



LCNS Newsletter

May 2015

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School

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Dates to Remember

May 2:
LCNS A Night Out

May 5:
OMO Mom's Day

May 6:
3's Mom's Day

May 7:
Pre-k Mom's Day

May 8:
No School

May 16:
Pre-k Graduation-1pm
All school carnival
1:30-3:00pm

May 21:
Last day of OMO

May 22:
Last day 3's and pre-k

Letter From the Director

Dear Parents,

May is fast approaching and we are very proud of all of our students at LCNS. It has been a successful year filled with growth, discovery, friendship and learning. I would like to take the time to thank everyone for all the support throughout the year. All schools, but especially the earliest in education, need devoted parents to be able to provide the best experiences for their children and we are so lucky to have many dedicated parents here at LCNS!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our pajama night program. It was a fun night of singing and story telling and we collected a large amount of books that we donated to Bernie's Book Bank. Thank you!

A special thank you goes out to the Village of Lincolnshire for choosing us to participate in the celebration of Arbor Day. The teachers and the students worked hard learning all about the benefits trees give us and preparing the wonderful poem and song they demonstrated on Arbor Day for everyone to enjoy. We are looking forward to watching our new tulip tree grow and provide us with it's natural beauty.

Our annual fundraiser is right around the corner! Please join us for a spectacular evening of food and fun on Saturday, May 2nd, from 8-10:30pm at Pinstripes in Northbrook. If you have not purchased your tickets yet, do so immediately on our LCNS website. Can't wait to see you there!

Some of our students have birthdays in the summer and if you would like us to celebrate with your child at LCNS, please do not hesitate to choose a day with your teachers. Also, we are looking forward to celebrating our moms this month. Moms, aunts, grandmothers, and special caretakers are all invited. The On My Own class will celebrate with mom on Tuesday, May 5th. The 3's classes will celebrate on Wednesday, May 6th and the pre-k classes will celebrate on Thursday, May 7th.

During the year we like to work with the students on all school activities and let them experience these units every year as they grow and move up in our school. In January we worked in each classroom on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The students in each program read different versions of the story, had math, drama, and art activities for the unit, and recreated the story in different ways in their classroom. This month, our whole school will study the wonderful world of Eric Carle. Each program will read different books from this wonderful author and enjoy his descriptive stories and try and recreate some of his awesome illustrations. Make sure at the All School Carnival you get the chance to view the children's unbelievable celebration of Eric Carle.

Our end of the year celebration will be our annual pre-k graduation and all-school carnival. Every year we like to take a special moment to honor our pre-k students for finishing their preschool years and preparing for their next step in education. Although we will miss them dearly, we are confident they are ready for kindergarten and all the challenges ahead of them. Our pre-k families are urged to be prompt for graduation by arriving to school on **Saturday, May 16**, at 12:45. We will begin a short ceremony at 1:00 and then **celebrate with all families of LCNS with a carnival from 1:30-3:00**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun end of the year celebration!

If you are enrolled for next year, summer packets will arrive after July 15th. We will inform you of a play date here at school to pick up the packets and see some old friends again or if you cannot make that day we will mail you the packet. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime through voicemail or email.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Warmest regards,
Amy Morrissey
Director, LCNS

On My Own May

Parent News

May is a very busy and exciting month for On My Own!

As the year winds down, we have many special days and activities planned.

We will start the month by learning about spring and celebrating our moms. We will study math and science by planting seeds and charting their growth. Then we will move on to moms and what makes them special. We will also do an all-school unit on the author Eric Carle. We will be reading Eric Carle books and using his artistic technique of layering paper to create a class mural. We will wrap up our school year with fun outside on our Beach and Field Days.



Literacy

*Waiting for
Wings, Are You
My Mother?, Is
Your Mama a
Llama?, 1,2,3
To The Zoo,
Head To Toe*



Some of our favorite activities last month:

*Enjoying the whimsical characters and rhyming words of Dr. Seuss

*Star of the Day: having family members reading our favorite books

*Rediscovering our playground and sandbox after the snow finally melted

*Learning pre-writing skills with Mat Man from the Handwriting Without Tears program

*Reading *Who Will Tuck Me In Tonight?*
Retell using felt board.



Important Dates

5/5 Mom's Day – We will be having a music program with some of our favorite songs at 10:30 followed by a party with all the moms!

