

## February 2021 Newsletter Annsworth Academy

**Summer 2021 and Academic Year 2021-2022 Enrollment Agreements** – The agreements will be coming out soon. They are a little later this year as we have been waiting for the Leon County Schools to publish their School Year Calendar which will help determine the start date of our Academic Year. We need for you to know that we are faced with a larger than normal tuition increase as of September 1, 2021. This is due to many factors including the new Minimum Wage increase going into effect in 2021, the real possibility of needing to continue to have reduced enrollment due to the CDC and Health Department recommendations related to COVID, increased staffing hours to follow those recommendations and higher cost of supplies and equipment. At this point we would be happy with a break-even number, but even that is significant.

Once the enrollment forms are distributed, we will need to have them returned by the deadline at which time we will determine where our openings are. We will then begin to contact the families on the Waiting List in the order that we received their forms. We currently have over 100 children on the Waiting List with more coming in every day.

**Thank You!** – We are very lucky to have such generous and thoughtful families here at Annsworth! Thank you to the Zimmerman family for donating poster boards and card labels.

**In Need** – We need Clorox or Lysol wipes. Generic brands are also welcome. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Dress the Bears** – Our Dress the Bears were a huge success again this year. Thank you to all who participated in this project, we hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did! Check out our Facebook page to see the Dress the Bears hanging up around the school.

**Pre-K Classrooms** – This month Pre-K will be learning their phone number, street address, and the name of the elementary school they will be attending. A form was filed in your child's classroom crate in the front office for you to fill out and return with the correct information. Please return the form by Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Postal Service** – This month all classrooms will be learning about the Postal Service. Most classrooms will be taking a “field trip” to visit our school mailbox. Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 are asking parents to please bring in a self-addressed stamped envelope on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for their child(ren). Rooms 3, 4 & 5 and Rooms 8, 9 & 10 will be mailing their letters home on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Rooms 6 & 7 on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Valentine Snack Parties** – Classrooms will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a special snack during their regular morning snack times provided by Annsworth. Children may bring in Valentine cards for their friends. These cards need only to be signed and not addressed to individual children. This will allow the children to easily distribute their own cards. Remember Annsworth has a no candy policy.

**Rooms 6 & 7 Parent Program Recordings** – Because of Annsworth's no visitor policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rooms 6 & 7's Parent Programs will be held a bit differently this year. Each class will still have their designated day for their Parent Program (Room 6 – Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Room 7 – Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>), which we will record and then post to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2jSnsVdUFBtWRQROJH8MhQ>) by the next day. We hope that you will enjoy viewing your child's program.

**Rooms 6 & 7 Conferences** – This month we will be offering Parent Teacher Conferences for you to discuss your child's progress. Each teacher will be available for 15-minute individual/family conferences on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 668-9072 no later than February 12<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us enough time to make arrangements for a substitute for your child's teacher during the conferences.

**Water Bottles** – Water bottles should be individual transparent plastic bottles with a closable lid or drink spout, filled with water each day. They need to arrive clearly labeled with your child's first and last name along with the current date. The bottles will be sent home each day to be sanitized and refilled for the next day. Only water is acceptable. To avoid condensation getting cubby items wet, please do not put ice in the bottle or freeze. Please provide drink containers that your child can easily open but will not leak if inadvertently turned upside down.