

Annsworth Academy October 2025 Newsletter

Water Bottles – As a reminder, water bottles need to arrive clearly labeled with your child's first and last name along with the current date. At our most recent DCF Licensing Inspection, our inspector observed water bottles without names and dates.

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 in person, via phone or via Zoom on Tuesday, October 14th, Wednesday, October 15th, or Thursday, October 16th. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 850-668-9072, to see what time slots are available.

Picture Day – Picture Day for Rooms 1-5 is Tuesday, October 7th and for Rooms 6-10 is Wednesday, October 8th. 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 to be 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 with details will be filed in your child's folder in the front office soon.

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 Monday, October 20th through Friday, October 31st, with each child selecting a pumpkin to take home with them on Friday, October 31st.

We are asking each child to bring *two pumpkins* to school between Monday, Oct. 13th and Friday, Oct. 17th 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 Friday, 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 their 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.

Many THANKS – Thank you to the Blackburn family for donating blankets. Thank you to the Hodges family for donating wipes. Thank you to the Poppell (Mom) Family for donating shoes. Thank you to the Gerber family for glue sticks. Thank you to the Mamin family for donating toys. A BIG Thank You to the Kantor family for donating 3 Blueberry bushes and planting them. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Classroom Wipe Off Boards – Did you know that the teachers 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.

Mark Your Calendars – Annsworth will be closed Tuesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.