

# NEWS FROM "THE HILL"

SPRING 2021

## HELLO SPRING!

Warm weather is quickly approaching, and we are excited to get outside and do some fun outdoor activities with your children soon. Thank you for choosing us to care for your children- we love what we do and are so grateful that we get to work with the best students ever!

Jennifer Gray,  
Center Director

- ENROLLMENT FOR THE
- FALL IS OPEN! YOU CAN
- REGISTER ONLINE! DO SO
- ASAP!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 13TH + 14TH

GRADUATION PICTURE  
day

APRIL 27TH

JOHN BALL ZOO FIELD  
TRIP

MAY

LAST DAY OF  
PRESCHOOL

MAY

PRESCHOOL  
GRADUATION

## PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Unfortunately, we will not be hosting our traditional preschool graduation. However, we would still like to do something special especially for our preschoolers/pre-kindergarteners heading to Kindergarten next year. Be on the lookout for more information, coming soon!



things to send  
everyday-

- Water Bottle (labeled with name)
- Rest Items (if applicable)
- Extra pair of clothes

# PARENT REMINDERS:

- please check your parent folders in our front entryway (normally our center hallway) every day. this is how our administrative office communicates with you. things you will find in your folders- invoices, scholastic book orders, accident reports, and more!
- security reminder - please do not allow other unknown adults into the building unless you see that they possess an orchard hill parent or staff badge. the staff works very hard to ensure that our facility is always safe for the children. the access card system helps us to be able to do that.
- all children should keep a change of clothes in their cubbies. the gallon size ziploc bags with your child's name written on the bag work great for storage of extra clothes.
- If your child is going to be absent please call or email the center in the morning of the day of the absence. the center is required to report illnesses to the kent county health department so it would be helpful to understand the nature of your child's absence as well.

## Final Assessment of Children

We will be conducting our final assessment of each child and will get all of the results to you at the end of the school year. We're excited to see how much they've grown and learned!

### Don't forget!

If your child is outside, you'll know by the flags hanging on the fence. Here are the colors to look for!

|        |        |              |
|--------|--------|--------------|
| Flags  | Red    | Giraffes     |
| Pink   | Blue   | Caterpillars |
| Yellow | Purple | Latchkey     |

Questions, comments, concerns, let us know!

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## INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our Center has been operating for over 36 years, and we have been blessed with many wonderful families and children in our many years here. As parents, you are our most valuable voice for a quality preschool and child care experience!

If you are happy with the care your child is receiving at the center, we hope you will tell others! If you are able to help to advertise the center at your place of business, that would be much appreciated as well. For every family that refers a new family to the center, they will receive a \$50 credit on their account.

If you have suggestions or concerns about the program or ways we could be more accommodating to potential new families interested in enrolling, we welcome those comments. We hope to make every family's experience at the center a wonderful one.

The staff and I are continuing to pray for God's direction in our lives and for the center. We fully expect to be the "hands and feet of Jesus" for many years to come. We hope our current parents can help us to do that!

## PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

When parents are allowed back in the building, be on the lookout for our new Parent Resource Center! It will be just past the bathrooms! We will be restocking our handouts bi-weekly. Some of these handouts may touch on social and emotional growth, fine and gross motor muscles, reading, math help, and MORE!

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

*James 1:17*



## LOOKING TO FALL



- How crazy that we're
- already planning for the
- next school year, but here
- we are! Be sure you have
- completed the Fall
- Registration Form by JUNE
- 30TH. We will follow up
- with all fall registration
- during the mid-late July.
- If you have not
- registered, you can find
- our form by following this
- QR code.



- For those of you wondering, here's an updated donations list:
- Books! They don't have to be brand new, but we're looking for nice, current/modern books! (Be on the lookout for an Amazon wish list for more ideas, if you're interested!)
  - Tissues
  - Clorox Wipes
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Various Paper (construction paper, scrapbook paper, card stock).
  - Ice Cube Trays
  - Ziploc Bags
  - Bathing suits (all sizes)

## A NOTE FROM MS. EMILY

We are almost to the end of the school year! How crazy is that?

I know that for those of you whose kids are going to Kindergarten next year, this might be a bit of an emotional time for you. You want to make sure your child is ready for kindergarten, but yet you want to embrace this short time you have in this stage of their life. I am here to tell you, relax. Enjoy this time with your child. They are only this age once, and you won't get it back. As much as we push these children to know all these academic skills before Kindergarten, we also want them to enjoy time with you and have time to be a kid. Get outside. Enjoy the weather as it's warming up and spend time as a family.

Now, I'm not saying throw the learning out the window. Please don't do that. BUT find fun ways to help your child learn. I will tell you right now, a child who doesn't know their letters does not want to sit down and do flash cards. Find a way to learn with the a topic your child enjoys. If your child loves to play with match box cars, put some stickers on them with letters and ask them to drive around the car with the letter "A." You can also have them sort the cars by color, size, etc. If your child loves playing with dolls, have them count how many dresses that doll has and compare if she has more shoes or shirts. You can find fun learning opportunities everywhere with your child.

The most important thing you can do with your child is to be present. Take the screens away and go on an adventure, even if it's just to the park or ice cream shop. I had a parent tell me that one time they woke up all of their kids after they went to bed, jumped in the car, and drove to the ice cream shop. Make memories that will last a lifetime with your kids, that is what matters, not the latest and greatest gaming system or the expensive shoes. You will never get this time back, so make the most of it.

OR (Hard  
Hill Church)

Some updates from  
the Church:

- The church is open for an in-person and online service. We'd love to have you and your family join us!
- Arts Camp is back and it's virtual! If your child will be here with us this summer, you DO NOT need to register, but if they will not be, we'd love to have you participate from home!

## END OF THE YEAR

As we come to the end of the school year, please turn in your access cards (if you won't be with us in the summer), clear your child's cubby, and your parent folders. Thank you!