

## Annsworth Academy June 2026 Newsletter

**Start of the Summer Session** – Monday, June 1 we will welcome all our new and continuing students for our Summer Session. We are looking forward to a great summer!

**If Your Child Will Be Absent or Tardy** – Parents, please remember to notify the Annsworth front office if your child is going to be late or absent. This notification may be made in advance or the morning of the tardiness or absence, in person, in writing by note or email, or by phone. Annsworth staff will call parents and then emergency contacts if a child does not arrive by 9:00 AM without prior notification.

**Water Bottles** – Parents will need to supply individual transparent plastic bottles with a closable lid or drink spout, filled with water each day. Bottles filled with water will need to arrive clearly labeled with the child's first and last name along with the current date. The bottles will be sent home each day to be sanitized and refilled for the next day. Only water will be acceptable; no juice, dairy, soft drinks, or other liquids will be served from these individual bottles. To avoid condensation getting cubby items wet, please do not put ice in or refrigerate/freezer the bottle.

**Shoes** – Athletic non-slip shoes are recommended for children's safety. All sandals must have a secure back strap, no flip flops. Non-slip footwear is safest especially for playground activities and climbing on the climbers. Crocs are discouraged because they often do not fit securely, and boots are discouraged because they tend to be more hurtful if a friend is inadvertently kicked while on the climbers.

**Action Figure Policy** – Superheroes, Pirates with swords, Ninja Turtles, PJ Masks, and all items denoting any type of violence or weaponry are NOT allowed at Annsworth at any time. This policy includes all toys, clothing, shoes, lunchboxes, tattoos, etc. These types of toys and related materials can produce an undesirable effect on children's social interactions.

**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. 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.

**Vacation Bears** – Each classroom will be adopting a teddy bear for the summer. Our Vacation Bears love to travel, so each teacher will have a sign-up sheet posted in the classroom to allow you to schedule to take Vacation Bear with you as you travel over the summer months. We would like the family that takes a bear on vacation to send or bring back postcards and pictures of your travels and to keep a journal of all the exciting experiences you have. Back in the classroom, the children will chart the travels on a map and display the postcards and pictures. We know the children will begin to get a broader understanding of the world through Vacation Bear's travels.

**Water Days** – All of our classrooms will have a WATER DAY this month. The water play activities will take place on their playground in the morning. Please have your child wear their bathing suit under their clothes and safe shoes to school on their scheduled day. For children who wear diapers or pull ups, they should wear them under their bathing suit and please no water diapers! They will also need to bring a towel, safe shoes that can get wet, and a complete change of clothing. Please mark your child's name on everything and remember to take their bag of wet items home at the end of the day.

**Bike Days** – Some of our classes (Rooms 7-10) have scheduled a BIKE DAY this month. We will flag off the entrance/exit of the circular drive, and the children will be allowed to ride their bikes around the circle during their morning playground time. Please bring a TRIKE or BIKE that your child feels safe and comfortable riding. Please 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. (Helmets and bikes should not have action figures on them. If they do, please be sure to cover them up.) 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. Also, remember to pick up your child's bike at the end of the day.

**Mark Your Calendars** – Annsworth will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

**Thank You** – Thank you to all the families that participated in Teacher/Staff Appreciation events. A special thank you to Catherine Johnson, Li Guo, David and Katie Vandewater, Wendy Doyle, Amie Sylvia, Daniel Ellison, Rhonda Watkins and Samantha Kelley, for covering classrooms so that our teachers could enjoy our appreciation luncheon.