

Annsworth Academy October 2017 Newsletter

Rooms 1–5 Parent–Teacher Conferences – We are currently scheduling Parent Teacher conferences for you to discuss your child’s progress. Each teacher will be available for 15-minute individual/family conferences on Tuesday, October 3rd, Wednesday, October 4th, or Thursday, October 5th. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 668-9072 no later than October 2nd. This will allow us enough time to make arrangements for a substitute for your child’s teacher during the conferences.

Annsworth T-Shirts – We are excited to offer new Annsworth T-shirts this fall for \$8.00 each! Orders for shirts are due by Friday, October 13th. We are offering a red and navy shirt this year. Please check the office display for shirts to try on to get the correct sizing.

Many THANKS – Thank you to the Davis (Grant & Jackson) family for the donation of puzzles and a marble chaser activity set. Thank you to the Glisson family for the diapers and to Mrs. Kim for her donation of boys and girls shoes. Lastly a big thanks to Mr. Langford for cutting and removing a fallen tree from Hurricane Irma.

Donations – We could use any non-violent, boys’ dress-up items sizes 2T-7T, old cell phones, and play phones.

Mark Your Calendars – Annsworth will be closed Friday, November 10th for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Pumpkin Patch – With the Fall Season and the approach of Halloween festivities, our Annsworth Staff would like to create a “Pumpkin Patch” on our playground for the children to enjoy. This area will be visited by all of our classrooms and will be used for story circles and for a variety of math and science activities. The “Pumpkin Patch” will be enjoyed by the children during the week of October 23rd with each child selecting a pumpkin to take home with them on Tuesday, October 31st.

We are asking each child to bring two pumpkins to school between Monday, Oct. 16th and Friday, Oct. 20th so that we may begin to prepare the area for these activities. All sizes and colors of pumpkins are welcome (including miniature) as we would like to have a good variety. When bringing your child’s pumpkins to school, please place them in the wagon which will be available in the lobby. We will then transport the pumpkins to our “Patch”.

Halloween – Halloween is just around the corner! Morning snack parties are scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st; check your child’s classroom for specific details. That day is also our Orange and Black Day, so dress your child in orange and/or black. The children will not be wearing their costumes to school. Also, if you are preparing goodie bags or when packing your child’s lunch, please remember that Annsworth has a no candy policy.

Labeling & Cleaning Lunchboxes – Due to DCF regulations and to ensure your child gets his or her own lunch, all lunch boxes must be labeled clearly with their name. We prefer the name is on the side of the lunchbox, visible when lined up on the shelf. Reusable food storage containers should also be labeled with their name or initials. A permanent marker is available at the front desk if needed. These DCF food handling rules also guide us to evaluate proper sanitation and cleanliness. Please consider that your child’s lunchbox will be on the table where food is served, so they should be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

Labeling Jackets & Sweaters – Please be sure to put your child’s name or initials in their jackets and sweaters. As fall approaches, the weather is often cool in the morning and warm in the late afternoon. This is the time of year that jackets are forgotten and/or misplaced at school, and sometimes children have duplicate jackets – help us keep all the children’s belongings with their rightful owners.

Checking Cubbies – As Fall approaches and the weather changes, please check your child’s extra set of clothing in their cubbies. When checking, make sure their extra set of clothing is fully stocked with seasonally appropriate shoes, tops, and bottoms. Also please make sure that your child has not out grown any of the clothes in their cubbies.

Educational Value of Preschool – Is your child just playing with play dough? No, he is strengthening the muscles in his hands to learn to write. Is your child just making cookies? No, she is learning math and science from measuring and watching the ingredients change. Is the class just playing kick ball? No, they are learning teamwork while developing coordination and following directions. Children learn very important developmental skills through fun goal oriented activities. Our teachers post the monthly goals on the Parent bulletin board and “color code” their lesson plans to reflect the activities that relate to each goal. This will allow you to see what skills are developed through the activities they have planned. Additionally, they list where the goals come from. Our goals are pulled from the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum and Florida’s Early Learning and Developmental Standards. We hope this will help you see the value of play and encourage you to continue these activities at home with your child.