

Preschool Newsletter

April 2018

Greetings and happy spring! We have had a great month—learning about the weather and more Alphie and the alphabet! We should be finishing with our letters in the next couple of weeks and will then continue to do review activities. We have begun testing the students to find out which letters they know and many are doing great! Please be aware that we test the students with the letters out of order. Singing the alphabet is not the same as knowing one's ABC's. Singing alphabet songs is a great way for a child to learn the vocabulary but it is only the beginning. Your child should be able to point to and name the majority of the letters before entering kindergarten. A small pack of store bought or homemade flashcards is a great investment. Just going through a few of them a day before bed or after supper is about all it takes with most children. I also encourage you to read to your child as much as possible. Studies have shown this to be an activity with great impact on a child's language and literacy skills.

We will be having Parent/Teacher conferences on April 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. There will be **no preschool** on those days as we will be meeting with parents. There **WILL BE SCHOOL Friday**, April 27th. We will post a sign-up sheet for conference times on the bulletin board outside of the classroom the next time your child has preschool. Please be sure to sign up for a time slot during the day/time that your child would regularly have preschool. Each conference will last no more than fifteen minutes and you will receive a report card and formal evaluation for your child. **If you would like** a conference time please sign up at your earliest convenience; if you choose not to sign up for a conference time you will still receive a report card for your child. As always, we will give you our professional opinion as to whether or not your child is ready for kindergarten. The decision is ultimately yours but please know that we look at the whole child, not just the academic side. Stamina and maturity are often just as important, if not more so, as students move through the various grades.

In preparation for May, our spring programs/graduations will be held Wednesday, May 16th and Thursday, May 17th. These will also be the last days of preschool.

Blessings!

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