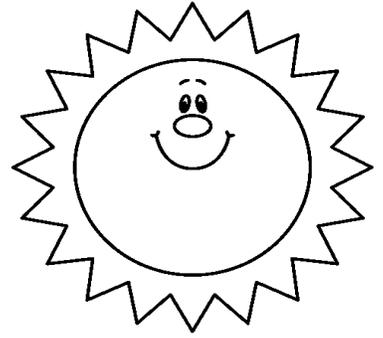


Classroom News 4s



Teachers: Mrs. Ostergren and Miss Jill

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May Letter

At the start of the school year I didn't know what the year would bring. The only thing certain was that school was starting out differently than my previous years of teaching. This is my thirteenth year here at First Church of Christ Preschool. I was accustomed to a class size of between 16 and 18 children. I filled my sensory table with new learning activities twice a month, incorporated new dramatic play themes monthly and brought out different toys and manipulatives daily. Covid changed all of that but our school year has proven to be equally fun, educational and full of learning none-the-less. Our close-knit, small hybrid class has made for unique and almost sibling-like friendships! Though I've gotten used to the new "normal" the one thing I cannot get used to (and do miss) is seeing the children's faces; the smiles, the inquisitive looks, the fascinated expressions, the astonishment, even the confusion at times. The masks that hide those precious faces have protected us and for that I am grateful.

The year has gone by quickly. Your children have grown so much. It has been a privilege to work with and teach them. Jill and I have strived to prepare and equip your children for what lies ahead. For many that means kindergarten. Your children are eager to learn and explore the world that surrounds them. They learn by participating in sensory experiences. Let them explore, imagine and create this summer! Digging in the sand, rolling in the grass, working in the garden and splashing in the water are all learning experiences and teachable moments. Involve your children in your everyday lives this summer and watch them grow!

Thank you for being such supportive parents. You and your children become extensions of our own families for a season. We will miss you. Please come back and visit!

Phoebe and Jill

