

# Graduation Day at OPC Preschool

-Ruth Baas, Director

The 2016-2017 preschool year came to a close on May 17. Many family members and friends gathered in the gym at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church to celebrate all 49 of our preschoolers as they performed a spring program titled "Colors of the Rainbow!" After the main program, a graduation ceremony was held for the 24 children in the four-year-old class.

The children did a wonderful job of performing songs that they learned throughout the year, highlighting the colors that God created and celebrating that the rainbow is a symbol of God's love for us. Each child had the opportunity to hold up a sign that coordinated with colors – red hearts, orange butterflies, yellow sunshine, green/blue models of our world, and purple flowers – and then sing along with songs about these items. A favorite song, "Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory, Glory" told the Bible story of Noah and the flood. The children learned that we remember God's love and care for Noah and the animals, and we also know that God loves us very much today. The rainbow is a sign to help us remember God's love!

At the close of our program, the students from our Monday/Wednesday/Friday class graduated from preschool. They proudly wore their graduation hats and received their diplomas! We congratulate Clara Boersma, Colin Bolhuis, Wyatt Bonarigo, Jayde Bruinius, Nicholas Bulanda, Cohen Damstra, Evan DeRuiter, Kennedy Gordon, Judah Heitman, James Hermann, Elisabeth Hippenhammer, Emily Hospes,

Evelyn Kargol, Maggie Loerop, Finnegan Loughry, Ryder Minetti, Jayden Ohlendorf, Delaney Solle, Ainsley Stoub, Skylar Szczepaniak, Zachary Van Dyk, Brooklyn Van Gameron, Faith Visser, and Maci Wilson. Please join us in praying for them, that the seeds of faith in our God and His love and the love of learning that have been planted in their hearts will grow and mature through the years. We also pray that their families will continue to remember the love of Jesus that was introduced to them as their children attended Orland Park Christian Preschool.

We want to express our appreciation to many people who helped to make our preschool year a success. Thank you to Denise Vander Plaats and Ryan Brouwer for their help with our audio/visual needs at the program. Each family received a DVD of the program to take home that same day! Thank you to Bob Deckinga and Rick Schultz for the extra work they did to set up the stage in the gym so that all the children could fit on it and be seen by their families! We were blessed to work with a wonderful staff at preschool this year. Our dedicated teachers were Ruth Baas, Janna Kuyvenhoven, Brenda Harms, Barb Vree, and Lisa Cavanaugh. Our fantastic teacher aide was Mary Vos. God provided just what we needed through the gifts and the love that these ladies shared with the children. We give all the glory to God for the opportunity to be involved in His Kingdom work at Orland Park Christian Preschool.

## CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES FROM OPCRC



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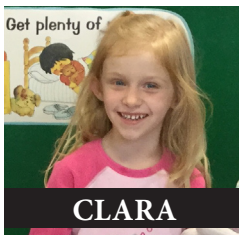
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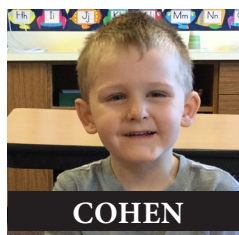
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