Bring on the May flowers! Not the Mayflower, that arrived quite a few years ago...but, the bright, vibrant, sprouting flowers showing us spring is here and summer is around the corner. It has not been much of a spring so far, but it looks like that is turning quickly, and might even be getting summer weather soon! I think I can speak for the Hardy team and kids when I say just how ready we are to be spending more time outside soaking in some Vitamin D. That being said, plan on most of the pick ups after 5:00 to be outside at either the structure or blacktop area. As usual there will be a sign by the door letting you know where we are if you can’t see or hear us from the street. We will have the kids bring their stuff out with them so you don’t have to come back into the building. If you want your child to wear sunscreen while we are spending time outside, you can send it in their backpacks for them. However, we do not help them apply it, so it is on them to take care of it.

We are hoping, in the weeks remaining of the school year, we can take advantage of an amazing asset we have right down the street, Morse’s Pond. We are lucky to be so close to the pond and the nature it provides. The plan is to walk there on Wednesdays when the weather permits, and it works with our schedule. We allow the kids to play in the water, only about mid shin deep, but there will be no swimming of any kind. They love to build sand castles, play volleyball and other games in the sand, skip rocks, play on the structure, and just relax for a picnic lunch. Wednesday families, I will keep you posted any time we are planning on going, before the day of, so you are aware and we can arrange any pick ups that may need to happen there.

In other news, we are doing our Family Night a little bit differently this year. Instead of one big event for all the sites at Sprague, each site will be doing their own Family Night, in their own fashion, at their own site. So, we will be having a Hardy Party, at Hardy some time in June. The goal is to have as many families come celebrate the year with us as possible, so I will be sending a google doc out in the near future to see about possible dates people can attend. I know it’s impossible for everyone to be available on the same day, but this way we can get as many as we can. More details to follow, so keep your eyes peeled!

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