

# ~Preschool Happenings~

May 2025

This year has gone by so fast and it has been an honor to have your trust in our preschool with your children. They are truly a blessing and we thank you for sharing them with us.

We hope you all have a safe and fun summer!

Keep following our Facebook and Instagram pages over the summer too!

↓ **\*\*Check out this article that features our wonderful Preschool\*\*** ↓

## Two Hilliard Childcare Centers Earn Perfect State Inspection Scores

Hilliard Montessori and Hilliard United Methodist Preschool earned perfect inspection scores in February, a rare clean sweep under Ohio's strict and unique childcare regulations.



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**Hilliard**  
**Montessori**

Hilliard — It's not easy to get a perfect score on a state inspection. Even the best childcare centers in Ohio struggle to meet every requirement in the state's long list of regulations. But in February, two Hilliard childcare centers pulled it off.

On February 2nd, Hilliard Montessori, located at 4091 Trueman Blvd, received a perfect [inspection](#) score from the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (OCY). Inspectors reviewed 58 different rules and didn't find a single violation. It marks their first perfect score in at least three years.

The center hasn't had any complaints filed against it since at least 2023. In fact, its previous inspections show an average to above average record for a childcare center in Ohio, with 21 violations across three visits or about seven per inspection.

Nine days later, on February 11th, Hilliard United Methodist Preschool, located at 5445 Scioto-Darby Rd, earned Hilliard's second perfect [score](#) of the year. OCY reviewed the same number of regulations and didn't flag a single violation. It's a milestone for a program that's consistently performed well in past inspections.

In both 2023 and 2022, the center recorded just four total violations, a level of compliance that only a small number of centers in the state manage to reach. According to state records, no complaints have been filed against the program during that time.

Hilliard Montessori is a preschool-focused program serving around 40 students. They've been part of the Hilliard community since 2011 and operate weekdays from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Families can reach the center by phone at (614) 541-3010 or email Program Director Sadhana Arun at [arun@hilliardmontessori.com](mailto:arun@hilliardmontessori.com).

Hilliard United Methodist Preschool has been serving local families for more than five decades, first opening its doors in May 1971. The center enrolls approximately 85–90 students and runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. They can be reached by phone at (614) 876-7180 or by emailing Program Director Katie Williams at [katie@hilliardumcpreschool.org](mailto:katie@hilliardumcpreschool.org).

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Nathan Holt advocates for transparency and accountability in early childhood education by publishing State of Ohio inspection reports, spotlighting programs that fall short or exceed expectations in compliance and standards.

### May Calendar:

May 5th-May 8th: Chapel Time with Miss Lindsay

May 6th: NO SCHOOL-  
Professional Development Day

May 11th: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

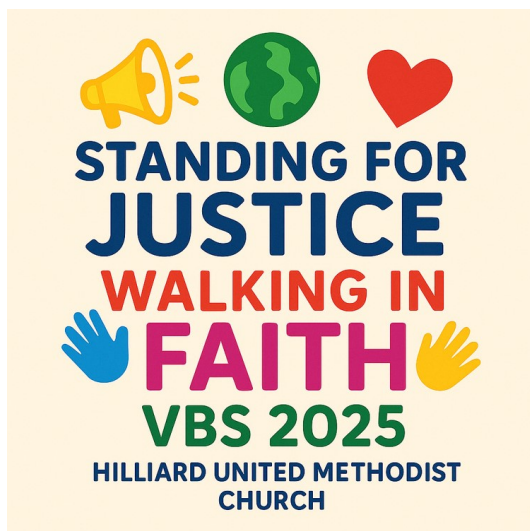
May 12th: Hilliard City School Bus Visit

May 19th & 20th: Last Days of School

The School Bus is coming! A Hilliard City School bus will be coming to go over school bus safety with our 4 and 5 year olds to get ready for kindergarten. They will visit on Monday, May 12th!



### ~What's Going On Around Our HUMC Preschool ~ Community



**Hilliard  
Farm Market**  
A ministry of Hilliard United Methodist Church

Come and visit the Hilliard Farm Market! Rachael and Katie will be there with a Preschool Info Table for Inquiring Families on June 10th, July 29th and August 12th. Stop by and say hello! Below is the regular summer schedule!

**Tuesdays 4-7pm  
May 20-September 2**  
in the parking lot

of the Hilliard United Methodist Church  
5445 Scioto Darby Road, Hilliard, OH 43026

Registration for VBS here at HUMC Church is going on now! Click the link for registration information!

<https://hilliardumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2884349>

### Our Preschool Playground

Did you know that our playground is open to our families during the summer months? You are more than welcome to come to play, have a lunch playdate and meet up with friends!

## Summer Fun At Home

Here are some fun and easy ideas to do outside at home this summer!



Fill a container with water and add dish soap. Add some toys and rags or sponges to give the toys a bath!



Collect sticks or rocks on a walk let your child paint them.



Draw boxes with a number and let your child collect rocks, sticks or pine cones to practice counting.



Give your child a cup of water and a paintbrush and let them "paint" with water!



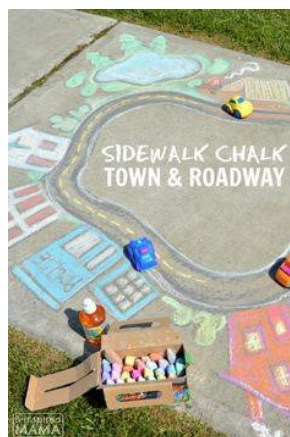
Collect sticks while on a walk and have your child line them up from the shortest stick to the longest.



Have your child put some objects out on a piece of paper on a sunny day. Let them trace the shadows with crayons or markers.



Draw a long, squiggly line on a sidewalk or driveway. Have your child walk along to follow it.



If your little one loves cars, take cars outside to play! Draw a road and places for the cars to go with sidewalk chalk!



Collect some cups of various sizes and put water in them. You could add food coloring to make it fun! Let your child practice pouring from one cup or container to the other. This is a great skill to work on and if it spills, it's outside!