



# The Great Beginnings Gazette

Newsletter of the Great Beginnings Sunbeams

## Director's Corner:

This is it..our final newsletter of the 2016-2017 school year. What a wonderful year! It has been such a blessing watching our Sunbeams learn and grow!

GBP's Used Book Sale will take place in Asbury Hall during school hours May 9-12, 2017. We are collecting gently used children's books until May 7, 2017.

Teacher Appreciation week is May 1-5, 2017. This is the perfect opportunity to thank our amazing teachers for all their hard work and dedication to our Sunbeams. Teacher Wish Lists can be found on our website.

May Special Chapel will be quite a treat as we will recognize May, June and July birthdays and watch a Year in Review video. May Special Chapel is Wednesday, May 24 for our MW Monkeys, MWF Bears and Bees and Thursday, May 25 for our T/TH Monkeys, T/TH Bears and Owls in the Sanctuary at 9:15AM.

May 2017 tuition was paid in May of 2016. Therefore, if your child is graduating this year or will not be attending GBP next year, you do not need to pay tuition in May. For those attending GBP next year, Registration forms and May 2018 tuition are due May 1, 2017. You may also sign up for automatic payments through our new software. See me for details.

Graduation for our Owls and Busy Bees is at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 25 in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow the ceremony in Asbury Hall.

There are spots available in our Fabulous Friday Frogs Enrichment class. Fabulous Friday is available to our Busy Bees, Owls and T/TH Bears. This class meets every Friday morning from 9am-noon in the Busy Bee Room. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hinton build upon our weekly curriculum for a hands on, innovative approach to math, science, early literacy and art. Contact me to enroll your child or if you have questions.

Blessings and Warm Regards,  
Heather Gonzalez



## Upcoming Events

**May 1-5**

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

**May 7**

**Deadline for Used Book Sale Donations**

Used children's books can be placed in the "GBP Used Book Sale" bin in the preschool hallway.

**May 9-12**

**GBP Used Book Sale**

Asbury Hall, during school hours

**May 24**

**Special Chapel**

**Sanctuary, 9:15am**

**MW Monkeys, MWF Bears and Bees**

**May 25**

**Special Chapel**

**Sanctuary, 9:15am**

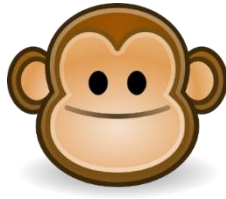
**T/TH Monkeys, T/TH Bears and Owls**

**May 25**

**Preschool Graduation**

**Sanctuary, 6:30pm**

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## MONKEY JUNGLE

Ms. Kim and Ms. Deanna

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Well folks, can you believe that we are heading into the home stretch? It is so hard to imagine that we only have a few more weeks with our precious Monkeys that we have grown to love so much! We have a lot planned for the coming weeks as we explore the amazing underwater world of our great oceans and also talk about why things sink or float. The children will be working on a few surprises for you as well, as we talk about Mother's Day and Father's Day that are rapidly approaching. We are also going to be studying rhyming and what makes things the same vs. opposite. We are going to go out with a bang studying all of this and more!

Ms. Deanna and Ms. Kim are going to treasure this time as we finish up what has been an amazing year.....thank goodness we will still get to see most of their sweet faces next year and continue to watch them learn and grow!



## BEARS' DEN

Mrs. O'Connor

Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Fensterwald

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We have many fun things planned for our Bears' during the month of May. The children are so excited about our caterpillars, we check them each day and talk about the changes we see. Say prayers for good weather next week...we are hoping to release them on the playground when our butterflies are ready!

We will also be talking about Mother's Day and Father's Day, rhyming, and opposites. Other topics we will discuss are bodies of water and summer fun!

Our end of the year luau will be on May 16th and 17th, more information to follow.

We will also have a Teddy Bear Picnic on May 24th and May 25th. We ask that all of the children bring their favorite teddy bear or lovie to school to join us at snack time.

We will talk about the letter Z, review all letters, numbers 1-10, the color purple and the crescent shape.

