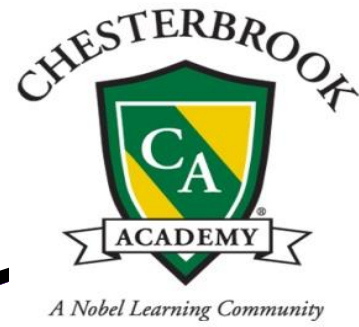


April News



March 31, 2017

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Picture Day

Thursday, April 6th

Thursday, April 6th 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 24-28, 2017

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 below for more information about each day or visit the NAEYC website for details.

Monday, April 24:

Music Monday!

Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

Tuesday, April 25:

Tasty Tuesday

Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

Wednesday, April 26:

Work Together Wednesday

Work together, build together, learn together

Thursday, April 27:

Artsy Thursday

Think, problem solve, create

Friday, April 28:

Family Friday

Sharing family stories

We are inviting all parents and families in to your child's class on Friday, April 15th 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

Celebrate Friday, April 21st - 3:30pm

We will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 21st and invite all of our families to come out to celebrate as well. Each classroom 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. Please wear **red** and **black** this day!



Birdhouse Contest



In honor of Earth day and celebrating the importance of families spending valuable time together, we invite you to participate in our birdhouse contest. The idea is simple, build or simply decorate a birdhouse (any size) to hang in our tree. Our teachers will vote on their favorite one and the winner will receive a special gardening gift basket to take home Friday, April 21st. Please drop off all birdhouses to the front desk no later than 9am that Friday morning. The winner will be announced that day at 3:30pm for our ladybug event. We will keep all birdhouses on display for one week and then return them for you to hang at home.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1st-5th

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 1st:

Sweet Treats

Bring in something sweet for your teacher to enjoy.

Tuesday, May 2nd:

Spa Day

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

Wednesday, May 3rd:

Flowers

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

Thursday, May 4th:

Words of Encouragement

Make a card to tell them how special they are.

Friday, May 5th:

Potluck

Bring in a dish for all of the teachers to enjoy at lunch. (Nut free)

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 1st-5th

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 12th

Mother's Day Tea
at 3:30pm



May 16th

Pajama Day

May 25th

Backwards Day

May 29th

Closed for Memorial Day