



# ILS Connections

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## May 2026

### **Say hello (and farewell) to Mrs. Yagow!**

This is my second year working as a teacher assistant at Immanuel. I helped in Mrs. Hammer's class last year and this year assist in Ms. Wiese's class in the mornings and help Mrs. Schmidgall in the afternoons. My husband Dan and I will be moving to Edwardsville to be closer to our children and grandchildren this summer and I will miss my time at Immanuel. My favorite memories are things that happen every day, usually in the regular routine of our day. I smile at the "boo boo" reports children give me, especially on Mondays to catch me up on ways they've injured themselves over the weekends. I love the excitement in a student's eyes when he sees a firetruck go by on the road or when he builds a train using all the cars. I am amazed at the creativity that emerges when students create an Easter parade complete with spectators and a Barbie Easter Parade Queen during free play time. I enjoy seeing the feeling of accomplishment when a child successfully completes a task like bouncing on a hopper ball without wiping out or drawing a picture they can't wait to tell me about.

I am originally from St. Peter, Illinois where I grew up on a farm. I attended a Lutheran elementary school. I hold a bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from Eastern Illinois University and taught for over 35 years at the high school level. I've been married to my husband Dan for 43 years and have 2 daughters. Kendra and her family live near St. Louis, and Carmen lives in Springfield. I have 4 grandchildren. When I retired 2 years ago, I still desired to work with children. However, I no longer wanted to spend all my weekends and evenings grading papers and planning lessons. That's what led me to Immanuel. My favorite part of being at ILS is being able to be a part of helping children have a positive and wonderful first experience in school, especially in a school that includes learning about how much God loves and forgives us. I was blessed to have Christian parents who knew the importance of baptism, so I joined God's family at my baptism as a baby. When I was old enough to understand what the Bible teaches, I was confirmed in the Lutheran church. As I look back on my life, I know that even though I still don't know or understand everything about God, I know that He loves me beyond my own comprehension.

**Thanks, Mrs. Yagow!**

**You will be missed!**





Welcome  
Spring



**From our Orange Room:**  
The school year is coming to an end, and it's been a wonderful one! To celebrate, we're planning an end-of-year party along with a field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo. We're excited to wrap up the year with these fun activities and great memories. **Mrs. Hammer**



**From our Green Room:** April showers brings May flowers. I can hardly believe it, but the end of the school year is coming to a close. For the month of May Ms. Wiese's class will review everything that has been on our focus wall this year. Our last Lunch on the Lawn is May 7<sup>th</sup>. To end the year, our whole school is taking a field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo. We look forward to seeing you at both events! I am so proud of the growth and changes I have seen in each one of our students this year. It has been a joy to teach, learn, grow right alongside your children. **Ms. Wiese**





**From our Purple Room:**  
 The school year is coming to an end and it's been an exciting year full of learning, growth and fun for everyone! In the month of May, all ILS students will take a field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo with family and friends. We will enjoy our last Spring "lunch on the lawn" on Thursday, May 7th. Lastly, we will celebrate with an end of the year class party on Tuesday, May 13th outside with water, chalk and bubble fun! **Mrs. Rouse**





**From our Yellow Room:** April was full of fun, sunshine, and a little bit of silliness in our two-year-old classroom! We had a fantastic month exploring butterflies, bugs, and all things spring. One of our biggest accomplishments is that most of our kiddos are potty trained or very close to it—hooray for big kid milestones! With the beautiful weather, we've been heading outside for little adventures, soaking up the sunshine, and discovering the world around us. Whether we're on a mini nature walk or just enjoying fresh air and playtime, every day feels like a new adventure. We're having so much fun and are more than ready for a summer full of sunshine and smiles! **Miss Nicole**



**From our Blue Room:** How is it already the end of the school year? It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by! We've had such a fun year together. In April, we explored all things spring. We have learned about flowers, bugs, and frogs. We also focused on the letter H, numbers 8 and 9, and the color purple. During Jesus Time, we talked about Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and what it means for us. As we wrap up the year, we're excited to learn about zoo animals and the beach. We're also looking forward to celebrating with a fun end of the year party and our special field trip to the Indy Zoo! Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us this year. It has truly been a joy watching them learn and grow. **Miss Kirsten**



## Upcoming Dates:

May 3, 9:30am,  
Graduation Sunday at ILC

May 4, 5-8pm, Culver's  
Night

May 7, 11:30, Lunch on the  
Lawn

May 8, 9am, Graduation

May 13, All Day, Indy Zoo  
Trip

May 15, Last Day of School

## Bible Verse of the Month:

"Better is the end of a  
thing than its  
beginning, and the  
patient in spirit is  
better than the proud  
in spirit."

Ecclesiastes 7:8 (ESV)