

## **Annsworth Academy May 2025 Newsletter**

**Thank You** – Thank you to the Mayo and Johnson (Bowen & Dax) families for the donation of books. Thank you to the Carswell family for the donation of clothes and underwear. Thank you to the Johnson (Harper) family for donating clothes. Thank you to the Earls family for the donation of bubbles. Thank you to the DeVea family for donating towels. Your donations are always put to good use and are greatly appreciated!

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** – Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. As we are nearing the end of our Academic Year, we look forward to expressing our thankfulness for our wonderful teachers and staff. We know that you all value and appreciate our teachers and staff as much as we do. We have multiple expressions of appreciation planned throughout the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Annsworth sponsors certain gifts and events such as a catered luncheon. Families are invited to participate in a variety of ways during this week. A flyer and email were sent out with details and the information is also posted in the front office.

**Rooms 9 & 10 Pre-K Graduation** – Pre-K parents are invited to attend their child's Pre-K Graduation on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The Pre-K children have all been practicing some special songs and are excited about performing! The graduation will take place at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church – 2904 Kerry Forest Parkway. We have 34 Pre-Kindergarten families and the sanctuary seats approximately 200, so please keep this in mind if you plan to invite additional guests. To allow our staff to rearrange the church for our graduation, we ask that parents and family do not arrive before 9:30 AM.

Pre-K children need to arrive at Annsworth no later than 8:30 AM that day in order to get them ready for graduation. Please dress your child nicely for the graduation and pictures, keeping in mind their comfort and safety (climbing up the steps of the stage). For those children coming back to Annsworth after graduation, we will be happy to change your children into play clothes. Just bring play clothes in a labeled bag with a note for the teacher.

Between 9:30 and 9:45 AM, the children will walk to the church with our Pre-K staff and parent volunteers. If we have inclement weather, then our children will be transported by their own parents.

Often, our families take their children with them for the remainder of the day. We will have a clipboard with copies of our sign in/out sheets for you to sign your child out after the program if they will not be returning to Annsworth with the staff and other children.

**VPK Program** – Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, is the last day of VPK, the last day of VPK funding. Children who are on a VPK Wrap Around schedule (Half Day, Three Quarter Day, or Full Time) will continue attending until the last day of our Academic Year, Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorial Day Holiday** – Annsworth will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Holiday.

**Early Release** – Annsworth will close early on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Children must be picked up by Noon. Lunch will NOT be served on this day. This early release day allows for cot washing and final classroom preparations prior to the start of our Summer Session.

**School Closed** – Annsworth will be closed on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for Staff Planning/In-Service Day.

**Summer Session** – Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> begins our summer session. Children changing classrooms will do so on that day. The Summer Class Lists will be posted on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**2025-2026 Academic Year VPK Eligibility Certificate Sign-Up (For children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2025)** – In Florida, children who turn four years old on or before September 1, 2025, are eligible to attend a VPK program. The State of Florida funds quality programs, who agree to offer 540 instructional hours during the school year, adopted an approved curriculum, limit the class size to 20 children, and provide two VPK instructors during the VPK program hours. Annsworth will be offering the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (VPK) for our students. If your child will be participating in our VPK for the 2025-2026 Academic Year, you will need to present Annsworth with a Child Eligibility Certificate. For more information on how to obtain a VPK Eligibility Certificate, visit <http://elcbigbend.org/parents/vpk/>