

Happy Summer from Catalina United Methodist Day School!

We hope you're all staying cool during these hot summer days! At the Day School, the children are beating the heat with their weekly water play days in the Trike Yard and Sand Yard—and having a blast while doing it.

This spring was packed with memorable moments! In April, we celebrated our **3rd annual "Director of the Day"** event, where 29 students had the opportunity to experience life as the Director. Our little directors assisted Ms. Carolyn in the office, greeted families in the morning, collected mail from the Church Office, and delivered supplies to the classrooms. It's always a big hit!

Our **Pre-K students enjoyed a sweet Teddy Bear Picnic** in the Pine Tree Patio, where parents joined their children for a special brown bag lunch from home. The **Easter Egg Hunt** was another highlight, with children joyfully searching for eggs in the Pine Tree Patio. Our **Webby dancers** dazzled families with their Spring Performance, showing off all they've learned.

The **3's classes celebrated their moms with Muffins with Mom**, while the **2's enjoyed a picnic lunch** with their moms under the trees. In May, we proudly celebrated our Pre-K graduates with our Graduation Program, which included decorating their caps, wearing gowns, performing songs, and receiving diplomas in a joyful ceremony. **Mr. Nature** returned for another fun-filled **Music Garden Jam Session**, filling our campus with rhythm and smiles. During **Teacher Appreciation Week**, our amazing staff were showered with gratitude by Catalina families, the Day School Board, and sweet treats from the Sunday School Ministry—thank you all!

In June, one of the three classrooms hosted "Donuts with Dad," and another had a fun picnic with games on the Pine Tree Patio. Meanwhile, the **2s celebrated their dads with a hands-on, messy art project in the Trike Yard—dads and kids alike had a great time painting together!**

Our **Pre-K Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale** was a tremendous success—we raised **\$312** toward a fun new toy for the Trike Yard that all the children will enjoy. We also had a bittersweet goodbye to **Mr. Ben, who has been doing story time at Catalina for fifteen years. This was his last story time, as the library will be closing for two years while undergoing renovations.** To thank Mr. Ben, the children created a butterfly art piece with Ms. Aniza's guidance to present to him on his last day with the toddlers.

Wishing you all a safe, joyful, and restful summer!

The Catalina Day School Team and Kids
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