5/16 Carnival - Come join the fun at the LCNS carnival from 1:30pm-3pm (*pre-K graduation will be from 1:00pm to 1:30pm*)

5/19 Field Day - Please make sure your child wears shoes appropriate for running. We will be playing games outside.

5/21 Beach Day

- Weather permitting, we will be playing with water outside. Please send the children to school in their bathing suit or other favorite beach clothes that can get wet. Please bring a towel.



3's May News

Parent News

May will begin with a focus on our favorite lady- Mom! We will read books about moms and make some extra special surprise projects for our Mom's Day! Mom's Day- Wednesday, May 6th 10:30 am and 2:15 pm. All moms are encouraged to come for this special day with your 3! We will have music and share a special snack in the big room.

We move onto a school-wide study of author Eric Carle in the second week of May. The 3's will focus on Carle's insect books and study his beautiful illustrations and recreate our own firefly for an all school mural. We learn about the message Carle sends in his books- the importance of perseverance.!

Our last week of school will include a fly up day to go play in the Pre-K room, a beach day (May 21 –wear your swimsuit weather permitting!) and a field day on May 23rd (wear gym shoes!)!

NO SCHOOL

May 9- teacher in-service

Student News

Our class will be celebrating our moms with some special gifts that will challenge our lacing skills and encourage our creativity! We will read some special mom stories and discuss why mom is important and what she likes to do! Eric Carle will come to our room in the middle of the month! Our class will read his insect books and study his amazing illustrations and recreate some of our very own! The last week of school will be a fun week with a special visit to play in the Pre-K room, a beach day and a field day!

Monthly Themes

May 1 – 7 Mom!

May 12 – 16 Eric Carle

May 19 – 23- Fun Week

3's May

Math Skills

We have been fine tuning our math skills all year and will wrap up our practice by counting insects and matching numbers on the number line and graphing our findings of a classroom survey!

Sensory Table

Water returns to the sensory table!

Literature

Me and Mom

My Mom Is Great

Waiting for Wings

Mama Do You Love Me

The Very Lonely Fire Fly

The Very Clumsy Click

Beetle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Table Top

We will work on our matching skills with a spring matching game! Our fine motor skills will be tested with Eric Carle lacing cards. Magnets are always a favorite with the 3's as we see what is magnetic vs. what is not.

Science

We have some special friends joining our classroom- caterpillars! We will watch as these friends grow, build cocoons around themselves and turn into butterflies!



3's May

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is here already. We have had a great year with your child and hope they have enjoyed it as much as we have! The kids have learned and grown tremendously and it has been our pleasure to get to spend the year with them!

Love,
The 3's Teachers



Pre-K

May Themes

- ** Mom's Day Activities**
- ** Eric Carle**
- ** End-of-year Clean-up**



Parent News

Our last month of school together is packed with fun activities. The Pre-K classes will celebrate our wonderful moms on Thursday, May 7th. The children will meet you, mom, in the 'big room' and begin with a music program and then enjoy some snacks and drinks together.

The morning group will begin at 10:30 & the afternoon group will start at 2:15. There will be no school on Friday, May 8th as the teachers have a record's day. We have been working hard gathering all sorts of fun school work from the children all year and will have those ready for you to enjoy during the last week of school. Graduation will take place on Saturday, May 16th @ 1:00. Immediately following, we are excited to visit with all of you and watch the children enjoy a school carnival. Beach day will take place on either May 20th or the 21st. We will pick the best weather day. Please send your child to school in a bathing suit and bring a towel and dry clothes to change. Apply sunscreen at home if necessary.

Student News

We can't believe this year has gone by so quickly. We still have lots of fun activities planned for our last month together. We are making a surprise gift for all of your moms on the first week in May. The second week of May, we will learn about the author Eric Carle and read lots of his wonderful books and try to create some artwork in the same style using tissue paper and paints. Our last week together we are going to play outside a lot and have a beach day and field day! We also have to get ready for graduation and make some graduation medallions and practice our graduation song!

