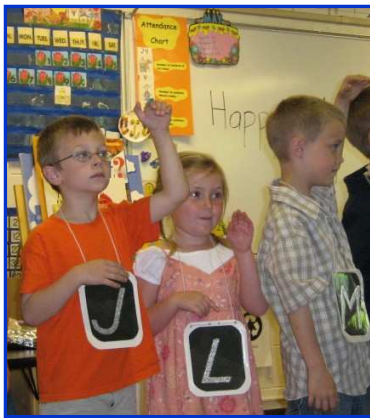


Lincoln Mother's Day Tea

Mother's Day came a few days early for some Lincoln Elementary moms. Lori Phelps' kindergarten classes celebrated Mother's Day on Thursday, May 10 with a special program for mothers and other special guests.

One by one, students welcomed their mothers or special guests. Each child was photographed with his or her mother or guest and the adult was introduced to the class, who wished her a happy Mother's Day. Students then led the adults to their seats, each graced by a colorful tissue paper flower. A large box of tissues sat on each table, which were needed as adults wiped away tears.



Students opened with the song "Wonderful World," which they performed in sign language along with a taped audio.

They did an alphabet presentation with each letter representing something from kindergarten or Mother's Day – E was for exercise, for example, L was love for their mothers, and W was for wait, as they showed waiting in line to go to PE. Each student



recited a letter and explained what it stood for. Some letters were further illustrated by songs, such as I which stood for "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

Mrs. Phelps read a poem about growing up that the children had copied in their "best first-grade handwriting." The poem, the child's handprints and photo were arranged together and laminated as a special gift for families. Mothers also received portraits of themselves drawn by the children, and everyone smiled at a "recipe book" that the children had composed, telling how their mothers create their favorite food.

It was a bittersweet day as mothers and guests learned how much they are loved, and also marveled at the ways the children have grown and matured during kindergarten. The students showed that they are ready for the big time next year – first grade.

