

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, please reach out to your preschooler's teacher. The conferences are a great opportunity to learn how your preschooler's skills and knowledge have improved throughout the year along with his/her progress toward the two educational and/or developmental goals you collaboratively developed with the teacher in the fall.

*Preschool End of Year Program
Tues., May 14th & Wed., May 15th @ 10:30 am-
Doors will open at 10:00 am*

*Vacation/Beach/Hawaiian Dress up day
Mon., May 20th & Tues., May 21st – 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 Wed., May 22nd is a 12:30 dismissal for
Preschool - Latchkey ends at 1:30
This is a district 1:30 dismissal day for summer*

Latchkey

Reminder to sign in and/or sign out your child. Morning latchkey doors open at 7:30 am. Afternoon latchkey ends at 3:30 pm. Please be prompt in picking up your child from afternoon latchkey. Thanks for your help!

Morning Doors

Reminder doors open in the morning at 8:30 am. If a preschooler arrives before 8:30 am a latchkey fee of \$3.75 for the morning will be charged.

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., May 3rd - Tues/Thurs Day

Fri., May 10th - Mon/Wed Day

Tues., May 14th - Preschool End of Year Program for Tues/Thurs students at 10:30 am in the high school gym - doors open at 10:00 am

Wed., May 15th - Preschool End of Year Program for Mon/Wed students at 10:30 am in the high school gym - doors open at 10:00 am

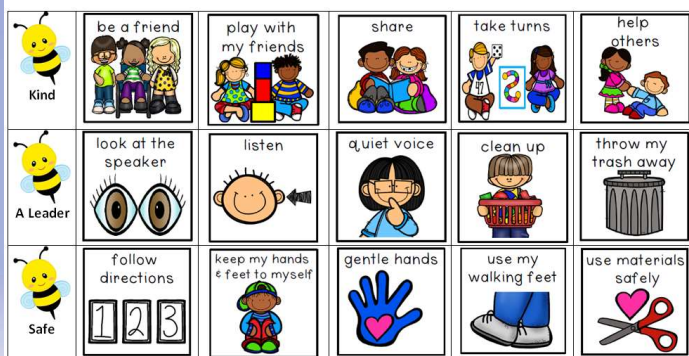
Fri., May 17th - Tues/Thurs Day

Mon., May 20th - Vacation/Beach/Hawaiian Dress Up Day - please send in a beach towel/towel with your child - please no swimsuits

Tues., May 21st - Vacation/Beach/Hawaiian Dress Up Day - please send in a beach towel/towel with your child - please no swimsuits

Wed., May 22nd - 12:30 dismissal for preschool - 1:30 dismissal for district - latchkey will end at 1:30 - Summer break

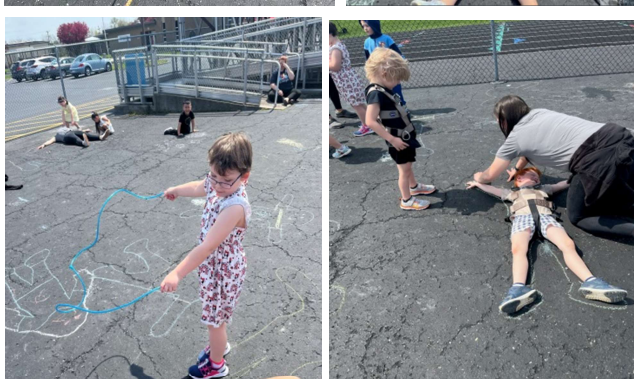
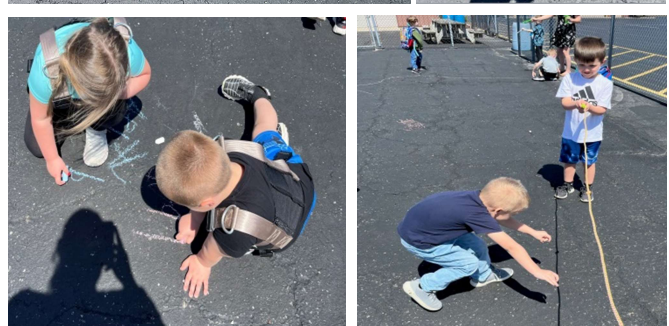
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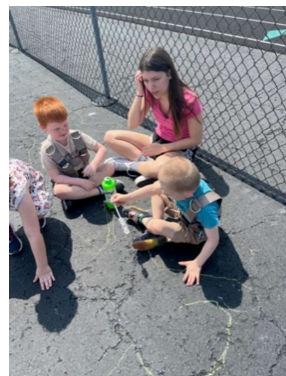
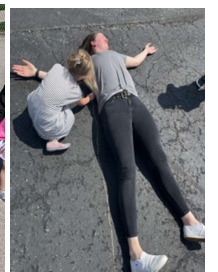
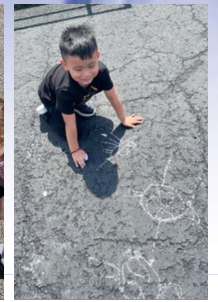


Below are great examples of the students being kind and safe by being a friend and using gentle hands.

