

Annsworth Academy May 2019 Newsletter

Thank You – Thank you to Ms. Jessica, Mrs. Colleen, and the Carney family for donating boy clothes. Thank you to the Wulfekuhl family for the donation of towels and girl clothes. Thank you to the Crane family for donating diapers and the Mitchell family for donating Sensory Bottles. Also, we would like to thank the Moore family for donating paper and the Dyer family for donating sippy cups. Your donations are always put to good use and are greatly appreciated!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week – Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th. Help us celebrate and honor our wonderful teachers and staff this week. If you would like to volunteer or help bring in items during this week, there is a bulletin board sign up in the front office. Amanda Davis has been coordinating the events for this week. For more information, contact Amanda at (352) 231-1693 or apdavis1231@gmail.com.

Pre-K Graduation – Rooms 8, 9 & 10 – Pre-K parents are invited to attend their child's Pre-K Graduation on Friday, May 10th at 10:00 AM. The Pre-K children have all been practicing some special songs and are excited about performing! The graduation will take place at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church – 2904 Kerry Forest Parkway. We have 55 Pre-Kindergarten families and the sanctuary seats approximately 200, so please keep this in mind if you plan to invite additional guests. In order for our staff to rearrange the church for our graduation, *we ask that parents and family do not arrive before 9:30 AM.*

Pre-K children need to arrive at Annsworth *no later than 8:30 AM* that day in order to get them ready for the graduation. Please dress your child nicely for the graduation and pictures, keeping in mind their comfort and safety (climbing up the steps of the stage). For those children coming back to Annsworth after the graduation, we will be happy to change your children into play clothes. Just bring play clothes in a labeled bag with a note to the teacher.

Between 9:30 and 9:45 AM, the children will walk to the church with our Pre-K staff and parent volunteers. If we have inclement weather, then our children will be transported by their own parent.

Often, our families take their children with them for the remainder of the day. We will have a clipboard with copies of our sign in/out sheets for you to sign your child out if they will not be returning to Annsworth with the staff and other children.

VPK Program – Friday, May 17th is the last day of the state funded VPK Program for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. This is the last day for “**VPK Only**” students. VPK funding for all of the Pre-K children ends on their last day of attendance in the VPK program. The last school day for students who are enrolled in our Half Day, Three Quarter Day, or Full Time programs is Thursday, May 30th.

Memorial Day Holiday – Annsworth will be closed on Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Car Pool Needed – One of our families is in need of help transporting their 4 year old daughter to and from Annsworth. The mother is blind and would need transportation at 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. They live on Royal Oak Drive (off Thomasville Road). Please call James Moore (850) 339-3541 for details.

Meet the Teacher Meetings – Thursday, May 30th from 11:00 – 11:30 AM – in the “new” class - for parents of children continuing through the summer and moving to a new class. Children will be on the playgrounds with the Assistant Teachers.

Early Release – Annsworth will close early on Thursday, May 30th. Children must be picked up by Noon. Lunch will NOT be served this day. This early release day allows for final classroom preparations before our New Parent Orientation.

School Closed – Annsworth will be closed on Friday May 31st for Staff Planning and New Student Orientation.

Summer Session – Monday, June 3rd begins our summer session. Children changing classrooms will do so on that day. The Summer Class Lists will be posted on Friday, May 24th.

2019-2020 Academic Year VPK Eligibility Certificate Sign-Up (For children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2019) – In Florida, children who turn four years old on or before September 1, 2019 are eligible to attend a VPK program. The State of Florida funds quality programs who agree to offer 540 instructional hours during the school year, adopt an approved curriculum, limit the class size to 20 children, and provide two VPK instructors during the VPK program hours. Annsworth will be offering the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (VPK) for our students. If your child will be participating in our VPK for the 2019-2020 Academic Year, you will need to present Annsworth with a Child Eligibility Certificate. For more information and to obtain a VPK Eligibility Certificate, visit <http://www.elcbigbend.org/Parents/Voluntary-PreKindergarten-VPK>