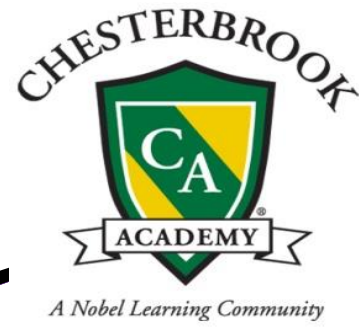


# April News



April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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## Picture Day

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is picture day! Please send your child dressed in their picture day outfits. All portraits will be done in the morning. If Thursday is not a regularly scheduled day for your child to attend, you are able to come by anytime between 7:30am-11:30am to get their picture taken.

## Week of the Young Child

April 11-15, 2016

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs (<https://www.naeyc.org/woyc/faq>). For the Week of the Young Child, we will be participating in daily activities that correspond with NAEYC's theme of "Celebrating Our Youngest Learners!" Please see the WOYC sheet attached for more information about each day or visit the NAEYC website for details.

Monday, April 11:

### Music Monday!

Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

Tuesday, April 12:

### Taco Tuesday

Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

Wednesday, April 13:

### Work Together Wednesday

Work together, build together, learn together

Thursday, April 14:

### Artsy Thursday

Think, problem solve, create

Friday, April 15:

### Family Friday

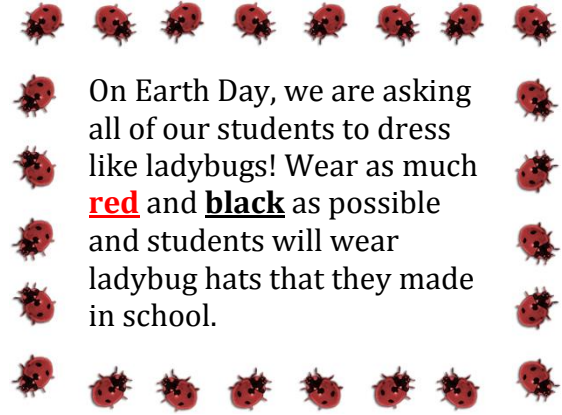
Sharing family stories

We are inviting all parents and families in to your child's class on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to read stories and enjoy an afternoon snack. Stories will begin at **3:30pm**. Feel free to bring in a story of your own or family pictures to share.

# Earth Day

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. Each classroom will be planting seeds and will be learning about the importance of cleaning up the ground outside to keep the Earth healthy. We will also be continuing our annual ladybug release. Students will be releasing ladybugs and learning about how important they are to our gardens and earth.



On Earth Day, we are asking all of our students to dress like ladybugs! Wear as much **red** and **black** as possible and students will wear ladybug hats that they made in school.

# Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

We really appreciate all of the hard work our teachers do every day for our students. We would like to take this week to celebrate them. Please help us celebrate them based on the daily themes; these are just guidelines and we will post teacher "likes" in a binder at the front desk.

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:

## Sweet Treats

Bring in something sweet for your teacher to enjoy.

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:

## Spa Day

Help pamper our teachers! (This may include things like scents, lotions, nail polish, etc.)

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:

## Flowers

Help us build a class bouquet by bringing in flowers for your teacher.

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:

## Words of Encouragement

Make a card to tell them how special they are.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:

## Potluck

Bring in a dish for all of the teachers to enjoy at lunch. (Nut free)  
*Please note that this is also the day we have our Mother's Day Tea at 3:30pm.*

# Recipe of the Month

## Bird's Nests

*Courtesy of allrecipes.com*

## Ingredients

Original recipe makes 6 nests:

- 4 cups chow mein noodles
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 30 small jellybeans



## Directions

1. Line a cookie sheet with foil and grease with spray-on cooking oil.
2. Pour noodles into a large bowl. Melt the butter and marshmallows over medium heat, stirring until smooth. Pour marshmallow mixture over noodles, stirring until well coated.
3. Rub some butter on hands and form noodle mixture into six round balls. Place balls on prepared cookie sheet. With the back of a teaspoon, press the center of each ball to make a hollow indentation.
4. Let nests set until they are firm. Fill each with small jelly beans. (Other small candies of your choice may be substituted, such as M & M's, small gumdrops, chocolate covered raisins, chocolate covered peanuts, etc.)

# Looking Forward

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6<sup>th</sup> -  
Mother's Day Tea  
at 3:30pm



May 30<sup>th</sup> -  
Closed for Memorial Day