

With April showers come beautiful May flowers!

We are so excited to see the weather getting warmer and the seasons beginning to change. Last month activities were a HUGE success with the children. They had fun releasing Ladybugs for Earth Day, tie dying shirts, and participating in all extra activities during Spring Break week including an Egg Hunt.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating National Teacher Appreciation Week May 7th to May 11th. Our teachers' make our school! We appreciate all that they do and words can not express our gratitude.

Scholastic Book Fair

We want to thank all the parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. We really appreciate all the donations of books as well! We collected a total **\$1950** and bought school books and supplies from the sales. Thank you so much!

SHOES & CLOTHES

With the warmer weather, please note the importance of sending your child to school in safe closed toed shoes. We are very physical and busy during the day. Toe injuries are a top injury which can be prevented with proper foot wear.

SUNSCREEN

It is that time of year again. Please supply your child with sunscreen and complete the required permission slip. Please see your classroom teacher or the front office if you need a form. You are required to apply sunscreen to your child in the morning. Teachers will apply sunscreen to your child after naptime.

May

- 05.05.18 Cinco de Mayo
- 05.05.18 Joy of Dance Recital @ 4:00pm in Clifton
- 05.11.18 Parent Date Night 6:30pm-10pm
- 05.0718-Teacher Appreciation Week 05.11-18
- 05.13.18 Mother's Day
- 05.14.18 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea/Cookies and activities @3:30pm
- 05.15.18 National Chocolate Chip day
- 05.17.18 Last day for Soccer Shots Spring Season
- 05.28.18 Memorial Day Closed

June

- Date coming soon.....PRE-K2 Graduation Ceremony @ 3:30pm
- 06.17.18 Father's Day
- 06.18.18 Summer Camp KICK OFF WEEK!-Summer Camp Activity Fees Billed Out

Pre-K2 Graduation

I cannot believe how time has passed so quickly this school year. The children will be headed to Kindergarten soon! We will have a special Graduation Event soon.



6 Engaging Musical Activities for Infants through Pre-K

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- If your child has played with a toy instrument or listened to a familiar song, you've probably seen his face light up or his body sway back and forth in enjoyment. Music is fun for young children and helps them develop creativity, fine motor skills, vocabulary, and self-esteem.
- In the classroom, our youngest learners explore the exciting world of music as they learn to create and respond to sounds. As they grow, they sing songs, move to music, and recognize changes in tone, tempo, volume and rhythm.
- Below are some fun activities that you can do with your child at home.

Infants/Toddlers:

- Turn on soft rhythmic music and hold your baby securely against your chest. Dance slowly and smoothly around the room. For older infants, provide musical toys to play along with the music once you are finished dancing.
- Insert your baby's name into the song, "Where is Thumbkin?" *Where is (baby's name)? Where is (baby's name)? Here I am. Here I am.* (Gently tap your baby as you say the words). *How are you today, (baby's name)? Very well, I thank you. Clap your hands. Clap your hands.* (Help your baby clap his hands.)

Beginners/Intermediates (2 years – 4 years):

- Sing a familiar song with your child. When you get to a portion of the song that is repeated, pause and listen to whether he can fill in the missing words.
- Play different genres of music and encourage your child to describe each song. Ask questions such as, "Is this music fast or slow?" or "Do you like this song? Why or why not?"

Pre-K/Pre-K 2 (4 years – 5 years):

- Turn on the radio and ask your child to describe each song's tempo. Listen for words such as fast, slow and quick.
- Encourage movement and creativity by providing your child with a box of dress-up clothes for him to wear. Turn on music and let him dance and sing while putting on different costumes. Add props, such as toy instruments, balls or hoops.