



# THE SUNNY SPROUT UPDATE

May 2023

For the little learners and their caregivers at Hope Ridge Preschool

## Looking Ahead:

**5/5 Transition Plans Due**

**5/8 - 5/12 Teacher Appreciation Week**

**5/17, 5/18, 5/19 Class End of the Year Parties**

**5/19 P.O.P.S. End of Year Party (5 - 7 PM)**

**5/29 - 5/31 Rummage Sale Drop Off (8 AM - 7 PM)**

**6/2 & 6/3 Rummage Sale (See Back for Details)**



## 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 family 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 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 right before you enter the preschool wing. 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!"

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 full swing now 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 continued use of the 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 and preschool council, to Lisa Depretis for all of her years spent successfully leading P.O.P.S. I am also looking forward to working with the new P.O.P.S. Co-Leaders for next year, Kristen Barbera and Samantha McGonnell. Would you like to be a part of the planning and become more involved with P.O.P.S.? Please just reach out to [popshoperidge@gmail.com](mailto:popshoperidge@gmail.com). So many parents have also made various donations from our donation tree, participated in our fundraisers, 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 commitment, dedication and love that they devote to their roles as educators every day.

I hope that you and your children 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

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# Hope Ridge United Methodist Church Happenings



**REGISTRATION OPEN for 2023 VBS at Hope Ridge!** Hop on board the Rocky Railway to learn how Jesus' power pulls us through! July 17-21, 9AM-noon, Monday - Friday. Ages 4 years old - 4th grade. Online registration: [hoperidge.com/VBS](http://hoperidge.com/VBS)

**INFO TALK: OPIOIDS--** What they are, why they are used, and how they can be dangerous. Wed, May 10, 7-8PM in the Youth Room. Presented by Susan Hull, Lake-Geauga Recovery Center Residential Treatment Manager. These "Info Talk" community speakers are invited by the members of Hope Ridge and are free and open to the public.

**Hope Ridge UMC Rummage Sale:** Friday, June 2: 2PM - 6PM (\$2 Donation), Saturday, June 3: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM (FREE). Sales benefit various missions of the church and community. Are you looking to clean out some clutter? Please make sure all donations are clean. Donation Drop Off is May 29-31 only, between 9 AM & 7 PM. Please observe these drop-off days in order to complete pricing on June 1. No TV's, Computer/Peripherals, Electronics/Games older than 2010. Questions call Carol at 440-339-9544.



## 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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## CLASS PARTIES

**Wednesday, 5/17**  
Shaver, T/W/TH 3's

**Thursday, 5/18**  
Shaver, T/Th 3's  
Thompson, T/Th 3's  
Turner, Young 3's  
Golias, M-TH 4's & 5's  
Hildebrecht,  
T/W/Th AM & PM 4's

**Friday, 5/19**  
Thompson, M/W/F 3's  
Blakeslee, MWF 4's

Please see teacher communications for details.

## P.O.P.S. End of Year Party

**Friday, May 19th**  
**5 - 7 PM**  
(Back parking lot or "Big Room" depending on weather.)

**This is a free event for all Hope Ridge families.**

**Free: Sno Cones, Photo Booth, Face Painter and entertainment.**

**Basil Pizza will be available to purchase cheese or pepperoni pizza. \$16-17 per family.**

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