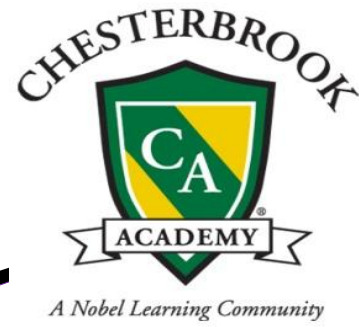


# April News



April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

## Picture Day

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 9<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 13-17, 2015

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 13:

### Music Monday!

Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

Tuesday, April 14:

### Taco Tuesday

Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

Wednesday, April 15:

### Work Together Wednesday

Work together, build together, learn together

Thursday, April 16:

### Artsy Thursday

Think, problem solve, create

Friday, April 17:

### Family Friday

Sharing family stories

We are inviting all parents and families in to your child's class on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to share family 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.

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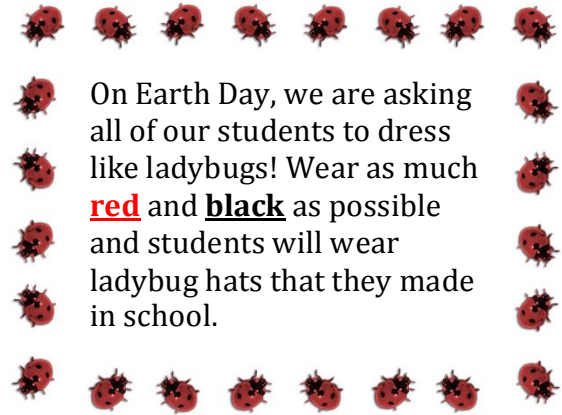
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# Earth Day

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

Wednesday, 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.

## Vacation Requests

The weather is starting to get warm and summer is not too far off! You may begin to start planning and scheduling vacations. Please keep in mind that if you wish to use your child's vacation credit and it is still available to you, Chesterbrook Academy requires four weeks' notice to use this credit. Request forms are located in the binder at the front desk.



## Hatching Chicks

April 18<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>

We will be taking care of two chicks and seven eggs while we wait for them to hatch. During this time, each class will have the opportunity to observe them and participate in activities relating to them. Once they arrive, their home will be set up in the hallway and the eggs will be located behind the front desk.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8-

Mother's Day Tea  
at 3:30pm

May 25-

Closed for Memorial Day

May 29-

Parents' Night Out