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Dear TTH Parents,

Welcome to April! No fooling, we are expecting an exciting month! Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and allow us lots of time outdoors so the children and the teachers can participate fully in the rites of spring. To be able to watch browns turn to greens, buds to blossoms and the leaves begin to dress the trees is always a joy and a delight. Spring is a tremendous opportunity to make use of our wonderful playground. If you have never explored the playground, you should, especially the wonderful fort. Children spend much time there (as well as other areas), inventing many characters and situations to suit their fancies.

Of course, we are still in Colorado! And springtime in Colorado can still mean more snow. We hope we have no more heavy accumulations but please be sure to remember that if Boulder Valley Schools are closed, so is Mt. View.

What's happening this month: Since April is known for its showers, we will make umbrellas, and talk about rain, clouds, mud and ducks. Since spring is here, we will be doing activities about seeds and flowers on April 15th, 20th and 27th.

We'll end the month with lots of activities about trucks and cars. We're hoping to have a fire truck visit Preschool on Thursday, April 29th. What fun! We have been practicing "leaving the building quickly", without running but we do not call this activity a fire drill.

We hope you are all enjoying this time of year and we want each one of you to know how much we appreciate the various ways in which you participate in our school. If you have any specialties to "Show and Tell", please feel welcome to do so (i.e., pets, babies, singing, dancing, etc.). We continue to have music twice a month with Miss Amy.

T1 will be going to the Little Gym on Tuesday, April 20th and T2 will visit on Tuesday, April 27th.

COMING IN MAY: Mommy Parties – Thursday, May 6th Family Picnics – Thursday, May 27th

FROM THE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE:

SWEETHEART SUCCESS: What fun everyone had at the Valentine's Sweetheart Festival in February! This year's event was so popular that it broke all attendance records! Families danced, did crafts, ate snacks, took photos and enjoyed music and puppets with Miss Amy. Many thanks to the Family Activities Committee for putting on this grand evening. Hats off to: Helen Devereux and Christine Cowles (co-chairs), Kristina Robinson, Krysia Gallagher, Tracy & Brian Johnson, Emily Stinchcomb, Kara McDowell, Mary Szniewajs, Nicky Lamprecht, Robyn Bostley, Stephanie Bensler, Susan McDonald, Tracy Komhyr, Tami Blustein, Elizabeth Cousins and Christine Corzine.

With great guidance from the Green Committee, we accomplished a zero-waste event. Ophelia and Keith Larson were in great in helping us with our internet communication. Stacey Phillips and Jeanelle Roth (former Mt. View Parents) also pitched in to help out! And special thanks to Kim (the Mt. View UMC secretary) and Richard (Mt. View UMC's super Building Manager) for all their help.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Saturday, April 3rd : 2-3:30 pm – Mt. View UMC invites everyone to this special afternoon of fun – cookies, craft activities and of course, an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a dozen plastic eggs, filled with goodies, to use in the egg hunt.

SPRING FIX-UP: Sunday, April 18th – 12 noon: The annual Mt. View Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th from noon to 3:30 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Preschool Entryway. We are looking for a few good moms, dads and willing children to assist in raking, moving sand, fixing, organizing, sawing,

painting and staining. Great snacks and beverages are provided. Your help will create some fun changes to the outdoor play area such as building blocks, a mural and chalkboard, a working abacus and musical chimes. And, we have a short list of necessary repairs. Contact Sarah Sager – 303-882-8812 if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S CHARITY: We will be collecting nonperishable food donations April 14th through the 28th for the children to give to **Community Food Share**. If you would like to make a contribution, we will have a King Soopers' shopping cart in the front entryway for dropping off donations. **Community Food Share** has provided us with a list of items they are most in need of. They are: tuna, canned fruit, cold and hot cereal, 100% fruit juice, peanut butter and pasta sauce. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Benham (303-499-2044) or l.benham@verizon.net. The Multi-Age class will drop off the donations on Wednesday, April 28th.

2010/2011 DEPOSITS DUE: Deposits for next year were due March 31st. Did you remember? If not, please return your check and new enrollment application form today to the Mt. View mailbox or mail to Judy at home. Thanks!

SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM: On-site registration begins Monday, April 12th at 11:45 am and on Tuesday, April 13th. After the 13th, sign-ups will be posted in the entryway. Please remember to bring filled out applications and fee payments. (Checks won't be cashed until June 1st).

COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, April 21st - 9:15 in Frasier Parlor.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS: We're looking for some talented parents to paint a mural on the outside concrete block wall on the playground. If you're interested, contact Marcey Cote at 303-545-6464 or Sarah Sager – 303-882-8812.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS: The April Scholastic Book order will be your final chance to order books for your summer reading and fun activities. Remember, the more books you buy, the more bonus points we earn for our teachers to order books, supplies and resources for their classrooms. Questions? Contact Julie Poyton – 303-527-1918 or jpoyton@yahoo.com.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN.....Mt. View's dependent care provider ID number is 84-0569739.

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

MA add: Ian Yoon – 303-786-0709 – Yunjeong & Byunghoon – 1300 30th St. #83-22 – BOU 80303 – erinmom@gmail.com

COMING IN MAY AND JUNE:

MT. VIEW UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 14-18 and July 19-23

EXTRA BLANKETS?: If you have an extra blanket or retired bedspread, we would love to have it. We use them in the classroom and on the playground.

LIDS: We're looking for jar lids that can be used as covers for the 8 ounce yogurt containers from Kings and Safeway (they no longer use plastic lids). The lids need to measure at least 3 1/8 – 3 1/4 inches on the inside.

We hope you had a great spring break. WELCOME BACK!!!!

Joy, Janet, Anita, Debbie, Sue and Patsy