

## From the Director's Desk.....

*Hi!* It seems impossible to believe that I am writing my last article for The Chatter for the 2015-2016 school year. What an amazing year we have had! It has been so fun watching all of your fabulous children learn and grow over the course of the school year. I keep flashing back to their eager faces on that first day of school when I was outside greeting everyone. I was so excited for the school year to begin. I can't begin to thank you all for your support that you provided to me as well as our teachers. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all this year!

We loved being able to celebrate our fabulous mothers last week. Our teachers and students do such a wonderful job planning a special day for all of our moms. It was a most sincere heart that I thank the teachers of All God's Children for loving, learning, leading and laughing with God's most precious gifts! I am especially grateful to the teachers for all the extras they do. I can't even begin to list all of the extras that they do everyday! We have an incredible preschool here and I give full credit to our dedicated teachers! Thank you for all you do!!!

Congratulations to ALL of our graduates— Aiden, Ayu, Bella, Bryce, Drew, Elise, Emma, Gavin, Hailey, Ian, Jacob, Jonathan, Kaylee, Lilly, Luke, Maia C., Maia Y., Noah, Sydney G., Sydney K., Tyler, Valerie, Will and Wyatt. Though we are all so sad to see you go and will miss you terribly, we know that your teachers have thoroughly prepared you for kindergarten. God Bless you all and please come back and visit.

We are looking forward to the end of the year program on Wednesday, June 1. Though we call it a graduation ceremony, all of the children will be participating. We will begin in the sanctuary with all the children singing followed by the graduates receiving diplomas. Afterwards, we will have a slide show in the sanctuary. We will then all head out to the back parking lot for our picnic lunch complete with two moon bounces. So, bring blankets, chairs and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. We will be in need of set up and clean up help. We will also need coolers with ice as well as some other odds and ends. Please, please be sure to print the form on the back of this page and turn it into the office. I want to be sure I have enough food for you and your guests so accurate numbers are incredibly important. I thank you in advance for your help in making our end of the year celebration a day to remember!

Information regarding the next school year will be coming to you soon. Have a Happy, safe and fun summer!

God Bless,  
*Myleen (:*

My goodness the year has literally flown by “in the blink of an eye” and we are entering the last month of the school year. It seems as if only yesterday our Lambs were coming in to see their new school and class room. We couldn't be prouder of the little two year olds who have grown and blossomed into the wonderful three year olds over the course of their year in our Lambs class. They have learned so much and blossomed beautifully into caring, loving, sharing, very smart children who are also good listeners!

We could go on and on about what these little Lambs have learned, however, the biggest achievements are those mentioned above and their joy in coming to school every day. Also, they do a great job while attending Chapel each week and have started to understand some of Pastor Catherine's teachings.

This month is going to fly by even faster as we finish our preparations to celebrate Mother's Day, finish our final projects and get ready to graduate from the Lambs Class. We are praying for some good weather so that we can spend more time outdoors and bring out some of our bicycles and cars and maybe even have some water days before school ends.

On behalf of Miss Dani and myself, we would like to express to you the pleasure it has been to be a part of your child's first preschool experience. Thank you Lambs parents, for your support and participation this year and most of all for sharing your wonderful children with us. Have a wonderful summer. God Bless!



## Lambs Class

Ms. Jessie and Ms. Dani

The Monkeys had a very busy month in April. We learned new letters and sounds and we are almost all the way through the alphabet. Ask your little monkey at home the sounds of the letters we have learned, they know them! They count to ten perfectly and they all have so much fun counting on our calendar each day. The monkeys love to use their scissors, we have been doing lots of cutting practice on dotted lines, and they have also been cutting circles on construction paper. We are so proud of them for learning so quickly.

You may have heard lots about our caterpillars last month. We received our caterpillars early in April and it took about a week to form into their chrysalis. The kids were amazed at how big the caterpillars grew in such a short time. We read the Hungry Little Caterpillar and the Monkeys were able to see each cycle our caterpillars would go through before turning into the beautiful butterflies. What excitement was shown by each of our Monkeys when we let the butterflies go, it was a fun month learning about the cycle of the butterfly.

This month we will be busy celebrating our May birthdays and then we will celebrate all our summer birthdays. We will also finish learning the last few letters of our alphabet and their sounds. We will continue practicing writing names and of course we will practice using scissors.

With this being May, its officially the last month our Monkeys will be together. I keep thinking back to the first month of school for our Monkeys and how little and shy they all were. They began school as young three year old's, playing around each other, learning to walk in a line and learning to eat their packed lunches on their own and now they have grown into almost 4 year old's who are independent and ready for pre-K. It makes me so happy to see how much our little Monkeys have grown, but a part of me is emotional knowing that this also means our school year will soon come to an end and I will have to say good bye to these fabulous kids.

