



# April 2019

Themes: Spring, Letters & Numbers

**When you have just 2 minutes!  
Read this stuff...**

**News you  
can use!**

## **Important Dates for Everyone!**

Tuition is due on April 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, Little Bear video  
Parent preview night, 6:30pm

### **3 Day Dates**

April 2 School resumes  
April 10- Little Bear Video  
May 7 St Olaf Prairie Visit  
May 9- End of Year Picnic 5:30-7pm  
May 15- Last Day of Class

### **2 Day Dates**

April 4 School resumes  
April 11 -Little Bear Video  
May 10 St Olaf Prairie Visit  
May 9- End of Year Picnic 5:30-7pm  
May 17- Last Day of Class

## **You've Reached...the End...of the Line...no, not really...but still!**

We want you to join us at the end of year picnic so be sure to put it on your calendar. Both class will meet on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. (This is a change from the calendar you received at the beginning of the year.) We'd hate to miss out on having you with us! We will gather at Oddfellows Park, rain or shine. Please bring your entire family, dishes and utensils to meet your own needs and some sort of dish to pass.

## **Calling All Little People!**

At this time we have openings in our classes for next Fall. Please tell your friends now and throughout the summer. Thank you for all of your support and assistance. If you are planning to send your child back to ODNS next year, and have not returned the

registration, we need to hear from you. Please print out the registration form that is on the website and drop it in the envelope by the pick-up door. Thanks!

### **Parking at Pick-Up Time**

Be sure to park in the designated parking spots on the side of the lot when coming to pick up your children at school. Please do not park parallel to the school as it makes it difficult for others to get out of their parking space safely. Thank you!

### **Out on the prairie....out we will go.....**

We will have one more visit from our St Olaf students in April. Then in May, we will make our final visit to the prairie, noting the change in seasons. Once again, we will need chaperones. Watch the board in the hallway for permission/chaperone sign up sheets!

## **When you have 5 MORE minutes! Read this stuff..**

### **Regarding Conferences**

Thanks to all of you who attended conferences. We really appreciate having the opportunity to talk with you about your remarkable children. Thanks for sharing them with us!

Please remember, individuality is encouraged when children are allowed to grow and experience both success and frustration. While doing “everything” for your child may seem like “being helpful”, it’s important to step back and allow opportunities for enhancing their own capabilities and self-esteem.

### **The Little Bear Video...*just a reminder...***

On Tuesday, April 9, we will have a parent in-service for the video Little Bear. This video is a nationally recognized video featuring animal characters to teach children ways to avoid being sexually abused. The tape features Little Bear, who has been touched in a way he is not comfortable with and told not to "tell." But he does "tell" and then learns about good touch and bad touch and ways to say no. The video will be shown to the children on Wednesday, April 10 (3-day classes) and Thursday, April 11 (2-day classes). The preview showing of the tape will be held for parents only on Tuesday, April 9th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We want very much for you to have an opportunity to view it, and be best prepared for any further discussion that may happen in your home on the days following the video. We use this video each year and have found it extremely well done.

\*\*The Little Bear character in this video is NOT the same as Little Bear from the Else Holmelund Minarik/Maurice Sendak books and videos.

**When you've got 10 more minutes!  
This stuff is good to know...**

**Esther and family have a new address:**

Esther Hjelmgren, who attends both sessions, has moved! Her new address is: 1708 East Ridge Court.

**Sun! Glorious Sun!**

Warmer weather WILL be coming! When this happens, you may wish to consider applying sunscreen to your child as we approach the time of year with brighter days and increased time spent outdoors. Hats may be sent with your child, to be worn outdoors only. Please remember to write your child's name on the inside.

Thanks to Marja Steinberg, Heidi Brosseau who subbed for staff when they were gone.