

Notes from Kim

April has been a busy month! We celebrated Easter with our annual Easter egg hunt, and was able to surprise Ms. Irene with the BIGGEST bouquet of flowers she's ever received. What an amazing gathering of alumni and current families of LJC! There was so much LOVE shown that day that it was overwhelming at times for many. The family we've created is special and valued! We love our LJC family, and are so grateful for all the years of joy, laughter, and love. Close to 3000 eggs were scattered throughout our orchards while our attendance more than doubled! Such an AMAMZING sight!

We had another great Trike-A-Thon fundraiser! The trikes, bikes and wheels were so beautifully decorated and the children had a great time. Once again our families came together to support a wonderful cause generously giving over \$3,700+ to St. Jude's! Thank you to everyone that came to support the children!

We made it through our spring Parent Teacher conferences. It's always a good time to share with families the many milestones their child/ren are mastering and or working on. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with us!

A special "Thank You" goes out to Matt Mazziotta (Dawson's dad) and Arne Peterson (Ella's dad), and Eric Brunner for helping to create 17 children's stones that create a lasting memory for all.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our school. Our program simply would not be what it is without you. Keeping that in mind...Volunteer weekend will be Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the office for volunteers to share when they're available to help to continue to make LJC a wonderful and inviting place for their children and families.

With sunny days ahead of us, now is a good time to bring in **NEW** and **NON**-Spray sunscreen for **each** of your children in different classrooms.

Spring/Summer Reminders

***Open toed shoes or Crocs are **NOT** allowed at LJC. This type of footwear is not a safe choice for the type of active play that happens on the playground.

***Spray on sunscreen is also **NOT** allowed at LJC. The overspray is harmful to the child's lungs.

Upcoming Events for May

Thursday, May 5th –Cinco de Mayo Celebration-Ms. Norma will be making an authentic Mexican lunch for the children. She will also be sharing her collection of Mexican toys, dress, music, and of course a piñata to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Friday, May 6th –Mother's Tea-Our Annual Mother's Tea will begin 9:00 am. You will be entertained by all of the children in our school, have refreshments with your child(ren) and create your own Mother's day gift with your child. We will also have a raffle auction consisting of classroom projects that the children have worked on with their special touches. Raffle tickets are \$1.00...so remember to bring your wallet. FYI this event is held outside so bring appropriate clothing for the weather.

Tuesday, May 17th –Picture Day-Pictures will start at 8:00 am. We'll be taking individual, class graduation and entire school photos. If your child is not scheduled to be at school on Tuesday please bring them by between 9:00-9:30 am. This is a really busy and hectic day so please be patient as we work through the picture process.

May 21st & 22nd –Volunteer Weekend-This is our annual Volunteer Weekend. This is a great opportunity for you to show your appreciation and support for your child's school. The more helping hands...the quicker the tasks get done! From 9 am-3 pm. Thanks for signing-up!

Friday, June 17th - Donuts with Dad- Our annual Donuts with Dad will begin at 9:00 am. You will be entertained by all of the children in our school, have refreshments with your child(ren) and make your own Father's Day gift with your child.

Friday, June 24th - Pre-K Graduation- Our Pre-K graduation ceremony will be on Friday, June 24th, at 4:30 pm. **We will be closing early at 4:00 pm.** Extended family and grandparents are welcome to join the celebration.

May Birthdays

Lucas- 5 yrs. old	Paisley- 3 yrs. old
Livy- 5 yrs. old	Amelia- 2 yrs. old
Miriam- 5 yrs. old	Aurea- 4 yrs. old
Christopher- 4 yrs. old	Cole- 2 yrs. old

Preschool I Letter Box

Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers

1 st Week- Pp	4 th Week- Ss
2 nd Week- Qq	5 th Week- Tt
3 rd Week-Rr	

Themes for Preschool II & Pre-K

Dramatic Play: Dinosaur Habitat Sensory: Mud & Dinosaur

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Theme:</u>	<u>Letter:</u>	<u>Student:</u>
5/2 to 5/6	We Love our Mommy!	Tt	Brynn
5/9 to 5/13	Dinosaurs	Pp	
5/16 to 5/20	Dinosaurs	Mm	
5/23 to 5/27	Dinosaurs	Qq	