

## **Annsworth Academy October 2021 Newsletter**

**Rooms 1–4 Parent-Teacher Conferences** – We are currently scheduling 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, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 668-9072, to see what time slots are available.

**Picture Day** – Picture Day for Rooms 1-4 is on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and for Rooms 5-10 is on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Richard’s Photography will be taking individual outdoor portraits (weather permitting). We will start around 9:00 a.m. with the younger children and move on to the older classrooms. Richard suggests that you dress your child in solid color clothing for the best results with the outdoor photos. For attending siblings, if you would like them photographed together, please let the office know and we will have both children photographed on the scheduled day for the younger attending sibling.

All children will be photographed unless you request in writing that your child’s picture not be taken. You will be able to select the portraits and packages of your choice via a secure web site once the proofs are available. Flyers will be filed in your child’s folder in the front office with further details soon.

**Many THANKS** – Thank you to the Schwartz (Jensen) family for donating boy clothes. Thank you to the Dodson (Brooke) family for donating a car mat and book. Thank you to the Keyser family for donating push toys, two cozy coupe cars, and men’s neck ties for Dramatic Play. Lastly, thank you to our former Croley family for donating books and former Dewiest family for donating books and puzzles.

**Donations** – Right now, we have a need for girls’ shorts/pants size 2T-4T. We can always use board books, children’s musical instruments (drums, xylophones, etc.), dress up shoes for both boys and girls, boy/men’s vests, and play phones.

**Pumpkin Patch** – With the Fall Season and the approach of Halloween festivities, our Annsworth Staff will create a “Pumpkin Patch” outside in our green space for the children to enjoy. This area will be visited by all our classrooms individually and will be used for story circles and for a variety of math and science activities. The pumpkins will be wiped down with paper towels and a disinfectant spray after each class visits the pumpkin patch. The “Pumpkin Patch” will be enjoyed by the children October 25<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>, with each child selecting a pumpkin to take home with them on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are asking each child to bring *two pumpkins* to school between Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we may begin to prepare the area for these activities. All sizes and colors of pumpkins are welcome (including miniature) as we would like to have a good variety. When bringing your child’s pumpkins to school, please place them in the baskets which will be available in the lobby. We will then transport the pumpkins to our “Patch”.

**Halloween at Annsworth** – Halloween is just around the corner! On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we will have our Halloween snack party, parade, and go trick-or-treating around the school. Annsworth will be providing the Halloween snacks for each class to enjoy during morning snack. The children should wear orange and black to school, but please no costumes. During the week, the children will make fun Halloween crafts as well as props such as masks, vests, hats, or shakers to take with them on their Halloween parade. Each class (Rooms 2-10) will walk around the outside patios one at a time, parading for each classroom and trick-or-treating. The children will not be intermingling with other children during this activity. By the end of their parade, each child will have 10 fun items to take home with them! Room 1 will not be walking around the school to trick-or-treat, but they will still get all 10 items. We are asking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of the trick-or-treat items. Please remember our no candy policy!

**Poinsettia Sales** – Once again, we are offering parents the opportunity to order gorgeous florist quality poinsettias while helping raise money for special projects and staff training. Each poinsettia will be 16-18” high with 5-7 blooms in 6 ½” foil wrapped pot. The cost is \$12 each. The deadline to order is Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Poinsettias will be available for pick up the first week of December. They make great gifts and beautiful additions to your holiday décor. Remember to order some for your co-workers, friends, and family. Order forms will be sent out on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark Your Calendars** – Annsworth will be closed Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.