



LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL

MAY 2017

Where has this school year gone? I can hardly believe this year is coming to an end. It seems like yesterday that the children were walking through the doors for the first time. I realize just how much time has passed when I look at pictures of your children throughout the school year. I see amazing developmental growth when I walk into a classroom.

Early Threes are so much more independent. They bounce in each morning with smiles on their faces ready to tackle each day.

The Threes have begun to learn how to play cooperatively, with friends, not just by themselves or side by side. They are much more independent.

The Pre-K Four and Pre-K Five classes buzz with energy. In addition to their learning to write the alphabet and their name, they have mastered playing in groups.

As parents, you should be proud of all the accomplishments your child has made this school year!

Mother's Day Tea

The Mother's Day Tea will be lots of fun! Moms will be treated to fun activities and "tea" and a light snack.

I don't want to give away too many surprises, but be prepared to have a fun hour with your preschooler.

Due to a budget shortfall this year, we are asking parents to sign up to bring in items for the tea. Teachers will post a list of things needed outside their classrooms.

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

14391 Minnieville Road
Woodbridge, VA 22193
703-670-7834
Fupcdc.org

8:30am

Traditional Worship

9:45am

Christian Education for all Ages

11:00am

Contemporary Worship

The Rev. Jeri Fields

Pastor for Interim Ministry
Jeri.Fields@fupcdc.org

Passion for Christ-Compassion
for Others
Loving God-Loving Others
Connect-Grow-Serve

Mother's Day Tea (Cont.)

Invitations to the tea have been sent home with your preschooler. Please note the date and time for your special day. **Children will be dismissed with their mom at the end of the hour.**

The scheduled days for the tea are as follows:

Wednesday, May 10th

Mrs. Stokes

Thursday, May 11th

Mrs. Allen – Tues & Thurs Class

Mrs. Charalambous

Friday, May 12th

Mrs. Allen Mon, Wed and Fri AM & PM Multi-Age

Mrs. Blum

Mrs. Chambers

Please remember that this event is for mom and your preschooler. This is a special time for you and your child, but please remember that space in the classroom is limited. Each preschooler may bring **one** mom (or a grandmother, aunt, neighbor, or other female adult if mom can't be there). Please plan to make other arrangements for your preschooler's siblings.

Graduation

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 24th for **the Multi-Age Four Year Olds, Pre-K Four and Pre-K Five Classes** at Little Hands Preschool. We will not have regular classes this day. The children are to report to their classrooms at 9:00 am. Graduation will be held in the Sanctuary and will begin at 9:30am.

The children will parade around the Sanctuary as we did for the Thanksgiving Sing-Along and the Parade of the Magi, so all aisles will need to be clear.

In order for the ceremony to run smoothly we ask that you please follow these basic rules:

- Cell phones and related electronic equipment should be turned off to ensure that all guests can hear and enjoy the commencement activities.
- During the ceremony please do not stand in the aisles or stand or sit in front of the picture taking row. This is particularly distracting to the preschool staff and the graduates.
- The first row of chairs in the sanctuary will be sectioned off for picture taking. As each class is called forward a parent may come forward to this row to take pictures.
- As a courtesy to others, after your child has crossed through the arch and is seated, please return to your chair so other parents may get a picture of their child.
- The rows of chairs sectioned off directly in back of the picture row are reserved for the graduates to sit as they come off the stage. Please do not use these rows for picture taking.
- Please return to your seat when your child's class has finished so that the parents of the children in the following class may have the same opportunity to take pictures.

- Please remember to keep your conversations confined to before and after the ceremony. Parents and other guests are excited to hear the songs being sung and their child's name being called. Please show the respect to other children that you wish afforded to your own child.

- The ceremony lasts for almost an hour. This is a long time for younger siblings to sit quietly and wait. If your child becomes restless, we ask that you please take them to the lobby and remain with them until they can get their "squirmies" out and can return to the sanctuary quietly.
- After each class has finished, they will be seated as a group with their teachers in the rows roped off immediately behind the first row of chairs and will be dismissed according to class at the end of the ceremony. Children will not be dismissed until the end of the ceremony.

Refreshments will be served in Rooms 23-27 (Triple Room).





Transportation Day

Picnic

The last official days of classes at Little Hands will be Monday, May 22 and Tuesday May 23. Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 24. On Thursday May 25, we will have a family picnic at Cloverdale Park. Everyone is invited, but we ask that you let your child's teacher know if you are attending so we can be sure to look for you. The picnic will start at 10 am and end at 1 pm.

We will have activities set up for the children from 10 to 11. Families are asked to bring their own lunch, drinks and blanket or chairs. We will have use of the pavilions, but there will not be enough seating at picnic tables for everyone.

There will be no rain date for the picnic.

Details will be given to you at a later date by your child's teacher.

If you need directions to Cloverdale Park, the address is:

15150 Cloverdale Road

Dale City, VA 22193

Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1-May 5

Chapel Talk

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 10

Mother's Day Tea

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, May 11

Friday, May 12

Ci-Ci's Spirit Night

Thursday, May 11 5pm-8pm

Graduation

Wednesday, May 24

All School Picnic

Thursday, May 25



Radishes from our garden!