

May

"Don't cry because it's over.
Smile because it happened!"

-Dr. Seuss

Important Dates:

Tuesday, May 16 – Preschool Program @ 9:00. Please meet us in the Little Theatre. Come early to get a good seat. Cookie reception following the program.

Friday, May 19 - Field Day. Wear tennis shoes, apply sunscreen, pack your lunch. Picnic, inflatables and games outside all day.

Thursday 25- Last day of school - ½ day. We will dismiss at 11:15.



"What should we be working on this summer?"

I always get that question at the end of the year. Here are a few suggestions:

- Practice writing your first and last name with correct pencil grasp and correct letter formation. Remember, capitals are for the first letter only.
- Keep a journal. Draw a picture about a person, a place, or an activity you do this summer. Then sound out words to go with the picture. Stretch those words like bubble gum to hear the sounds inside.
- Count as high as you can. Write your numbers on a calendar over the summer or on a 10x10 grid to 100.
- Practice skip counting...by 2's, by 5's or by 10's. Count backwards.
- Read, read, read, read, READ! Easy books, picture books, chapter books, comic books! Read to your child and let them read to you, whatever their level.

I can't believe it's already May! What a wonderful year the Polka Dots have experienced together. A year full of laughter and delight, abundant with moments of discovery and friendship. We have played together, learned together, and grown together. Thank you for letting me share in this special year in the life of your child. I'm not ready for it to end! I'm not finished with them yet! There are so many spectacular wonders still to uncover. This class at Lake Ridge Preschool will always hold a special place in my heart. Congratulations preschool graduates! I am so extraordinarily proud of you!



What are you doing this summer?

Here are a few places my family loves in case you need some ideas.

- Hands On members get in free at the Nature Center in Asheville. We also love the Arboretum there and ice cream at Farmer's Market.
- Steele Creek Park in Bristol (paddle boats, train, nature center and a great creek!), Warrior's Path State Park in Kingsport (incredible playground, paddle boats, bike path on duck island, pool), Bays Mountain Park (planetarium, hiking, barge ride, animals, nature center), the new playground at Rotary Park (splash pad!)
- Barter Theater has wonderful plays for kids all summer long.
- The Johnson City Public Library has superb summer reading programs/special guests.
- Greenville, SC has the perfect zoo for young children and a fantastic children's museum. Only 2 hours away.