

April 2026 Newsletter

Pre-K (Rooms 8, 9 & 10) Spring Hat Parade – On Friday, April 3, in addition to our Spring Snack Party and Egg Hunts, Rooms 8, 9 & 10 will be having a Spring Hat Parade. To make our day more festive, we would like each Pre-K child to make a spring hat to wear on this day. Be creative, the sky is the limit! Help your child make a spring-themed hat, a hat that shows his/her personality, or a mixture of the two! Please remember our NO superhero policy.

Thank You – Thank you to the Carswell family for donating clothes. Thank you to the Ritter family for donating books. Thank you to the Poppell (mom) family for donating shoes, books and toys. Thank you to the families for donating tissues and wipes. Thank you to the Hodges family for donating clothes. Thank you to Dr. David Kahn (alumni) for donating 3 Wooden Cutting Fruit Sets and a large box of tea. Thank you to the Schwartz (alumni) family for donating floor puzzles, dramatic play food, science and gear kits, stacking blocks and sports balls. 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.

Conferences for All Age Groups – This month we will be offering Parent Teacher Conferences for you to discuss your child's progress. The teachers will be available for 15-minute conferences in person, via phone or Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, Wednesday, April 22, or Thursday, April 23. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call (850) 668-9072 no later than April 17. This will allow us enough time to arrange for a substitute for your child's teacher during the conferences.

Mark Your May Calendars –

- Week of May 4 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Friday, May 15 – Last VPK Day [Last day of VPK funding and for VPK Only Children]
- Monday, May 25 – School Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
- Thursday, May 28 – Early Release Day – Children must be picked up by noon. Lunches will not be served. Last day of the Academic Year.
- Friday, May 29 – School Closed for Staff Planning/In-Service Day
- Monday, June 1 – 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 the 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 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.

Annsworth staff will call parents and then emergency contacts, if a child does not arrive by 9:00 AM without prior notification.