News from Strawberry Preschool

~April, 2018~

Our Theme for April: Love Our Earth and World Day

As we move into April and Earth Day, we will switch our focus to Mother Earth, including what we can do to help keep it safe and clean. This unit of study will include the importance of recycling and throwing our trash away, as well as what we can do to keep our oceans clean and safe for animals.

5th Annual World Day:

We will wrap up our Earth theme with our very popular, wonderful, World Day. This special day will be on Friday, May 4th from 9:00-1:00. *Please note that this day is for the M/W/F, 5 Day and Pre-K children.* The T/TH children will be able to enjoy this day next year. World Day is a celebration of diversity, where the children learn about traditions, food, music, art, etc. from places all over the world. For the day, Strawberry Preschool will be broken up into 6 continents (North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa & Australia). In groups, the children will rotate to each continent, participating in the activities/projects. We are looking for parents/grandparents/cousins/aunts or uncles to volunteer to come in and do a project/activity with the children that are connected to one of the 6 continents. Maybe you have a favorite family recipe you can bring in, or a fun art project that comes from an area of the world that represents your family. Maybe you have pictures, clothing, music, or games that you are willing to bring in and share. If you are interested in volunteering for this special day, please let me or Asma know. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a special day!

Strawberry Summer Camp:

Camp Strawberry brochures and registration cards are here! You hopefully received one through email and in your child's art folder. This is a great opportunity for new and returning families to enjoy a wide variety of themed art projects, cooking, special guests, face painting, popsicle day, treasure hunts, water play and so much more. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. This Year, Camp Strawberry will be broken down into 6 one week sessions, giving you the flexibility to sign up for the sessions that work best for your schedule. Please remember that we are closed the 4th of July week. The sessions and themes are as follows:

- Sessions 1 & 2: All Things Water, Bubbles & Rainbows
    - June 18th-22nd
    - June 25th-29th

- Sessions 3 & 4: Slugs, Bugs, Ladybugs and Flowers
    - July 9th-13th
    - July 16th-20th
- Sessions 5 & 6: One the go with all Things Transportation
    - July 23rd-27th
    - July 30th-3rd

Open House:

- The T/TH program will have their Open House on Thursday, May 10th from 6:00-7:00 pm.
- The M/W/F, 5 Day and both Pre-K programs will have their Open House on Thursday, May 17th from 6:00-7:00pm.

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come and enjoy an evening together. This is also an exciting evening for the children who show great pride in their school, and get very excited at showing their family around. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

End of School Year Activities:

- End of Year Picnic for the Tuesday/Thursday Families: This year it will be held on Thursday, June 7th from 12:00-1:00. The whole family is invited to celebrate a great year. Sign-up sheets will be posted as we get closer to the end of the school year asking you to bring a dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.
- Graduation/Stepping up Ceremony for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 5-Day Children: The whole family is invited to join in the celebration. The stepping up ceremony will be at 11:30 followed by a picnic from 12:00-1:00. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date, along with a sign-up sheet asking you to bring a dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year:

If you will be returning with us next year, a registration envelope will be put in your child's art folder after Spring Break. The registration envelope will include the contract for the 2018-2019 school year, tuition information, the school calendar, as well as information regarding first month's tuition payment. You should have also recently received an email asking you to fill out the paperwork for the upcoming school year. As is always the case, if you have any questions regarding registration, please don't hesitate to ask.

From Our Board:

Parent's Night Out: What an amazing success! We want to thank everyone who attended and bid on all of the wonderful auction items. It's your support that allows us to do things to our school that we otherwise would be unable to do. A huge thank you also goes out to Emma Reilly and Stacey Johnson for working so hard in planning and creating this wonderful event. Last, but not least, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated items, helped set up, and clean up. Events like this would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated Board Members and parent volunteers.

Reminders:

- Please remember that if your child will be staying for nap, we ask that you provide a sheet (crib size if you have it), a light blanket, and a stuffy if needed. Please also remember to check off the appropriate boxes if your child will be staying past 1. Thank you very much.
- Please remember that morning care is available from 8:00-9:00 for $8.50. If you do not plan on using morning care, we ask that you please wait until 9:00 before dropping your child off at school. Thank you for your understanding.
- One of the best things about being a kid is having the energy to run, jump, slide and play all day long. Flip-flops, crocs, boots and slip-ons might be cute, but they can also cause children to slip or trip more easily. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate shoes to school. We understand that it's not always easy to get out the door in the morning, and are more than happy to help your child change into their appropriate shoes once they get to school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Also, with the weather slowly changing, becoming warmer, please make sure that your child wears weather appropriate clothes to school. Mornings may still be cold, but the afternoons are getting warmer.

Donations Needed:

- Newspaper
- Towels to clean up messes and spills

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Spring Recess, school closed: The week of April 9th
- 5Th Annual World Day: Friday, May 4th from 9:00-1:00
- Open House for the T/TH families: Thursday, May 10th from 6:00-7:00 pm
- Open House for the both Pre-K, M/W/F & 5 Day families: Thursday, May 17th from 6:00-7:00 pm.
- Memorial Day, school closed: Monday, May 28th

- T/TH End of Year Picnic: Thursday, June 7th from 12:00-1:00. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.
- Stepping up Ceremony for M-W-F and 5 Day families: Monday, June 11th from 11:30-1:00. More information will be coming, as we get closer to the date.
- Last day of school: Tuesday, June 12th
- Summer School Starts: Monday, June 18th

Happy Spring,

Lisa Woods and the Strawberry Preschool Staff