### Show 'n' Tell:

**Brown Bears**

5/16 (same day as the luau)

**Teddy Bears**

5/17 (same day as the luau)

### Star of the Day:

**Brown Bears**

5/4. Livia

5/11 Kallee

5/18 Amara

### Star of the Day:

**Teddy Bears**

5/5 Finley

5/12 Matt

5/19 Olivia A

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## Owl's Nest

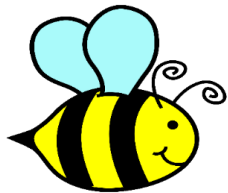
Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Helge  
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It's so hard to believe we are already in our last month of preschool. April just flew by. May will be a very busy month. We will review the alphabet and continue to work on our current sight words and maybe even add a few more. We will also focus on the color purple, the hexagon, as well as numbers 19 and 20. We will explore the themes Mother's Day, oceans, summer fun, kindergarten and graduation.

We are very excited to have a walking field trip to Rust Library on Monday, May 22 where we will have a story time for our pre-k classes. We will leave promptly at 9:15 so please make sure your child is here before that wearing their Great Beginnings Preschool shirt and with a filled water bottle. We need two parent volunteers to join us so please let us know if you are willing and able to come along for the fun.

We will be having an end of the year celebration party with the Busy Bees class on Wednesday, May 24 at 10:15. Thursday the 25th is another fun day starting out with special chapel in the sanctuary at 9:15 followed by a special movie day with our Owls. And don't forget about our graduation that night in the Sanctuary at 6:30. Please bring your child to us in the Owls room at 6:15 before you head up to find your seat.

We have so enjoyed having your child in our class this year. They are a great group of kiddos who really enjoy each other and have a good love of learning. It has been such a pleasure being their teachers and helping them in their educational journey. Thank you all for your support throughout the year and for entrusting your child with us.



## BEE HIVE

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April flew by at the Hive and now we are onto a very fun May! This month we will review the alphabet, beginning sounds, numbers/counting and continue adding to our sight word list. We'll be talking about The Ocean, Mother's Day, Summer Fun, Kindergarten and Graduation, of course! Our color of the month is purple, our shape is hexagon and our numbers are 19 & 20.

Our Bees will take a walking trip to Rust Library on Monday, May, 22nd for story time. We'll also have our snack and some outdoor play at the Ida Lee Playground, weather permitting.

We hope you can join us for special chapel on Wednesday, May 24th at 9:15 in the sanctuary. We will be celebrating our May, June and July birthdays.

We will also have an end of year graduation party with our Owl friends on Wednesday, May 24th from 10:15-11:15. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

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Our Graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. We just can't believe that the end of our Bees' Pre-K year is nearly here. What a wonderful year it has been with our class-they are such a kind, loving, energetic group and have been so interested in and excited about learning. It has been a true pleasure to teach them this year. Thank you to each family for your support throughout the year and for entrusting your children to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.



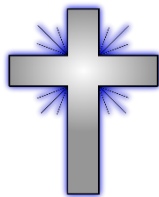
## Fabulous Friday Frogs

Enrichment Class

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hinton

As the school year winds down, our Frogs aren't slowing down a bit! We have a lot of fun things planned for May, including a walking field trip to Ida Lee. We will be studying how things grow, change and adapt in so many different ways. Chameleons, flower, people, clouds...the possibilities are endless.

Thank you so much for sharing your children with us each week! Each student brings something unique to our class and we've enjoyed them all! We hope you all have a wonderful summer!



## Chapel and Music

Ms. Heather



Another year has flown by so quickly. It has been such a pleasure learning and growing with our Sunbeams. Revisiting bible stories from my childhood and seeing the children grow in their faith has brought me so much joy! We are closing out the year with lessons on praying and spreading God's word and love. Our Bible verse for May is found in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world!"

In Music class, we are quite excited to welcome Mrs. Hardman from the LUMC Hand bell choir. Mrs. Hardman and her hand bells are always a school favorite!

Our Composer of the Month is Sergei Prokofiev. We'll take a look at his Peter and the Wolf and Romeo and Juliet. The children are doing such a great job with our music terms. We are now perfecting our listening skills with echoing.

We look forward to sharing what we've learned during our last special chapel on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful summer!!

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