I have truly enjoyed having your children in the Monkey Class and getting to know all of you this year. I didn't know coming into this school year how blessed I would be having all of you in my life. My family will be moving to Okinawa, Japan this summer and I will not be returning to AGC next school year. Having to say good bye is never easy for me, but I will be able to take the memories of this incredible year with me and I hope to stay in touch and watch the Monkeys grow from afar. I know I say this almost every month, but I thank you all so very much for sharing your children with me this year, they are a true blessing in my life.



## The Monkeys Class

Ms. Melissa, Ms. Laurence and Ms. Heera

Fun is in store for the Rainbow Class as we roll into May. We will talk about growing and growing up, and all the many ways we change from infancy to adulthood. Our bulletin board will be filled with pictures of our Rainbows as babies, as they are now, and what they want to be when they grow up. Perhaps they'll see some pictures of Miss Sharon and Miss Suzanne when they were little!

Family will be another focus this month as we begin sharing family pictures for show-and-tell and as we prepare some wonderful surprises for our Mother's Luncheon on May 6. Also on our list of things-to-do is having the chance to hear different musical instruments. Our Rainbows have been introduced to Katy the Counting Caterpillar and have made great progress in their number books. This month our Bible verse is "Peace I leave with you; peace I give to you," John 14:27.



Our school year is coming to an end, and we would like to thank our parents for sharing their wonderful children with us. To see them blossom over the year has been a true blessing, and to be a part of their early learning experience is a pleasure we are lucky to have. Many, many thanks go to Judith, Meera, Melanie, and Zita for being such wonderful room parents.

They have made life much easier for us in so many ways!

## The Rainbows Class

Ms. Sharon and Ms. Suzanne

***“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9***

Happy May Fish Pond families! ***"Growing and blooming"*** are our themes for this month and ***"purple"*** is our color. As the school year winds to a close, we will continue to learn our word families and rhymes and will be introducing the children to Bob books for reading. We will review our addition, subtraction, and equality (equal, less than, and greater than), grouping and patterns. This month we celebrated ***Mother's Day*** and had a special breakfast to show our appreciation to our wonderful moms. We hope you like it Moms!!! We will practice writing the letters Ww, Xx, Yy, and Zz and the numbers 23, 24, 25, and 26. We are going to learn how to recognize and write our letters and numbers of the month and we will be making crafts and small projects focusing on our letter of the week and Mother's Day. The class also learned about the life cycle of a butterfly ~ our little caterpillars have grown into beautiful butterflies and we have set them free.



Time flies and it is hard to believe that it is time for our fabulous fish to graduate. We will miss your delightful, sweet, and lovable children, a truly bittersweet moment to us teachers. We will always cherish the memories we shared with them. Thank you very much to our terrific room parents, your help and generosity are very much appreciated.

***A very Happy 5th Birthday to Hailey on May 23rd!!! Happy Birthday to our summer babies ~ Noah and Luke on June 8th and 18th, Drew and Valerie on July 5th and Will on July 29th!!!***

## The Fish Pond Class

Ms. Bernadette and Ms. Faith

May has arrived and the Butterfly class is in full bloom. It is unbelievable that this is the last chatter article for this school year. What a fun and exciting school year it has been. Our little Butterflies have had a wonderful year making new friends and learning along the way. Ms. Preeti and I have enjoyed each day with the joy your children have filled our hearts with. It has been exciting to watch them grow out of their September shyness and into their May maturity. They are all ready for their next step into education. We will welcome them back with open arms for any free time they may have to come and visit.

This month we will finish our alphabet, review the numbers up to 20, play with rhyming words, read Bob books, make cool crafts, and celebrate Mother's Day and all of our summer birthdays. Please include some letters and numbers as well as some cutting and pasting activities in your child's summer days so their transition into their new school is an easy one. Also, make sure there is always a book around to encourage your child to read!

Thanks to all of our wonderful co-ops who helped us with all of the crafts and also all of the copying you have done for us; we really appreciate it.

A big THANK YOU to our room parents for coordinating all the events throughout the year! As a closing note, we wish our Butterflies good luck as they move onto a bigger garden. Ayetu, Bryce, Elise, Jonathan, Maia, Noah, Sydney G., Sydney K., Tyler and Wyatt, may you spread your wings and share your wonderful gifts with others as you have with us. We will miss you!

