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**Chesterbrook Academy – Preston**

**April 2018 Newsletter**

**March**

**From the Principal's Desk**

         Happy Spring Everyone!  April will be a busy month here at Chesterbrook!  The teachers and I are looking forward to another month filled with fun and exciting educational opportunities for your child.  We have a lot going on in the month of April.  We have our **School Photos, Week of the Young Child Celebrations, and Earth Day Lady Bug Release!** Please watch for details to come out on each of those events!

           **Special Welcome** to our new families who have joined our school.  We have had quite a few as the word of our excellence is getting out!  Please remember to tell me if you refer a family so you earn your referral credit!

           Hope you all have a great month!

           Tawni S. Connor, Principal

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**Important Dates in April**

* April 2 - Tuition's Due
* April 3 – School Photos
* April 7 – Happy Anniversary Miss Danielle!
* April 15 – Happy Anniversary Miss Jasmine!
* April 16 – 20 - Week of the Young Child!
* April 20 – Earth Day Celebration – Lady Bug Release / Kona Ice Afternoon Treat!
* April 21 – Happy Anniversary Miss Christina!
* April 29 - Happy Birthday Miss Jade!
* Every Tuesday – Soccer Shots!
* Every Wednesday: Gymnastics / Dance!
* Every Thursday:  Amazing Athletes!
* Every Friday: Yoga Class!

**Week of the Young Child**

        The week of April 16 - 20 is the Week of the Young Child.  We will be having special events all that week to celebrate our love for our students as well as our love for educating them.  We will end the week with a special day of celebration!  We will hold our Lady Bug Release in the afternoon and Kona Ice. You are invited to all events! Please feel free to come to all of the events! Your child will definitely feel the love!

**School Photos!**

     On April 3rd, we will have our spring school photos. Please send your child to school looking spiffy for our spring photos! Photos will be digital this year. The process will be different and I will email you all to give your more details when I have them. You can purchase an entire package, a couple sheets, or none! There is no obligation!

**Lady Bug Release!**

     On April 20, we will celebrate Earth Day by releasing Lady Bugs into our gardens!  Lady Bugs are wonderful little creatures who are our environmental friends!  Our students will learn why Lady Bugs are essential and will experience the fun of releasing them too! The Lady Bug release will be in the afternoon beginning at 3:30 followed by Kona Ice for all! Come and enjoy!

**April Education News – Adding Math to Your Child’s Day**

In an earlier newsletter, we shared five easy ways for you to integrate math into your child’s day. We have so many fun suggestions; we had to break this blog into two parts. Here are five more activities that will help your child learn that math is everywhere and math is fun!

**1. Make laundry fun**

Encourage your child to make a pile of white socks and a pile of colored socks. Practice estimation skills by asking, “Which pile do you think has more socks?” Then, ask him to count each pile to see if his prediction was correct.

**2. Use snacks**

Encourage your child to create patterns using sliced grapes and bananas. When he is finished, copy his pattern and then take turns making and replicating different patterns. Practice counting skills by placing three apple slices in one pile and five orange slices in another. Ask your child to count each group and determine which has more. Change the amount of items in each pile and play again.

**3. Practice during story time**

Read books that not only reinforce math concepts, but also contain bright illustrations and a fun plot. Some favorites include *Go Dog Go*, *How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten*, and *Chicka, Chicka 1, 2, 3*.

**4. Take your child grocery shopping**

Give your child coupons, and ask him to help you find the pictured items in the store. It’s a fun scavenger hunt game, as well as a great opportunity for you to talk about money. Say the price of the items as you place them into your cart, for example, “Apples are usually 50 cents each, but we saved 15 cents by using a coupon.”

**5. Use foam numbers in the bath**

Practice number recognition with your child using foam numbers in the tub. Ask him to find specific numbers in the water or point to a number and ask him to tell you the name.