

Delphos City Preschool Post

DEAR FAMILIES

This newsletter will discuss important May dates in the Upcoming Dates section including the Preschool End of Year Program and dress up day information. If you have not signed up for Preschool Spring Conferences, the teachers will be reaching out.

Mon., May 15th & Tues., May 16th
@ 12:30 pm - Preschool End of Year Program

Wed., May 17th & Thurs., May 18th -
Vacation/Beach/Hawaiian Dress Up day - please send a beach towel/towel in with your child - please no swimsuits - we will be eating outside as a picnic weather permitting

Early Dismissal

Reminder Wednesday, May 24th is a 12:30 dismissal for Preschool - Latchkey ends at 1:30 This is a district 1:30 dismissal day for summer

Latchkey

A reminder latchkey morning hours are from 7:30 am to 8:40 am and afternoon hours are from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If a child is dropped off prior to 8:40 am a latchkey fee of \$3.75 will be charged. If a child is not picked up by 2:10 a latchkey fee of \$3.75 will be charged.

End of Year Program

The Preschool End of Year Program will be held on Monday, May 15th at 12:30 pm for the Mon/Wed students or Group A and on Tuesday, May 16th at 12:30 pm for the Tues/Thurs students or Group B. The Preschool End of Year Program will be held in the high school gymnasium. Doors will open at 12:00 pm.

ACADEMICS

The teachers have been sharing activities in each child's folder weekly. ***These activities are not mandatory***, but are being given so you can see what the students are learning each week in class. If your child would like to complete the worksheets or part of the worksheets, please return them in your child's folder the following week. Again, these activities are not mandatory!

Attached Information

Two of the National Association of Elementary School Principals Report to Parents are attached. The reports share information on how to "Cultivate Creativity in Children" and "Make Summer Learning a Family Affair."

Upcoming Dates

Fri., April 28th - Mon/Wed Day

Fri., May 5th - Tues/Thurs Day

Fri., May 12th - Mon/Wed Day

May 15 - May 22 - Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mon., May 15th - End of Year Program for Mon/Wed @ 12:30 in the high school gym - doors open @ 12:00

Tues., May 16th - End of Year Program for Tues/Thurs @ 12:30 in the high school gym - doors open @ 12:00

Wed., May 17th - Vacation/Beach/Hawaiian Dress Up Day - please send in a beach towel/towel with your child - please no swimsuits

Thurs., May 18th - Vacation/Beach/Hawaiian Dress Up Day - please send in a beach towel/towel with your child - please no swimsuits

Fri., May 19th - Tues/Thurs Day

Wed., May 24th - 12:30 dismissal for preschool - 1:30 dismissal for district - last day of school

Delphos City Schools Preschool Positive Behavior Expectations



Below are great examples of the students being kind while playing with their friends, sharing, taking turns, and being a friend while playing at recess or centers and participating in gross motor activities. The preschoolers have also been using these skills along with being safe by using materials safely while playing with the marble runs in both classrooms and seeing what items sink or float.

Preschool Activities

The preschoolers enjoyed a variety of spring activities prior to leaving for Easter Break including coloring eggs, painting peeps, building with plastic eggs, jelly bean counting, and identifying letters on peep cards.



Report to PARENTS

Cultivate Creativity in Children

Creativity helps students navigate the increasingly collaborative and information-rich world that awaits them once they leave school. It boosts students' academic performance, perseverance, social-emotional skills, self-confidence, and more. Use these strategies to cultivate your child's creativity.

Prioritize Imaginative Play

Flashy electronic toys are fun, but they don't offer children opportunities for open-ended, imaginative play. Have basic art supplies—paper, crayons, glue, and clay—at home, along with toys like building blocks, puzzles, or costumes for dress-up.

Limit Screen Time

Set limits on TV and iPad time. Make it a family affair: Pick a time each week for the entire family to put away phones and tablets and work together on a creative project.

Embrace Mistakes

Children who are afraid of failure are less likely to think creatively. Teach your child that mistakes are opportunities for growth. Be patient with your child—and model patience as they learn new skills or try a new project.

Encourage Curiosity

When your child shows natural curiosity by asking a lot of questions, embrace it! Ask, "What if" questions, and encourage your child to use their imagination.

Offer Constructive Feedback

Instead of offering general praise ("You're so smart!"), offer specific feedback that praises



your child's effort or the process they used ("You found a great way to paint that scene," or "I can tell you've been practicing.") Offer non-verbal praise (a hug or a thumbs-up) or encouragement by displaying your child's work in the home.

Take a Step Back

If a child feels like you're hovering, they might be less likely to try new ideas. Give your child space to play and create on their own. Wait until your child is finished with a project to ask what they have made.

Use Community Resources

Check your local library, museum, or community center for art classes or workshops to try new creative skills. Keep an eye out for poster or story contests offered by community organizations, too. Or team up with a friend to host an art playdate.



Make Summer Learning a Family Affair

School's out for summer, but that doesn't mean learning has to stop. Summer break is the perfect time for families to incorporate lessons into daily activities—and even vacations—to keep kids engaged and their minds active. These fun, brain-friendly activities are a great place to start.

Set Expectations

Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer, but make sure they know they'll still have lots of time for play.

Create Mini Lessons

Everyday activities make great learning opportunities. Have kids count change, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Encourage Creative Writing

Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Read Daily

Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.

Let Them Play

Schools often use playful learning in the classroom. To boost playful learning at home, encourage kids to play matching or guessing games or solve puzzles. Go for



a walk and have them look for shapes in the neighborhood buildings or playground equipment or hunt for letters or words around town. Setting up a restaurant or a shop is full of learning opportunities for kids, too.

Travel Around the Globe— Virtually

Have an international evening where you cook a meal with recipes from a different country. Learn basic words in that country's language. Find the country on a map, and read a book or an article about what life is like there.

Learn During Family Trips

On vacation, stop at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the trip using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older kids can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.