

Cherry Hill Pre-School

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Newsletter

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Here we are heading into the last 2 months of our 42nd school year! Gosh, time flies' way too fast! The end of the school year is so bittersweet especially for our graduating students. We are so proud of their accomplishments, but knowing they are moving on and won't be returning is so sad. We will miss them so much!

I am so grateful for this past year as we returned to some normalcy at school, inviting guests in to the school, not having to wear masks and parents coming in the classroom as well. We are honored that you have shared your children with us and have looked forward to seeing their smile each day! We have several more weeks of school and we plan on enjoying every moment and seeing more smiles!

Over the last 41 years of Cherry Hill Pre-School, I have had some exceptional staff, who several have remained close friends. This year is no exception! Miss Kristina and Miss Valerie are AMAZING! Our longtime staff member Miss Chris who subs for us now is so wonderful and loves being with the children whenever she can. May 8th-May 12th is Teacher Appreciation Week and I want my staff to know I am forever grateful for them! They are not only my co-workers they are my friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You will always be a member of the Cherry Hill Pre-School Family. I truly appreciate them, and know how lucky I am to be able to work alongside of them.

General Reminders

We have completed our **Letter Pocket activity** as well as our Alphabet Book with our **pre-k students**. However, for the rest of the school year we will have some fun reviewing the entire alphabet. We will choose different random letters each week to review and we will go on "Our Letter Sound Bus Ride." You may have to ask your children what that is if you don't know about it. We will be binding your child's Alphabet Books and they should be ready to send home by the end of the month. Your child has worked so hard on this very special book I'm sure you will treasure it.

Our color this month is PURPLE. We have completed our discussion of shapes and are finishing up the colors this month. We will be putting together our yearlong Color and Shape Book to send home the beginning of June with our **preschool** students.

All returning students and/or siblings must submit updated registration forms. I have sent home all necessary forms. If you did not receive your forms, please contact Miss Cheryl. Please be sure when filling out the medical that your child has had or going to have before school begins, a complete physical. The form asks for the most recent physical information. Your child also is required to have a blood lead test upon entering preschool and a flu shot in the fall as well. I will be collecting proof of flu shots then. You may submit these forms over the summer or just before school starts on Wednesday September 6th. Classes are filling up and we are very excited! However, there are some spots left so if you know of anyone, please feel free to share my information. We love meeting new friends! Thank-you, everyone!

*Spring picture previews have been distributed. Please return your order to the school by Monday May 1st. If

you do not return them by May 1st, please mail them to the Photography studio. The address is at the bottom of the order form.

*******Safety Reminder: Parents, please do not allow your child to stand up in the car out of the sunroof. We are very concerned that while in the line an accident could happen with cars coming down the street or the car driver in back of you becomes distracted, which can happen easily when you have little ones in the car and hits your car.**

***Mother's Tea is back in school!** We are very excited to have moms come to school for this special event! Your children have been very busy making gifts and decorations for this special day. They will be singing to you as well and have been practicing very hard. You are going to love it! Miss Cheryl will provide special refreshments of course including tea and coffee. Mother's Tea is a special time set aside for just you (the mom) and your child. **NO siblings or other family members are invited. If mom cannot attend this event, another special female family member may take her place.** Mother's Tea will be held the last 45 minutes of your child's class. However, your child will come to school their regular time and moms are invited back at the designated time. Your child does not need a lunchbox on this day. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Pre-K morning class Mother's Tea time is Thursday May 11th at 10:40am. **Afternoon class** Mother's Tea is 2:30pm on Thursday May 11th. **Tuesday, Friday morning class** Mother's Tea is Friday May 12th at 10:40am.

Please place your on-line book orders no later than Friday May 12th. There are lots to choose from with many books to encourage summer reading. This will be the last book order of the year. I hope all our kindergarten bound students will be doing a lot of reading this summer!

No school Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

School News- Miss Cheryl will be ordering caterpillars for our classroom. We will be able to observe the caterpillars as they grow and form a chrysalis. Once the caterpillars are all in their chrysalis I will transfer them to our butterfly net. There, we will watch them appear out of their chrysalis as a Painted Lady Butterfly! It's very exciting and what an experience. We have several discussions, stories and activities planned about caterpillars changing into butterflies.

We will be getting outside as much as possible during our free play time. Please dress your child accordingly for outdoor play. For your child's safety, no open-toed shoes, no crocs, no clogs and no party shoes. Rubber soled, closed-in shoes and sneakers are the safest footwear for the yard. Please put your child's name in their outwear. Jean jackets are especially popular.

During the month of May, we will be finishing some yearlong projects with both age groups as well as some new activities. We still have lots of fun planned until the last day of classes. I will be evaluating each student again and you will receive another progress report by the beginning of June. I am sure you can see the progress your child has made this year! We are so proud of them!

Graduation and last day of classes Looking ahead.....

Our last day of regular classes will be Monday June 19th and Tuesday June 20th. We will celebrate our last day

with an Ice Cream Party so your child does not need to bring a snack or a drink if they would like ice cream. We have certificates to pass out to our younger, returning students and gifts as well.

Graduation will be Wednesday June 21st. Graduation is only for our students going to kindergarten in September 2023. The Pre-k morning class ceremony will be at 9:00am and the afternoon graduating student's ceremony will be at 10:30am. This ceremony is strictly limited to graduating students and their parents. More info will follow in the coming weeks. We will hold the Graduation Ceremony outside in the front yard weather permitting. If we have inclement weather, we will have it inside. Lots of special surprises planned for graduation!

For now, we will enjoy the rest of the time we have together to the fullest! Graduation and the last day of classes will be here before you know it!