

Dear Families,

June 2, 2011

Just 8 days to go! We don't have a lot of time left together, but we're going to make the most of it. We have several exciting things coming up, and we wanted to let you know about them.

We'll soon be wrapping up our study of stores. We've gotten so much out of this study and have enjoyed it a great deal. As a culminating activity, children are building their own stores in the classroom. The group came up with a list of ideas for stores and then children picked which stores they wanted to be a part of. So far, we've made a flower store, a wedding store, and a candy store. Both a pet store and a yogurt store will be created next week. The children decided that for each and every store, certain items were necessities, such as: store owners/workers, items to sell, a counter with a cash register and phone, and a sign with the store name on it. Children are creating their own items for the stores (flowers out of tissue paper, wedding rings out of beads, candy out of pipe cleaners and construction paper, etc.) and once items are organized and the store is all set up, we are open for business!

We also have a few traditions that we always share at the end of the year. We enjoyed perfect weather and a really fun day of games with our buddies during Field Day last Friday. Next week, to celebrate our time together as a group this year, we'll have a potluck on the roof. This will take place on June 7th from 6:00-7:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the classroom, so please sign up to bring a dish. Siblings and caregivers are welcome!

The last day of school is coming so soon. We will have several items to send home (see dates below) and we need you to send in **two large**

shopping bags as soon as possible so we can start packing up. Besides packing up our work, we'll spend the next week reminiscing, sharing lots of hugs and goodbyes, and doing a little clean up in the room. We'll celebrate our truly terrific year with an ice cream sundae party on the last day, and then off we go!

Yours,

Diane & Alexia

Important Dates to Remember:

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| Tuesday, June 7th | Potluck on the Roof, 6:00-7:30 |
| Thursday, June 9th | Artwork, writing folders, etc. will come home |
| Friday, June 10th | Early Dismissal at 11:45 |
| Monday, June 13th | Siesta items, extra clothing, and marigolds will come home (with a marigold care sheet) |
| Tuesday, June 14th | Last Day! Early Dismissal at 11:45 |