

Dear Blue Room Parents,

June 2011

It's hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. It seems like yesterday when your children greeted us with wary smiles, and now they are confident young learners who are ready to experience the many adventures that lie ahead of them. It has been an amazing experience watching each of them blossom. We will truly miss all of your children as they each hold a special place in our hearts.

During this month our focus will be on sharing and caring using the Rainbow Fish series as our literature focus. We will also be repeating favorite stories and activities. During week 2 we will be tie-dyeing T-shirts. The children will also be introduced to the Make New Friends Game. We play this game every June to help ease a lot of the anxieties the children may be feeling as they transition to kindergarten. This game will teach the kids that they are able to make new friends on their own. We will teach them some one-liners that they can use so they will be confident in their new surroundings. Finally during our last week of school, we will be making a gift for Father's Day as well as continue our focus on the qualities of a good friend.

We will also be having an end of year party for the kids while celebrating summer birthdays. This will be held on our last day, June 17.

We would like to thank Meg Himes and Ann Holmes for being terrific room mothers. Thank you for all of your thoughtfulness and support throughout the year! And thanks also go to each of you... for coming in our classroom and sharing yourselves, chaperoning on our field trips, for making those yummy snacks and for working with us during the school year!

Thank you all for a really great year. We have had a great time with your kids. We will miss them a lot!!!! Your children have all grown in so many ways; it has been a pleasure "helping" them do so. Have a wonderful summer...and keep in touch. We would especially like to hear how your children transitioned into kindergarten.

Wishing you a sun-filled, happy and healthy summer!!

Cheryl & Meredith