

Little Folks School House May 2024 Newsletter



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10

We will have blank post-it notes on each classroom door. Please take a minute and write a positive message to your child's teacher on Friday morning showing your appreciation for them.

We truly appreciate our teachers!

Summer Hours **Important**

Back in December, we began to explore ways to deal with our staff shortage. We thought about closing one or two classrooms but were able to avoid that by shutting down our hot lunch program and moving our cook to a teacher position. That was a temporary fix. We continue to lose teachers with no replacement options. Because of this, we are forced to drop-a-day. We will only be open Monday-Thursday and closed on Fridays. This will be effective the first week of June. We are calling this "Summer Hours" in hopes of being back in full swing before Fall. We sincerely regret having to do this but felt it was better than closing classrooms and abruptly discontinuing childcare for a number of families. We will need to re-structure our fees so please watch for that in the coming weeks. We have also had to make the decision to not run our summer school-age program, again because we don't have enough staff. These changes are going to hit us both emotionally and financially.

Although we don't want to lose anyone, we would understand if the changes are going to affect your family in a way that you need to terminate childcare services.

We have treated our staff well. We continue to offer paid training, salary increases and frequent bonuses but are finding it difficult to compete with other businesses who don't require any education or accountability.

Thank you for your understanding and please, if you have any suggestions that maybe we haven't thought of, please don't hesitate to offer them.

We are asking that all parents bring in a bottle of sunscreen. An authorization form is attached. If you have children in more than one room, please bring in a bottle for each child, and complete a form for each bottle. (all sunscreens are stored in the individual classrooms). Please be aware that some sunscreens do expire so be sure to check the date on the bottle.

We will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day

Garden International Circus

The circus will be in town (West Bend) on May 7th. We have free tickets for children which can be found on top of the hallway cubbies by the kitchen door.