

Little Folks News – June, July & August 2011

This Friday, May 20, is the 4's & 5's end of the year art show. They've prepared for this event all year. Each child has a portfolio of art work that was created throughout the school year. Parents volunteer to help mat pictures and set up displays to create an art gallery in the Fellowship Hall upstairs. The class makes a cloth quilt when they study the letter "Q". All the children participate in a group project of two large paintings illustrating "Utensil Art". The children make personal invitations to the art show and prepare the refreshments. The reception table has damask table cloths, a beautiful centerpiece and fancy plates and napkins. The raspberry ginger ale is served from a punch bowl into footed plastic glasses. After all of the art work is admired by friends and families, and the children have performed a short program for entertainment, the quilt and class paintings are sold in a silent auction. The money made from the sale of the items helps fund next year's art supplies. As you can see, this is a BIG DEAL.

The art show is the end of the year graduation celebration for the children and parents. This fall most of these children will go to five year public or private kindergarten. For the teachers and me, the Art Show is an acknowledgement of, and congratulations for all of their achievements. It has been a long road of social, emotional, cognitive, and physical maturation that these children have been traveling through their years here at **Little Folks**. Each classroom (Nursery, 1's & 2's, 2's & 3's, 3's & 4's, 4's & 5's) has been an integral stepping stone along each child's road. The teachers and I have done our best to help each child be prepared to succeed in the next part of their lifelong journey. We are proud of the way each of them have grown into thoughtful, independent, confident, competent individuals. **Little Folks** is just one small part of their lives, but, we hope that the love that they have received from us, along with the lessons that they have learned here, will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. They will make the world a better place for all of us – one child at a time.

Little Folks is **CLOSED May 27 through June 3** to get ready for the Summer Program. We are also **CLOSED July 2-8** and **July 25-29**.

The **Fall Program** will begin **Tuesday, September 6**, the day after Labor Day.

Have a fun and safe summer!

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