

Annsworth Academy June 2020 Newsletter

Start of the Summer Session – Monday, June 1st we will welcome all of our new and continuing students for our Summer Session. We are looking forward to a great summer!

Drop off and Pick Up Procedures – Our drop off procedures will include limiting one family in the reception area at a time to go through the health check, temperature check, completing the daily Screening Questionnaire, and sign in each morning and out each afternoon. We recommend that parents bring their own ink pen to avoid sharing and the need to sanitize between each use. As they arrive, children's shoes will be sanitized with a wipe and children's hands will be washed prior to entering the rest of the facility. Other families must wait, socially distanced outside the front door. Please allow additional time for drop off with these procedures. The teachers and staff will guide parents through these new procedures.

If Your Child Will Be Absent or Tardy – Parents, please remember to notify the Annsworth front office if your child is going to be late or absent. This notification may be made in advance or the morning of the tardiness or absence, in person, in writing by note or email, or by phone.

Face Masks – We ask that all parents, staff, and children over age two wear a face mask at Annsworth. Teachers will assist the children and gently help them wear their mask during the day with the exception of times when they are eating, drinking and during playground and nap time. Face masks must be marked clearly with each child's first and last name. Parents are asked to clean and sanitize their child's mask each day.

Shoes – Tennis shoes are recommended for your child's safety. Flip-flop type shoes are not allowed because they tend to cause accidents. Sandals need to have a secure back strap. Crocs and cowboy type boots have slick soles which are hazardous when climbing on the climbers. Crocs are discouraged because they also typically do not fit securely and boots of any type are discouraged because they have a tendency to be more hurtful if a friend is kicked while on the climbers.

Action Figure Policy – Pirates with swords, Ninja Turtles, PJ Masks, Super Heroes, and all items denoting any type of violence or weaponry are NOT allowed at Annsworth at any time. This policy includes all masks, toys, clothing, shoes, lunchboxes, tattoos, etc. This type of toys and related materials can produce an undesirable effect on the children's social interactions.

Meals and Supplies – Annsworth will continue to provide Morning and Afternoon Snack, parents will provide lunch. Catered lunches will not be offered until further notice. Annsworth will continue to offer milk with lunch, disposable plates, cups, and utensils. We ask parents to continue to follow the DCF and NAEYC guidelines as far as foods that may be served. Be sure that your child's lunchbox is clearly labeled on the exterior of the lunchbox with their first and last name. We ask that parents please sanitize the lunchbox inside and out regularly. Some families have reported success with putting the open lunchbox in the dishwasher or clothes washer.

Water Bottles – Parents will need to supply individual transparent plastic bottles with a closable lid or drink spout, filled with water each day. Review the details in our original Registration Paperwork for details. Please remember to clearly mark the bottle with the date EACH DAY and print your child's first and last name on the bottle – to avoid accidental sharing of bottles! Also remember to thoroughly sanitize these bottles every day.

Permission to Apply Topical Products – Sunscreen, insect repellent, diaper rash products, lotion or other topical products require a form, one for each product, completed and signed by a parent. Details regarding application are on the permission form. Please check that the product you supply has not expired. The form is available on our website or you may request a copy by email or at Annsworth in person.

Mark Your Calendars – Annsworth will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.