

## Annsworth Academy June 2023 Newsletter

**Start of the Summer Session** – Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> we will welcome all our new and continuing students for our Summer Session. We are looking forward to a great summer!

**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. Office Staff will call if your child has not arrived by mid-morning.

**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.

**Shoes** – Tennis shoes are recommended for the safety of the children. 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. These types of toys and related materials can produce an undesirable effect on the children's social interactions.

**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.

**Bike Days** – Some of our classes (Rooms 3-10) 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 that 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.

**Water Days** – All of our classrooms will have a WATER DAY this month. The water play activities will take place on their playground in the morning. Please have your child wear their bathing suit under their clothes and safe shoes to school on their scheduled day. They will also need to bring a towel, safe shoes that they can get wet, and a complete change of clothing. Please mark your child's name on everything and remember to take their bag of wet items home at the end of the day.

**Vacation Bears** – Each classroom will be adopting a teddy bear for the summer. Mr. Bear loves to travel, so the teacher will allow him to go with different children as they go on vacation. Each teacher will have a sign-up sheet posted in her classroom so that you can arrange to take Mr. Bear with you as you travel over the summer months. We would like the family that takes Mr. Bear on vacation to send back postcards and pictures of Mr. Bear's travels and to keep a journal of all the exciting experiences that he is sharing with you. Back in the classroom the children will chart his travels on a map and display the postcards and pictures. We know the children will begin to get a broader understanding of the world through Mr. Bear's travels.

**Mark Your Calendars** – Annsworth will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.