

April 2024 Newsletter

Thank You – Thank you to the Mamin family for the monetary donations to purchase new cot sheets. We greatly appreciate your generous donations!

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. Details regarding application are on the permission form. 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 – Our Pre-K classes have scheduled a BIKE DAY this month for our Transportation unit. We will flag off the entrance/exit of the circular drive and the children will be allowed to ride their vehicles around the circle during their morning playground time. Please bring a TRIKE or BIKE your child feels safe and comfortable riding. 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. 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. For helmets and bikes that have action figures on them, please cover the figures with tape. Also, remember to pick up your child's bike at the end of the day. Room 10 will have Bike Day on Tuesday, April 3rd and Room 9 will have Bike Day on Thursday, April 5th.

Conferences for All Age Groups – This month we will be offering 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, April 23rd, Wednesday, April 24th, or Thursday, April 25th. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 668-9072 no later than April 19th. This will allow us time to make arrangements for a substitute for your child's teacher during the conferences.

Mark Your May Calendars –

- Week of May 6th – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 15th – Pre-K Graduation at 10 am at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
- Friday, May 17th – Last VPK Day [Last day of VPK funding and for VPK Only Children]
- Monday, May 27th – School Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
- Thursday, May 30th – Early Release Day – Children must be picked up by noon. Lunches will not be served. Last day of the Academic Year.
- Friday, May 31st – School Closed for Staff Planning/In-Service Day
- Monday, June 3rd – First Day of the Summer Session

Florida Department of Children and Families Facts About Heatstroke – It only takes a car 10 minutes to heat up 20 degrees and become deadly. Even with a window cracked, the temperature inside a vehicle can cause heatstroke. The body temperature of a child increases 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's body.

Heatstroke Prevention Tips:

- Never leave your child alone in a car and call 911 if you see any child locked in a car.
- Make a habit of checking the front and back seat of the car before you walk away.
- Be especially mindful during hectic or busy times, schedule or route changes, and periods of emotional stress or chaos.
- Create reminders by putting something in the back seat that you will need at work, school, or home such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone, or your left shoe.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the child's car seat and place it on the front seat as a reminder when the child is in the back seat.
- Set a calendar reminder on your electronic device to make sure you dropped your child off at childcare.
- Make it a routine to always notify your child's childcare provider in advance if your child is going to be late or absent; ask them to contact you if your child has not arrived as scheduled.