

Nicole & Erin's Class

Summer is just around the corner! Yet we approach this wonderful time of year with mixed emotions. Working so closely with your children and families for the past nine months has been truly rewarding. Erin and I are so proud of the big preschool boys and girls that stand before us. They each have made their own accomplishments and it melts our hearts to see these changes take place right before our eyes. The biggest reward is watching the friendships start to take shape and knowing that this is just the beginning for them. But alas, it is just about time to say our final goodbye and with that we are left with a little empty space inside.

With only a couple short weeks left our time is surely going to fly by. We will begin to talk about the upcoming changes. Transitions are some of the hardest moments in our lives, especially for the younger ones. It can be worrisome for many children to leave their friends and teachers behind only to have to meet new friends and new teachers in a new classroom next year. Not having a solid concept of time creates anxiety as well. As a class we will explore the pre-k classrooms to observe similarities and differences. We will hold group discussions to talk about our findings and to talk about the feelings we may have about this transition. Books are also a great way to introduce the concept of growing up and making changes. Assuring the children

that they still have all of summer vacation before making this move will help to ease any worry. Please let us know if you observe any changes in behavior as stress affects us all differently. We are here to support you and your family throughout this transition.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful support team starting with the parents. Thank you for all the time you have spent in our classroom, the materials you have donated, and of course the love and support you have offered to the children and to Erin and I. I would also like to thank Margie, Arlene, and Rachel for their time spent in our classroom and helping to make our transitions as smooth as possible. The children adored playing with them! Finally, I would like to thank Erin whose knowledge and experience has provided me with some much-needed insight. Her efforts have been magical to say the least; always knowing where to be, providing support for not only the children but for me as well. This year would not have been the success it was without any of you! Cheers to a great team!

Thank you for sharing your children with us! We wish you so much love and happiness throughout the many days ahead!