

April 2021 Newsletter

Thank You – Thank you to the Gaudion family for donating band-aids and to the McBrearty family for donating blankets. Thank you also to the Long family for donating construction paper and play jewelry-making beads and to the Wade family for donating a transportation vehicle. Last but not least, many thanks to the Schwab and Phillips families for donating Dr. Seuss books. We greatly appreciate your generous donations!

Permission to Apply Topical Products – Sunscreen, insect repellent, diaper rash products, lotion, or other topical products to be applied at Annsworth require a form, one for each product, completed and signed by a parent. Details regarding application are on the permission form. The form is available on our website or you may request a copy by email or at Annsworth in person.

Annsworth staff will apply the sunscreen and/or insect repellent to exposed skin, just prior to afternoon playground time. It is recommended that parents apply each morning before school to protect the child during the morning playground times. Sunscreen should be broad-spectrum with UVB and UVA protection of SPF 15 or higher. Due to NAEYC recommendations, Annsworth will not use products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. Additionally, all products must be non-aerosol. Please check that the product you supply has not expired.

Rooms 3, 4 & 5 Parent Program Recordings – Because of Annsworth's no visitor policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rooms 3, 4 & 5's Parent Programs will be virtual this year. Each class will still have their designated day for their Parent Program (Room 5 – Tuesday, April 6th, Room 4 – Wednesday, April 7th, and Room 3 – Thursday, April 8th), 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.

Conferences for All Age Groups – 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 via phone or video chat on Tuesday, April 20th, Wednesday, April 21st, or Thursday, April 22nd. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 668-9072 no later than April 16th. This will allow us enough time to make arrangements for a substitute for your child's teacher during the conferences.

Mark Your May Calendars –

- Wednesday, April 28th – Pre-K Picture Day: Rooms 8, 9 & 10 children should dress up for pictures to be taken this day for a special memento we are preparing to commemorate your child's Pre-K Year.
- Week of May 3rd – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Friday, May 14th – Pre-K End of the Year Celebration. The Rooms 8, 9 & 10 children will have a festival to celebrate the end of their Pre-K year. Due to COVID-19 precautions, this is for children only.
- Thursday, May 20th – Last VPK Day [Last day of VPK funding and for VPK Only Children]
- Thursday, May 27th – Early Release Day – Children must be picked up by noon. Lunches will not be served. Last day of the Academic Year.
- Friday, May 28th – School Closed for Staff Planning/In-Service Day
- Monday, May 31st – School Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
- Tuesday, June 1st – First Day of the Summer Session

Florida Department of Children and Families Facts About Heatstroke – It only takes a car 10 minutes to heat up 20 degrees and become deadly. Even with a window cracked, the temperature inside a vehicle can cause heatstroke. The body temperature of a child increases 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's body.

Heatstroke Prevention Tips:

- Never leave your child alone in a car and call 911 if you see any child locked in a car.
- Make a habit of checking the front and back seat of the car before you walk away.
- Be especially mindful during hectic or busy times, schedule or route changes, and periods of emotional stress or chaos.
- Create reminders by putting something in the back seat that you will need at work, school, or home such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone, or your left shoe.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the baby's car seat and place it on the front seat as a reminder when the baby is in the back seat.
- Set a calendar reminder on your electronic device to make sure you dropped your child off at childcare.
- Make it a routine to always notify your child's childcare provider in advance if your child is going to be late or absent; ask them to contact you if your child has not arrived as scheduled.