Many blessings to your families,  
Miss Michele & Miss Preeti

## The Butterfly Class

*Ms. Michele and Ms. Preeti*



### Fundraisers Update

Spring Vendor Fair Fundraiser—We are still awaiting final numbers from some of our other vendors but appreciate donations from Chrissey Bruggemann, Kristin Thompson, Amy Wessner and Kara Reid from Trunk Love

Ledo's Pizza—We are still waiting for final numbers from Ledo's

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the preschool year! In music, we'll continue to work on our songs for AGC Graduation Day, which will be Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. All classes will sing and sign these three songs: One By One, What A Wonderful World, and The Butterfly Song. The lyrics are printed below.

Spring is in the air -- with the birds singing, the flowers blooming, and the bees buzzing. So in May, we'll fly our bumblebee finger puppets to Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumble Bee. We'll play sticks to Hap Palmer's Woodpecker song. We'll do a line dance to Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me and dance in pairs to Rockin' Robin. We'll shake maracas to Charlotte Diamond's insightful Each Of Us Is A Flower song. We'll act out Hap Palmer's fun Ten Wiggle Worms song.

I have enjoyed singing and playing with your children in music class this year. I am proud of how hard they have worked to learn songs and sign language. I hope you all have a safe, fun, and blessed summer.

### LOVE LIKE YOU

Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You  
With Patience and Kindness, Forgiveness Too  
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You  
Oh Lord, Won't You Help Me To Love Like You?

When I'm Feeling Glad  
Help Me To Love Like You  
When I'm Feeling Bad  
Help Me To Love Like You

When I Don't Get My Way  
Help Me To Love Like You  
At School Or At Play  
Help Me To Love Like You

Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You  
With Patience and Kindness, Forgiveness Too  
Love Like You, I Want To Love Like You  
Oh Lord, Won't You Help Me To Love Like You?

When Mom Needs Some Hugs  
Help Me To Love Like You  
When My Brother Bugs  
Help Me To Love Like You  
In All That I Say  
Help Me To Love Like You  
Every Day  
Help Me To Love Like You

### IT IS GOOD

Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh Hey!  
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh Hey!  
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh

#### **Verse**

God Made The World, The Land And Sea  
God Made The Creatures, Big And Small  
God Made The Sky, The Galaxies  
Sun, Moon, And Stars, He Made Them All  
But Something Was Missing, A Daughter And Son  
God Wanted Someone To Love  
So He Made A Family  
And When He Was Done  
He Smiled On It All And Said, "It Is Good"

#### **Chorus**

It Is Good, It Is Good  
Everything God Made  
From The Stars In The Sky  
To The Ocean Waves  
It Is Good, It Is Good  
God Made You And Me  
We Are His Family  
And It Is Good

Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh Hey!  
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh Hey!  
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh

REPEAT Verse  
REPEAT Chorus  
REPEAT Chorus

Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh Hey!  
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh Hey!  
Oh-Oh Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh

### ONE BY ONE

One By One All God's Children  
All God's Children One By One  
Loving, Learning, Leading,  
Laughing  
Every Daughter, Every Son

Two By Two, All God's Children  
All God's Children, Two By Two  
Loving, Learning, Leading,  
Laughing  
That Is What God's Children Do

