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*Hello Parents,*

*It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is here. This year has gone by so quickly, it seems as if September was only yesterday. A full school year's growth is certainly evident in the children throughout all areas of development: physical, social/emotional, cognitive and language. They've all grown considerably.*

*Next Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the day to say good-bye to our oldest preschoolers in MaryJo Birecree's class: Emma, Joshua and Bode. This is "Moving Up Day" for them and we'll celebrate with a short play, a graduation ceremony and breakfast. We'll certainly miss them as these graduates move into the next phase of their academic careers. I expect each one of them to be successful with the rest of their schooling.*

*This and many other activities have been planned for the end of the year. Right now, Julie and Angela's preschool class have their newly hatched "powder puff" chicks. These little creatures have created much excitement here (and lots of language-learning opportunities!). Kelly Luke's FIRST class had a wonderful time at Springdale Farm recently and we're including pictures along with this newsletter for you to enjoy.*



*Maiko, Philip & Paige peeking in the pen.*




*Kelly Luke showing Mikalo the bunny.*

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*Peggy Mudd's class has grown in numbers and most all of the children are now coming to school every day of the week. That's an increase from the previous Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Seeing them in action and hard at play is a great sight! These children will begin in RSD's Preschool program in the Fall. They have really come a long way since toddling through the doors in September. The students move from independent play to being much more interactive and interested in their peers has been wonderful to see. They enjoy communicating with each other and are able to show concern and empathy when one of their friends is sad or distressed. Their language is taking off!*

*Most all of the preschoolers will participate in our end of the year trip that includes a presentation and picnic at Perinton Ambulance and Center Point West Park on Wednesday, June 20th. I'm glad to see that most of you have signed up your children for our summer school program that begins on Monday, July 9th. It's important that the children's skills and concepts developed so far this year continue to be nurtured and stimulated through school as well as in the home. The Shared Reading Program will continue throughout most of the summer for those of you who are involved with this worthwhile initiative.*

*Please look for report cards and progress reports. They will be mailed in the days following the end of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either through phone or email. We are including copies of Parent & Child Magazine for your reading enjoyment. Good articles about kids and nature as well as ideas for kids during the summer season are included that may be helpful to you at this time of year.*

*I've truly enjoyed having the opportunity to help provide the best program for your children. Our staff is outstanding and you can be confident that your children have been, and will continue to be, in good hands. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer and enjoy the time with your children.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marilyn Curley, Director*

*Quote...You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.*

*Clay P. Bedford*



*Memorial Day Parade*



*Water Play Day*

