

Happy May and June Preschool Families!



April Recap

The preschoolers enjoyed discovering the **life cycles of insects** throughout the month of April. We had fun exploring **Eric Carle's** classic books in an **author study**. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** was a classroom favorite, and preschoolers enjoyed "read alouds" led by the sophomore and freshman student teachers. We also enjoyed working with model caterpillars, chrysalis, and butterflies as we explored **the metamorphosis of the butterfly**. April proved to be just what we were hoping for as we were able to observe the **changes the spring** brought to our outdoor courtyard.



Upcoming in May and June

We will continue our study of the **seasons** and the changes that occur within our environment as we examine the fourth and final season of the school year, **summer**! The preschoolers will consider the **weather changes** and invariably the activities that they look forward to in the **summer months**. The classroom **dramatic play area** will reflect some cool treats on a **hot summers' day** as we open up "**The Ice Cream Shop**". Mid May we will extend "**The Ice Cream Shop**" by adding some summer picnic items, baskets, and beach towels, for a fun "**Picnic on the Beach**".

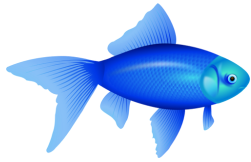


Preschoolers additionally will **explore the sea** and **sea life**. We will study **seashells and sand** as well as **fish and their habitat**. The children will work with the color **blue** as we consider all things blue in the upcoming month of **May**!

This month we will have a special opportunity to bring in items from home and participate in a "Group Sharing Time". Group Sharing Time will afford preschoolers the chance to bring in a few items from home, based on our classroom learning. Please note the schedule below as well as the theme for the week:

- Thursday and/or Friday **May 15th and 16th-** **Something Blue**
- Thursday and/or Friday **May 22nd and 23rd-** **Something to wear/bring to the Beach**
- Thursday and/or Friday **May 29th and 30th-** **Sea Life**

****Please note if your child comes everyday they are welcome to bring in a sharing on that Thursday and Friday each week. If you forget to bring something in on any of the above dates, no problem, we have many items that the preschoolers can choose from in the classroom to share. Please only bring in **ONE** item per date.**



Additional Announcements

- There will be **no school Monday, May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day.
- **There will be a half day for a district wide Professional Development Day on Wednesday, May 28th-**Preschool will be dismissed at 11:00 at the back circle. Morning Snack will be served but lunch will not, and afternoon snack is not needed. *Preschoolers will need to have lunch after dismissal at home.
- Progress Reports will be sent home in backpacks, in folders, in June.
- Please continue to send in a water bottle each day for your preschooler, labeled with their first name, we have a few exact copies of water bottles (Please do not send in plastic water bottles with a screw off small plastic top-as the tops are choking hazards for preschool aged children. (we like to take “water breaks” after coming inside from our climber, the water bottles are a huge help-thank you!)
- Please continue to wear secure (laced or velcro) **sneakers preferably with socks** for outdoor play. If your preschooler wants to wear special shoes to school, sneakers/socks can be sent in, in backpacks for outdoor **“safe feet”** we will assist them in changing shoes.
- Our final two days of preschool will be **Tuesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 4th. Both days will be full days of preschool** (depending on your child’s regular schedule) snack and lunch will be served-we will have resting time for full day students. We will celebrate with the children in school and they will be dismissed at their **regular dismissal time** with some special items. (please let us know if your child will be absent on either of those days and we will be sure to send home their materials, and any belongings the week before.) (if anything is left behind, we will still be in the building Thursday, June 5th)
- **Please visit us this Saturday May, 17th for our Student Teacher sponsored event Touch a Truck, planned and organized by Mrs. Kennedy’s Early Education Students, located right near our drop off and pick up location! There will be many fun activities, snacks, and even a Scholastic Book Sale! (the rain date is Sunday May 18th)**

Congratulations Kindergarteners!

We are so impressed with our Preschoolers moving onto Kindergarten.....we will miss you, but we know you will LOVE

it!  Please keep an eye out in your email for a separate Kindergarten Celebration Invitation!

Congratulations Senior Student Teachers! We have loved working with you and we loved decorating your stoles with our handprints for you to wear on your graduation day! We know you all will continue to do wonderful things!



We are so impressed with all of our preschoolers' development and progress throughout this school year, and we thank you deeply for your continued support! We hope that you all have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Trombly

