

Annsworth Academy October 2022 Newsletter

Rooms 1–5 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 4th, Wednesday, October 5th, or Thursday, October 6th. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 850-668-9072, to see what time slots are available.

Speech and Language Screenings – On the morning of Friday, October 7th, Caroline Tindale, M.S., CCC-SLP will conduct speech and language screenings by request that evaluate articulation, voice, fluency, receptive language, expressive language, and oral motor. A permission form will need to be completed and a \$10 fee submitted for each screening. Please see the office for more details.

Picture Day – Picture Day for Rooms 1-5 is on Tuesday, October 11th and for Rooms 6-10 is on Wednesday, October 12th. 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 together and individually 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 Zimmerman family for donating boy clothes, shoes for dramatic play and diapers. Thank you to the Albers family for donating puzzles.

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 “Pumpkin Patch” will be enjoyed by the children October 24th through October 31st, with each child selecting a pumpkin to take home with them on Monday, October 31st.

We are asking each child to bring *two pumpkins* to school between Monday, Oct. 17th and Friday, Oct. 21st 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 Monday, October 31st we will have our Halloween snack parties. Each classroom will post a sign-up for Halloween item donations for the children to enjoy during morning snack. The children should wear orange and black to school, but please no costumes. Also, if you are preparing goodie bags or when packing your child’s lunch, please remember that Annsworth has a 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 Wednesday, October 26th. Poinsettias will arrive at Annsworth between Tuesday, November 29th and Thursday, December 1st. 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 3rd.

Mark Your Calendars – Annsworth will be closed Friday, November 11th for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Classroom Wipe Off Boards – Did you know that the teacher’s write on their classroom wipe off boards daily to let you know about what the children learned and/or something special they did that day? Be sure to read the classroom wipe off board every afternoon to find out something special that happened that morning; this is a great conversation starter for you and your child.