

Annsworth Academy

June 2021 Newsletter

Start of the Summer Session – Tuesday, June 1st we will welcome all 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 temperature check, sign in each morning, and sign 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 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.

Face Masks – Parents, staff, and children over age two are required to 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, during playground, and nap time. We ask that you provide at least 2 face masks each day, marked clearly with your child's first and last name. Parents are asked to clean and sanitize their child's mask each day.

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.

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

Action Figure Policy – Pirates with swords, Ninja Turtles, PJ Masks, Superheroes, 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. 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. Bottles filled with water will need to arrive clearly labeled with the 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 will be acceptable; no juice, dairy, soft drinks, or other liquids will be served from these individual bottles. To avoid condensation getting cubby items wet, please do not put ice in or refrigerate/freeze the bottle.

Bike Days – Some of our classes (Rooms 4-10) have scheduled a BIKE DAY this month. We will flag off the entrance/exit of the circular drive and the children will be allowed to ride their bikes around the circle during their morning playground time. Please bring a TRIKE or BIKE your child feels safe and comfortable riding. Please DO NOT send a brand-new bike that your child is not familiar with. We require safety gear, so please provide a BIKE HELMET that fits your child. (Helmets and bikes should not have action figures on them. If they do, please be sure to cover them up.) Please be sure the bike is in good working order and all bolts are tightened and secure. Label both the bike and helmet with your child's name. Also, remember to pick up your child's bike at the end of the day.

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. 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.

Mark Your Calendars – Annsworth will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.