Dates to Remember

- *Thursday, May 7th: Mom's Day at 10:30 & 2:15 for p.m. class**
- Friday, May 8th: No School for Teacher Record Day**
- Saturday, May 16th: Graduation & School End Celebration from 1-3 p.m.**

Pre-K



Literature

My Mom is Great
My Mother and I
Mama Do You Love
Me?
Mr. Seahorse
House for Hermit
Crab
The Mixed Up
Chameleon
Draw Me a Star
Rufus goes to
School
Franklin goes to
School
Serega Nona
A Fine Fine School
Countdown to
Kindergarten

Math/Science

May offers many opportunities for scientific observation of nature with budding trees, growing flowers and animals returning. We will explore the ocean and the creatures that live in the ocean during our Eric Carle study at the end of the month. The daily attendance chart continues to provide observations of more/less, equal, and tall/short. Along with number recognition, we are exploring prediction and addition through adding our two columns together and showing different ways to make numbers with our fingers. We continue to talk about the strategies that we use to figure out our answers.

Fine Motor

The numerous activities including card making for Mom's day, graduation badges, ABC books and our Eric Carle sea horses will give the children the chance to use their fine motor skills. Please continue to provide activities over the summer where the children can use pencils, crayons and paint brushes to keep those pincer grasps strong.

Reading/Writing

The children will have the chance to finish any letters from their ABC books that they did not get to during the school year as well as our final letters: X, Y, & Z. Our wonderful authors will create a book cover for the stories they have volunteered to write throughout the year. Please check in their portfolio to enjoy their stories.

Pre-K



Looking Back.....

It has been a fantastic year with your children! We have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them and wish you all the best of luck with moving on to Kindergarten. We love it when the kids come back to visit and perhaps read a book to our class next year. Our door is always open for a quick hug and hello. 😊



May EAGLES News

We have been learning about Africa this month in EAGLES! We are learning about the desert, grasslands, Nile River and Madagascar. The students know how to locate these areas on a map of Africa as well as classify which animals live in each region. We decorated visors to start our African safari. We also made sand pictures and lion masks. We also made pyramids out of plastic cups and Life cereal!

Books we read:

We're Going On A Lion Hunt

Monty's Magnificent Mane

Hippopotamus

How To Lose a Lemur

We also used many non-fiction books to find information about the animals from the different regions.

Centers

Beginning sounds

Counting syllables

Animal counting,
sorting and
classifying

Map skills



Our last day of EAGLES is May 15th. We have had a wonderful year with your children and hope that they enjoyed all of our exciting units. Have a wonderful summer.

May Book Club News

We just finished our *Froggy* unit! The kids really enjoyed these books especially since the characters remained the same and there was always a lesson to be learned. They also discovered repetitive phrases throughout all the books. Some of the books we read were, *Froggy Builds a Tree House*, *Froggy Goes To Hawaii*, *Froggy Plays T-ball*, *Froggy Bakes a Cake*, and *Froggy Learns To Swim*. We made tree houses, baked brownies, learned how to play leapfrog and HULA during this unit. We also discussed the life cycle of a frog.

Centers
Sequencing the life cycle of a frog
Writing out grocery lists
Building shapes
Discriminating between fiction and non-fiction



We hoped the kids enjoyed Book Club! It was so much fun teaching this new enrichment class. Most importantly we hope we exposed them to some new and exciting books and strengthened their love of reading and books! Our last book club date is May 12th. We will be reading Skippyjon Jones books to end the year!

Music with Mrs. K

We are looking forward to wrapping up our year of music by sharing a music class with our moms! We've been practicing lots of fun songs and can't wait to sing them for all of the moms and grandmothers during the week of May 4!

All of the LCNS students worked very hard to learn our special song for Arbor Day. Here are the words to a few verses so you can sing along!

I'm a tree, I'm a tree
And I'm growing very tall.
I'm a tree, can you see me shake my leaves?
I'm a tree, I'm a tree, and when the breezes blow in fall,
I give a voice to the wind.

I'm a tree, I'm a tree
And I'm growing very tall.
I'm a tree, can you see my branches spread?
I'm a tree, I'm a tree, can you hear the robin call?
I give a home to the birds.

Thanks for another great
year filled with music!

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1					1	2 LCNS: A Night Out
3	4	5 OMO Mom's Day	6 3's Mom's Day	7 Pre-K Mom's Day	8 No School	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Prek-k Graduation-1PM All School Carnival 1:30-3:00 PM
17	18	19	20	21 Last Day of OMO	22 Last day 3's and Pre-k	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

No time to delay
purchase your tickets today

LCNS - a night out

Next Saturday May, 2nd 8 p.m. to 10:30

friends-music-bites-drinks
silent auction



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