Annsworth Academy January 2024 Newsletter

School Closed – Annsworth will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024, for our Winter Holiday. We will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024, which is also a Non-VPK Day. Annsworth will also be closed on Monday, January 15th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Dress the Bear – Annsworth will be having our annual *Dress the Bear* Activity. Construction paper bears will be sent home for each child on Tuesday, January 2nd. Working together with your child to dress the bear is a great opportunity to share an enjoyable family activity as you use your imagination and creativity to decorate and dress the bear. While working on this project, please keep in mind that Annsworth has a no violence/superhero policy. Please return your decorated bear by Friday, January 12th so that it can be displayed.

Pre-Kindergarten 100th Day of VPK Shirt – On Friday, January 19th Pre-K will be celebrating their 100th day of VPK. We would like each child, with your help, to design and create a "100th Day of VPK" shirt to wear on Friday, January 19th. Check your child's classroom file crate in the front office for some creative ideas.

Pre-Kindergarten (**Rooms 9 and 10**) **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – We have designated several days in January for Parent/Teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress and to set goals for the second half of the year. This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to plan for your child's successful completion of their Pre-kindergarten year. The teachers will be available via phone or video chat for 20-minute conferences between 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM on the following dates: Room 9 on January 23rd and 25th, and Room 10 on January 24th and 26th.

To schedule your appointment, please sign up at the front desk no later than Wednesday, January 17th. This will allow us to arrange for a substitute for your child's teacher during your conference time.

Mark Your Calendars – Conferences for the Three-Year-Old Classrooms (Rooms 6, 7 and 8) are scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th through Thursday, February 29th. Watch for further details!

Summer 2024 and Academic Year 2024-2025 Enrollment Agreements – Enrollment agreements for the upcoming sessions will be sent out late January/early February. The agreements along with the appropriate material fees and deposits will need to be returned promptly to reserve your child's space. Space is limited, and offered on a first come, first-serve basis. Again, this year we will give the siblings of our currently enrolled students a \$75.00 discount on the Registration Fee. If your younger child is not yet on our Waiting List, please complete the form ASAP as we give our siblings priority!

Thank You – Thank you to the Carswell family for donating clothes. Thank you to the Ruscitto family for donating Lincoln Logs, dollhouse, toys, and puzzles. Thank you to the Tillotson family for donating Band-Aids. Thank you to the Conlan family for donating baby dolls and dress-up magnet dolls. Thank you to the Mamin family for donating toys and the Beck (Vivian) family for donating large Duplos and magnetic letters. Thank you to the Ritter Family for donating puzzles, toys, books, and a tunnel.

Giving Tree – We appreciate all the parents who donated gifts for the children placed in the foster care system. This year they picked up multiple carloads of toys, gift cards, and books to give to the children. Your generous donations helped make many children's holiday much brighter!

Safe Arrival and Pick Up – We want to make sure that all our children are safe during these busy times. Please turn off your vehicle and do not leave siblings in your vehicle unless they are supervised by an adult. More information can be found in our Policies and Procedures in our registration packet. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.