



CHESTERBROOK

BULLETIN BOARD

279 Egg Harbor Road Sewell, New Jersey 08080

APRIL 2017

Dear Chesterbrook Parents,

We would like to start off by thanking all of our current families who have re-enrolled for our 2017-2018 school year! It is sure to be another great year here at Chesterbrook!

Winter is officially over and now that April is here we are hoping the weather breaks and the temperature stays a lot warmer, because everyone is anxious to get outside and play.

April has a lot going on this month! **Here are a few reminders about upcoming events and special dates:**

• **Tuesday, April 4th** is Picture Day!! We will be having individual portraits as well as class pictures. The Kindergarten class will also be taking their Graduation pictures! WOW! They are not required to wear their uniforms that day. ☺

• The Week of the Young Child is **Monday, April 24th to Friday, April 28th**. *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. That week we will be having a different theme everyday to celebrate!

• **Friday, April 21st is Earth Day**. We will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up our playground and releasing ladybugs back into nature at 10:00am. Be sure to wear red and black that day!

• Starting Tuesday, April 18th to Wednesday, April 19th Kindergarten will be taking the AABL (**Admission Assessment for Beginning Learners**) Assessment. Your child needs to be present on both of these days and be in by **9:30am**. Testing will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. During these 2 days, your child should get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast. The tests will go on for the duration of the morning. ☺

Looking Ahead...

• **Monday, May 29th**- the school is closed for Memorial Day.

• **We will be sending home summer camp info in early April. Camp begins 6/19!**

Happy Spring everyone!
Stacy, Thien, & Adriane



Infants

Happy April from the infant room! We welcome our new friends Jaxson and Natalie to our room! This month we will be continuing our practice with signing: please, thank you, more, and finished. We are very excited to take our Spring pictures, dress to impress! We will continue to work on gross motor skills in our room with tummy time & rolling over, crawling, and trying to stand and even walk! We are growing so fast and getting big in the infant room!

Toddler A

Welcome Spring! This month our color of the month will be yellow and our shape will be an oval. A concept that we will work on is Big and Little. April 4th is Picture Day and April 13th will be our Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Party. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Nathan on 4/26. We are looking forward to getting out and experiencing all the seasonal changes that will be occurring around us. April will be a busy month!

Toddler B

R.J. and Adrianna are doing really well with their open cups. Birthday greetings go out to R. J., Adrianna, and Charlie. Yellow is our color of the Month. Some of the Links to Learning activities for the month will be using 3-4 word sentences, understanding number concepts of one and two, and rolling & catching a ball.

Beginner A

They say April showers bring May flowers and the month of April is sure to be full of excitement. We welcome our new friends Benjamin, Aria, and Mila to our room! Our class will be learning a lot about weather and nature. We will also explore different animal connected textures and explore the outside in search of insects. The class is very happy to welcome Spring and extend our learning through various skills. Happy Spring Everyone! ☺

Beginner B

Spring is upon us and we are excited to spend more time outside! While we are outside we will practice kicking balls and following playground rules. We will also explore animals & their skin textures, and bugs and rainbows. Please check your child's cubby to make sure they have a full change of weather appropriate clothing. Thank you! ☺

Intermediates

Welcome April and welcome to our new friend Carlo who joins our class this month! The children have been zooming through this year! In Language & Literacy, the children will continue working on explaining own ideas and answering questions logically. We will continue working on Social-Emotional skills, self-help, and social interaction. We are going to do some fun experiments in Science with exploring plants and insects.

We are so excited to watch our live caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! The children are ready for the beautiful weather and spending time outside!

Pre-K

Wow! April is already here, March flew right by us! Pre-K was very busy in March. They learned about the Solar System, new letter sounds, and celebrated St. Patty's Day! April is also a busy month for us. Picture Day will be Tuesday, April 4th, so dress to impress! We will be celebrating Earth Day. Pre-K will explore how vegetables grow, continue and expand their sight word vocabulary, and use descriptive words and phrases. This month will surely be challenging and fun! Pre-K continues to succeed and reach their goals. We enjoy seeing and teaching Pre-K as they blossom into Kindergartners!

Kindergarten

Happy April! This month we are focusing on blending initial, medial, and final /e/, /j/, and /w/ letter sounds, reading text based comprehension such as classify and categorize, and setting, learning the Nonfiction and Rhyming Nonfiction genre, learning about solid and three- dimensional shapes in Mathematics, learning about Matter in Science, understanding what and how families celebrate in Social Studies, and much more! We will be taking a field trip to see Charlotte's Web April 6th! Ms. Abbey will also administer the AABL testing on April 18th and April 19th.

Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, April 4th **Picture Day**

Monday, April 18th-19th-**Kindergarten AABL Testing**

Friday, April 21st **Lady Bug Release for Earth Day**
Monday, April 24th – Friday, April 28th **Week of the Young Child**

Congratulations to Shannon Rockey Teacher of the Month for April 2017

Miss Shannon began working here in March of 2006. She is married to her husband, Harry and has two sons, Thomas and Nicholas. Both of which graduated from Chesterbrook Academy! Miss Shannon spends her spare time with her sons who both play on a traveling hockey team, they keep her very busy! Miss Shannon originally started out as our Pre-K teacher but moved to the Intermediates room, where she spends her time teaching now. She attended Goldey Beacom College to obtain her degree in Elementary Education. She has a true passion for teaching and molding young minds. She is loved by not only her students, but also our staff and parents as well.

We are so lucky to have Miss Shannon in our Chesterbrook family. Thank you for everything you do for our school and students Miss Shannon, we love you! ☺



Don't forget to visit our website for the lunch menu, special event dates, reminders and so much more...

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