

Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center Newsletter

May 2018

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is rapidly approaching! With that in mind, it is a VERY busy time of year with many activities and special events taking place. PLEASE read and post important dates on your calendar.



Thank you to all who sent in diapers for our diaper drive! We collected a nice supply of diapers that will be dropped off at the Branford Diaper Bank. Your generosity is appreciated!



I hope you had an opportunity to view our children's artwork that was displayed in the downtown Branford merchant windows. All children designed a "quilt square" depicting what they thought it meant to be kind after reading the book "The Kindness Quilt" by local author, Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. We had some great creations!



Class pictures came out great! Thank you to everyone that purchased portraits. Learn & Play raised a little over \$300.00, that will go towards our continuing playground update project!



Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated at Learn & Play the week of May 7-11. Please be sure to take a moment during the week to express your appreciation to the dedicated teachers and staff we have here at Learn & Play. They are truly what makes Learn & Play great! Without their hard work and love for your children, we would just be another daycare center. There will be an opportunity for all parents and children to express their gratitude to the teachers. Watch your email for a special request (Shhh.....it's a surprise!)



Our theme for the month of May will be Community Helpers and our Bible stories will be the Parables of Jesus. During the month we will talk about different members of the community and how they help us. Special visits are planned by a librarian (Miss Wendy), a nurse (Maddy and Mason's mom), a police or K9 officer (still working on this), a farmer (Farah's dad) and an animal control officer (someone from Dan Cosgrove). Watch your weekly emailed newsletter for specific dates. Our Parables

will be stories about The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, Parable of the Talents, the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep.



This month our community outreach project will benefit the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter. We will be collecting items that we will present to them when they visit us at the end of the month. We are waiting for their list of items that they are in need of to distribute to you. As soon as we receive it, we will send it home. In the mean time, I'm sure any new packages of animal food will be accepted as well as dog toys. Start stocking up!



Hopefully the children have shared with you about our new residents. We are currently observing the life stages of caterpillars and tadpoles. What will they change into and how long will it take? A lesson in prediction.



It's that time of year again.....watch your email for our annual parent survey coming soon. This is your opportunity to share with us things that you like about Learn & Play and any ideas that you may have to change or add something to our program. Your input is important to us!



It's sunscreen time! If you have not already done so, and if you would like your child to have sunscreen applied when we go outside, please fill out the sunscreen administration form and send us in a NEW container of sunscreen, labeled with your child's name. Your form must match the name of the sunscreen that you are sending in (EX. If you are sending in Coppertone sunscreen, your form can not say Banana Boat, it must say Coppertone). Please also check for expiration dates on your sunscreen. Not all sunscreens have expiration dates, but if yours does it obviously must be current.



Are you spring cleaning? Bring us your items that need a new home!!! Once again we will be collecting items between April 30 – May 18. Please bring us your used clothing, toys, miscellaneous household items, books etc in black plastic bags. We will deliver the items on May 19th to Savers in Orange and be paid by the bag. All items should be brought to Learn & Play and dropped off at the designated area by the entrance. If you have larger items or a large quantity of bags, let someone know and we will open the basement doors for you to drive your donations to. NO FURNITURE PLEASE.

Looking Ahead.....



Our End of Year Celebration/Pre-K Graduation and Family Picnic will take place on **Wednesday, June 20th at 4:30pm**. All children are invited and encouraged to participate regardless of the day that they attend L&P. This will be a fun time to see our year in review, honor our Pre-K graduates and then have some fun family time outside. Sign up sheets will be posted soon. We will need to know how many people will be attending the celebration in the sanctuary as well as how many adults and children will be attending the picnic so that we can purchase the proper amount of food. L&P will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and sign up sheets will be posted for families to bring a side dish.

Our last day of class will be **Thursday, June 21st**. We will be **CLOSED, Friday, June 22**, in order to prepare for our summer sessions that start on **Monday, June 25th**.



There are still limited summer spots left in our three and four year old summer camps. If you know of anyone looking for a place for their 3-5 year old, or you would like to add between one and nine weeks to your child's summer schedule, please contact me. Both full and half day options are available. We have many enhancement visitors planned to go along with our Dr. Seuss theme. Please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, July 5th or Friday, August 24th**, as we prepare for the start of our fall sessions on **Monday, August 27th**.