



THE SUNNY SPROUT UPDATE

May 2022

For the little learners and their caregivers at Hope Ridge Preschool

Looking Ahead:

5/4 Teacher Appreciation Day Lunch

5/13 Transition Plans Due

5/17, 5/19, 5/20 End of the Year Parties

5/23 - 5/25 Rummage Sale Drop Off

5/27- 5/28 Rummage Sale



OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have participated in the early education of your children this year! It has been such a joy to get to know your families and to watch your children grow. Though our graduating families will be tremendously missed, we share in the excitement of the kindergarten transition and wish your children the very best in this next step on their educational journeys. To our returning families, we look forward to another year with you and your children at this preschool home!

To help with those transitioning to elementary school, don't miss checking out this month's Parent Information board. The focus is on to help your soon to be kindergartner. If you would like to know more, take a moment to check out the board which is located across from the preschool office. Are you a parent that doesn't drop off and pick up? Join us on Facebook and keep an eye out for a post coming soon about "Look Out Kindergarten Here We Come!"

Have you heard the news? We are updating our student management system. We have been working hard to get everything prepared for next school year. Some features that you can look forward to are: a centralized communication system, monthly invoicing with reminders, and automatic bill pay. I hope you are as excited as we are for this new chapter! Be on the lookout this summer for an email invite to join the Hope Ridge Preschool Brightwheel Community. Make sure to accept the information so that you will always be up to date on all things preschool.

As our year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank you for the many ways you have supported Hope Ridge over the course of the year. A large part of our success as a private community preschool is due to your help and involvement! Having our P.O.P.S. group back in the swing after 2 years of Covid, although more limited than pre-Covid years, has been invaluable. Throughout the school year, P.O.P.S. has supported classroom enrichment through funds to replace resources, buying mulch for the playground, making homemade playdough for the classrooms, helping us pay for the new Brightwheel application and showing much love and appreciation for the teachers! I would also like to extend a special thank you on behalf of the entire staff, to Lisa Depretis for all of her time spent successfully leading P.O.P.S.. I am looking forward to some new and exciting things that she has in the works for next year. Would you like to be a part of the planning and become more involved with P.O.P.S. ? Please just reach out to Lisa at popshoperidge@gmail.com. So many parents have made various donations from our donation tree, helped with playdough making and teacher support. We truly have been blessed by the commitment of all involved! Finally, I am so grateful to our staff for the

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commitment, dedication and love that they devote to their roles as educators every day even through a pandemic.

I hope that each of you enjoy the end of the year activities and festivities. Though the days remaining are few, they are certainly packed with many educational opportunities. May you all enjoy the final weeks of school and may your summer be truly blessed with many happy memories.

Best Wishes,
Stacey Hartman, Preschool Director

Please continue to pray for our assistant teacher, Mrs. Fair, her family and her medical team. Meg recently has fallen ill and is currently under serious medical supervision at University Hospital in downtown Cleveland. Cards are currently being collected in the preschool office.



May's PLAYFUL learning Checklist

1. Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle together and then set up a picnic filled with healthy foods from the story strawberries, oranges, apples, plums, cheese. Ask your child what she enjoyed most and least.
2. When you make purchases and receive coins as change, give them to your child and talk about them. "What is the same between these coins? What is different? What coin is the biggest? The smallest? This one is called a dime..."
3. Use things from your backyard or local park to make patterns. For example, lay down a rock, a flower, then a rock and a flower. Ask your child to add the items that come next in the pattern.
4. Read your child's favorite story together. Then ask, "What do you think happened AFTER the story ended?"
5. Help your child send a handwritten postcard from your town or state to a long distance friend. Ask the friend to mail a card from her state back to you. When you receive it, find her hometown on a map.
6. Use sidewalk chalk to draw an outline of your child on the driveway. Help him measure his height and width with a measuring stick.
7. Work together to brainstorm words that start with the same sound as May.
8. Practice your family's fire evacuation plan or, if you don't have one, create one.
9. Place a celery stalk in a glass of water with food coloring. What does your child think will happen? Watch the stalk over several hours. When the dyed water begins traveling up it, explain that plants move water from the soil to their leaves through tiny tubes that act just like straws.
10. Help your child use a calendar to count the number of months until his birthday.

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Hope Ridge UMC Rummage Sale

Friday May 27:
2PM - 7PM
\$1 Donation

Saturday May 28:
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
FREE

Sales benefit various missions of the church and community.

Are you looking to clean out some clutter? Check out the display in Lobby for items being accepted. Please make sure all donations are clean.

Donation Drop Off is May 23 - 25, between 9 AM & 7 PM. Please observe these drop-off days in order to complete pricing on May 26

No TV's, Computer/Peripherals, Electronics/Games older than 2010