Preschool Activities

The preschoolers have been enjoying and some extra time outside when the weather has cooperated.





Report to **PARENTS**

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.

Haga del aprendizaje de verano un asunto familiar

La escuela está cerrada durante el verano, pero eso no significa que el aprendizaje deba detenerse. Las vacaciones de verano son el momento perfecto para que las familias incorporen las lecciones en las actividades diarias, e incluso en las vacaciones, para mantener a los niños comprometidos y sus mentes activas. Estas actividades divertidas y beneficiosas para el cerebro son una excelente manera de comenzar.

Establecer expectativas

Dígale a su hijo que las actividades de lectura y aprendizaje serán una parte importante del verano, pero asegúrese de que sepa que aún tendrá mucho tiempo para jugar.

Crear minilecciones

Las actividades diarias son excelentes oportunidades de aprendizaje. Haga que los niños cuenten el cambio, escriban una lista de compras o calculen las mediciones de una receta.

Fomentar la escritura creativa

Haga que su hijo complete un diario de verano, escriba cartas a familiares o amigos, o confeccione un libro de cocina familiar con sus recetas favoritas, instrucciones y listas de compras.

Leer diariamente

Destine al menos 15 minutos al día para que toda su familia lea. (¡Eso significa que los padres también!) Organice una maratón de lectura de verano con objetivos para cada miembro de la familia o inscriba a su hijo en el club de libros de verano de su biblioteca.

Dejar que jueguen

Las escuelas a menudo usan el aprendizaje lúdico en el aula. Para impulsar el aprendizaje lúdico en casa, aliente a los niños a jugar juegos de



correspondencias o de adivinanzas, o a resolver acertijos. Salgan a caminar y pídale a su hijo que busque formas en los edificios del vecindario o en los juegos del parque infantil, o que busque letras o palabras por la ciudad. Montar un restaurante o una tienda también está lleno de oportunidades de aprendizaje para los niños.

Viajar por el mundo, en forma virtual

Organice una noche internacional en la que cocine una comida con recetas de un país diferente. Aprendan palabras básicas en el idioma de ese país. Busquen el país en un mapa y lean un libro o un artículo sobre cómo es la vida allí.

Aprender durante los viajes familiares

Cuando estén de vacaciones, deténganse en zoológicos, museos para niños o sitios históricos. Pídale a su hijo que le ayude a planificar el viaje usando mapas y que complete un diario a lo largo del camino. Los niños mayores pueden sumar millas, llevar un registro de los gastos o calcular el consumo de gasolina.

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.

La creatividad ayuda a los estudiantes a desenvolverse en el mundo cada vez más colaborativo y saturado de información que les espera al terminar la escuela. Aumenta el rendimiento académico, la perseverancia, las habilidades socioemocionales y la autoestima de los estudiantes, entre otras cosas. Use estas estrategias para cultivar la creatividad de su hijo.

Dar prioridad a los juegos que despiertan la imaginación

Los juguetes electrónicos llamativos son divertidos, pero no ofrecen a los niños oportunidades de juego abierto e imaginativo. Tenga en casa material artístico elemental: papel, crayones, pegamento y arcilla, junto con juguetes como bloques de construcción, rompecabezas o disfraces.

Limitar el tiempo de pantalla

Establezca límites de tiempo para la televisión y el iPad. Conviértalo en un asunto familiar: elija un horario cada semana para que toda la familia guarde los teléfonos y las tabletas y trabaje en conjunto en un proyecto creativo.

Aceptar los errores

Los niños que tienen miedo al fracaso son menos propensos a pensar de forma creativa. Enséñele a su hijo que los errores son oportunidades para aprender. Sea paciente con su hijo y demuestre paciencia mientras aprende nuevas habilidades o prueba un nuevo proyecto.

Fomentar la curiosidad

Cuando su hijo muestre curiosidad natural al hacer muchas preguntas, ¡acójalas con gusto! Haga preguntas de tipo “¿Qué pasaría si...?” y aliente a su hijo a usar su imaginación.

Ofrecer comentarios constructivos

En lugar de ofrecer elogios generales (“¡Eres muy inteligente!”), ofrezca comentarios



específicos que elogien el esfuerzo de su hijo o el proceso que utilizó (“Encontraste una excelente manera de pintar esa escena” o “Veo que has estado practicando”). Ofrezca elogios no verbales (un abrazo o un pulgar hacia arriba) o aliento mostrando el trabajo de su hijo en el hogar.

Tome su distancia

Si un niño siente que lo está vigilando, es menos probable que pruebe nuevas ideas. Dele a su hijo espacio para jugar y crear por su cuenta. Espere hasta que su hijo termine con un proyecto para preguntar qué ha hecho.

Usar recursos comunitarios

Consulte su biblioteca local, museo o centro comunitario para buscar clases de arte o talleres para probar nuevas habilidades creativas. Esté atento a los concursos de carteles o historias que también ofrecen las organizaciones comunitarias. O júntese con un amigo para que sus niños se reúnan para jugar con material artístico.