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Oh, glorious May is almost here!!!! Hoo-ray! May is probably named for Mai Majesta, the Roman goddess of Spring. The Navajo Indians of North America called May “the month of tiny and tall leaves.” The 25<sup>th</sup> of May is the birth date of Ralph Waldo Emerson, so I thought it would be fun to write some quotes from him:

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Fear always springs from ignorance.

Life is short but there is always time for courtesy.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He only is rich who owns the day and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded by worry, fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could.

We have a few things left in **April**:

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: (Bonnie/Erin's class) Have your children wear old clothes to school and bring a rake. We'll spend some time inside talking about the care of our earth, and outside raking up leaves, sweeping, and cleaning up our grounds!

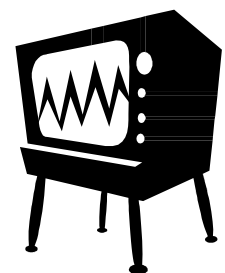


Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: There are no classes at school this day.

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>: There are no regular classes today, but Child Care is available. If you would like to have your child attend that day, please be sure to let the office know or sign up on the chart on our Parent Bulletin Board by Wednesday, April 20.

Thank you for participating in the Seroogy's Fund Raiser! The school earned \$239 and we will use that money for payment of the rental space at St Andrews for our Spring Program, and also for food and drink that evening. We have more individual candy bars for \$1.50 each and you are welcome to buy one now from school and/or to take some to your place of work to sell!! Just see Alicia.

Thank you also if you participated in “Turn Off TV Week”!! We all know how TV can overtake our time and, while we can also learn from some TV, it can never replace the doing in our lives: Reading, running around outside, visiting with people, working on a hobby, taking hikes, playing games – on and on. By turning the TV off for a week, you can see what other things you are missing!



Teacher Appreciation Week takes place May 2 – 6. Last year some parents brought in food that the teachers could eat for lunch. It was something everyone enjoyed and we will do the same this year. We will have a sign up posted before the week happens. It is also very nice to have your child write a note (or draw a picture) that week telling their teacher what it is that they like about her. We could never thank the teachers enough for all the kindness, energy and support they show to the students at our school!



Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Program and Kindergarten Graduation will be Wednesday, May 25. The program will start at 5:30 and be done by 6:30. All friends and family are invited! The program takes place at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, 3200 North Mountain Road. Be sure to plan to attend this celebration of the school year!!

Friday, May 27, there are no 4K classes, and Kindergarten dismisses at 11:30 AM.

Our very last day of school is Friday, June 3. We will be open that day our regular hours; however, Bonnie/Erin's class goes on a field trip and has a picnic lunch at a park. They always invite parents/families to bring a lunch and join them at the picnic. The picnic ends at 1:00, and you are welcome to take your child home right after the picnic. All 4K students should be at school at 8:30 this day.



Mindy's classroom will also have a picnic lunch – right here at school. You are invited to bring in a lunch and eat with your child! If you wish, you may take your child home with you after the picnic – also about 1:00.