habit several times a day, you'll find yourself shifting into presence more and more often, because you'll find it creates those moments with your child that make your heart melt.

Wishing you a blessed and amazing summer!



Miss Heather's Happy Hedgehogs

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is here. It seems like just yesterday when you handed your children over to me. Although it is hard to say goodbye, I am confident that they are ready to move upstairs with the "big kids". May will be packed with many fun activities. We will wrap up the year with a camping week, dinosaurs and fun at the beach. We have also been watching the caterpillars grow and spin their cocoons. Soon we will release them into God's beautiful sky! Parents and Grandparents are invited to our music open houses on May 2 and May 3 at 9:15. This is a good chance to see what we have been learning with Miss Alia. I want you to know how grateful I am for trusting me with you children this year. I love them and can't wait to see how they grow as they move up through Let Me Shine. Our school is so special because of families like you!

Peace and Love,



Miss Heather



Miss Megan's Fox Den

Fox Den Families,

What a glorious Spring it has been, and I am so looking forward to spending the last bit of it with your children. I have had such a beautiful year learning with your children; to say that I love them is an understatement. They have brought endless amounts of joy, entertainment, and laughter to my life and I am eternally grateful to my loving Savior that he placed them in my life. Thank you for all you have done to make this year run smoothly, I hope we can all stay in touch and I'm excited to hear about their fabulous new teachers.

This month we will be doing a dinosaur study, animal study, and "Our Favorite Things" week! Don't forget about our Spring Music Program on Wednesday, May 2nd at 11:15am! God's blessings and thank you again for one of the best years of my life!

Love always,

Miss Megan



With a sad and a happy heart, I'm realizing that this is our last month of school! Sad, because I really love your children! I enjoy spending time with them, seeing their faces light up when they accomplished something new, listening to their little voices talking more by the week, going on walks with them and just watching them grow this school year. But also happy, because they learned SO much these past months, shed their last bit of "baby" and are all ready to move on.

In April we talked a lot about spring, new life, flowers and spring colors. We watched the caterpillars grow and can't wait to see them turn into butterflies anytime soon.

Favorite things last month were definitely being outside on those first warm days, playing dress up and going to music class.

This month, we'll do a nursery rhyme week, get ready to roar in our dinosaur week and have a fun good bye party on our last day of school May 23rd and 24th. It was truly a privilege to be your child's first teacher and I appreciate all the love and support I got from all of you!

Blessings, Miss Kristina

Miss Carlee's Owlets

Hey Parents,

I can't believe it is almost the end of the school





year. This year has been wonderful and gone by so fast! It has been such a pleasure watching these little ones grow. This last month we talked about Spring time and new life. Thank you for all of your love, support and encouragement this year. Your little ones will forever have a special place in my heart. Do you still need volunteer hours? Come see me.

Much love,

Miss Carlee

Miss Sabrina's Sweeties



Dear Parents,

I am in tears..... We are nearing the end of this school year and I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for sharing your children with me. Each one so precious and unique in their own way. I have loved watching them grow; physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Please watch for information regarding our music demonstration, chapel performance and gradua-This last month we have worked on the letter "U", for underwing moth, and letting our light shine; letter "V" for vole and how even though we don't always see the vole we know it's real, just like God is real and we don't see Him; "W" for the water strider;,

keeping our eyes on Jesus so we don't sink and finally X-ray fish, God knows us inside and out!



Blessings to you and yours.

Miss Sabrina

Miss Anne's Busy Bees

Dear Busy Bee



Families

What a fantastic year it has been! As we release our butterflies this month, it is also a reminder that our soon-to-be preschool graduates will be flying off soon! It has been a joy and privilege to watch your children learn and grow this year and I'm astounded how far we have come from the beginning of the year. I send these kids off, knowing they will have a great start in Kindergarten and that I will miss their smiling faces!

Our last month together will be bittersweet! We will finish our journey through the alphabet with letters "Y" and "Z!" Please mark your calendars with our music demonstration on May 10th and also our graduation ceremony on May 23rd.

Have a wonderful summer and all the best to our preschool graduates of 2018!

Miss Anne

Miss Chris's Critters

Dear Parents.



Can you believe it's May already? Time truly flies when you're having fun! As the end of this school year quickly approaches, I am able to reflect on all the memories and time I've had the privilege of sharing with my class. In one respect, knowing this is our last month together is certainly bittersweet, but I am certain I could not have asked for a more well-rounded group of children to share these experiences with. Seeing them blossom and develop over the past several months has been such a rewarding experience. I am confident in the abilities of each and every one of my students and wholeheartedly believe their futures are as bright as their smiles. I would like to thank you for your participation and assistance throughout this school year. You had a huge part in making it such a success! I wish you all a wonderful, safe and joyous summer!

Continued blessings,
Miss Chris



FOR OUR LET ME SHINE STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BIG DAY THIS MAY AND INTO SUMMER

Happy Birthday!

to:

Rhodes Koehntop Caroline Young Carter Bergen Gwendolen Butson **Theodore Butson** Emma Nelson JunWoo Lee Henry Czekalski Eliza holm **Beniamin Hufford** Logan Johnson Ethan paasch Mabel Seng Gabrielle Ramidan Belle Schultz Sloane Spencer **Scotland Turnbow** Sophia Stinson Sivona Sloan Zachery Mokhiber

Eleanor Wasion Luca Webley Kate Doolin Moses McCormick Theo Alt Daon Park Caleb Johnson **Bodi Jones** David lee Poppy Lee Wells Millet **Evan Score Auda Spencer** Mckay Biggs Finn Martinson Ashlynn Perla Oliver Hernandez Flavia Maiers Stephania Petrogeorge Jacinta Stratford

Miss April's Raccoons

Hello Raccoon parents!!!

April just flew by!!! We had a great time with our puppet show and per-

forming our chapel lesson. Thanks to all of the parents who came to support us. The kids learned so much about the fruits of the spirit and how wonderful our life can be with a relationship with Jesus. Can you believe we are in our final month? It's bittersweet for sure! We still have lots going on, including a segment on our 5 senses and reviewing the alphabet. We'll have a park field trip and picnic (snack) on Tuesday the 15th. Also, we'll celebrate Mother's day and our summer birthdays. Although this is not goodbye, this is our last newsletter of the year...so again, thank you for the opportunity to teach your children!! I have enjoyed every last second.

With love,
Miss April



Miss Kristina's Ladybugs

It's hard to believe that our time together is ending! Our class will welcome the final month of school with some wild adventures. We will design our own zoo, filling up the letter of the alphabet cages with everything from Alligators to Zebras. Then we will journey into the past to have some fun with the dinosaurs and other ancient animals. Finally, we'll spend the last week of school camping out in our room! This month we will be focusing on the twelve apostles and how we are called upon as disciples to continue their work and spread the love of Christ. Don't forget to check the volunteer sign-up sheet for some incredible opportunities to contribute to the classroom - including accompanying our class on a trip to the park! Thank you so much for the opportunity to teach and love your children. They have truly touched my heart and it is with great difficulty that I say goodbye to them all. Wherever their journey leads I know it will be one filled with love.

Miss Kristina





Been Missing Something? Please Be sure to Visit our lost and found to recover your missing items before the school years end!

Thank You

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