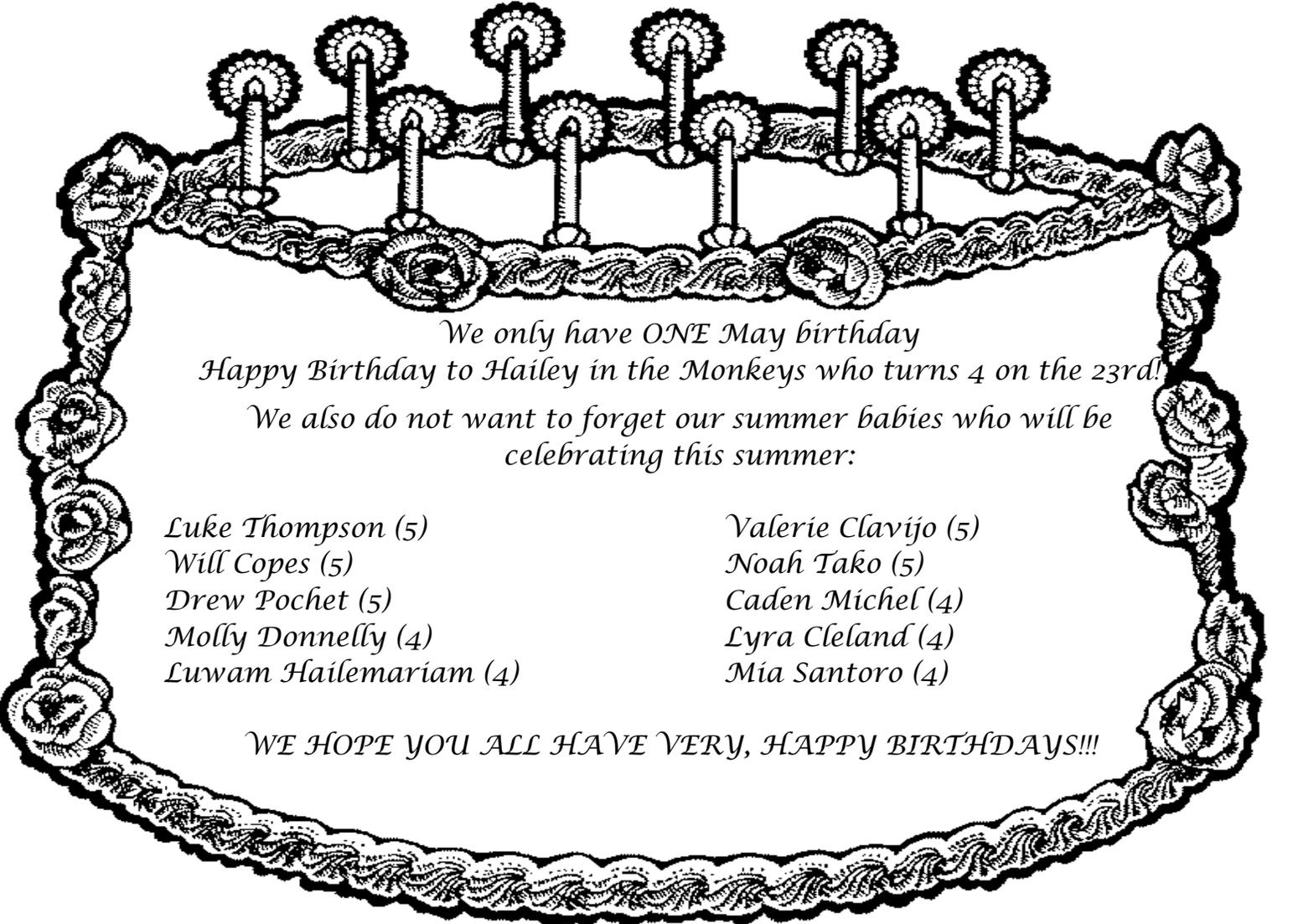
You And Me We're God's Children  
We're God's Children, You And Me  
Loving, Learning, Leading,  
Laughing  
Faithful, Gifted, Strong, And Free

Here Or There, All God's Children  
All God's Children, Here Or There  
Loving, Learning, Leading,  
Laughing  
Every Color, Everywhere



## Music Class

*Ms. Karen*



*We only have ONE May birthday  
Happy Birthday to Hailey in the Monkeys who turns 4 on the 23rd!  
We also do not want to forget our summer babies who will be  
celebrating this summer:*

*Luke Thompson (5)  
Will Copes (5)  
Drew Pochet (5)  
Molly Donnelly (4)  
Luwam Hailemariam (4)*

*Valerie Clavijo (5)  
Noah Tako (5)  
Caden Michel (4)  
Lyra Cleland (4)  
Mia Santoro (4)*

*WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE VERY, HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!*



### Summer Camp

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our campers starting June 7.  
Camp hours are 9am—12pm Only snack is served during camp. No Lunch!

More information will be sent home in the next few weeks!

### May Calendar Dates

**Purple Tee Shirt Day—Friday, May 13**

**Chapel—Thursday, May 19 at 9:30am**

**Pizza Day—Friday, May 20**

**Fairfax County Fire Department Puppet Show—Wednesday, May 25**

**AGC Spirit Day—Tuesday, May 31**

**Graduation—Wednesday, June 1 at 11:00am**

**Summer Camp Starts—Tuesday, June 7**



Audience Seating 10:30-11a  
Ceremony begins at 11:00a  
(songs, photos, Pre-K graduation, slide show presentation)

Family Picnic ...includes food, dessert, juice, water  
& moon bounces

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and canopies  
We ask that each family please donate \$10

**Please fill out, tear off and return to office by May 27**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ # attending (including student) \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 included is cash/check (circle one)      Yes, we can help with... (check just one!)

- 9am, set up tables       bring a cooler with ice, 9am       monitor moon bounces (15min)
- 1pm clean-up       return tables inside, 1pm