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**Chesterbrook Academy – Preston**

**April 2019 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, Egg Hunts 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 1 - Tuition's Due
* April 2 – School Photos
* April 7 – Happy Anniversary Miss Danielle!
* April 8 – 12 - Week of the Young Child!
* April 15 – Happy Anniversary Miss Jasmine!
* April 18 – School wide Egg Hunt
* April 19 – School’s Closed
* April 21 – Happy Anniversary Miss Christina!
* April 22 – Earth Day Celebration – Lady Bug Release
* April 22 – Happy Birthday Miss Mariah
* April 29 - Happy Birthday Miss Jade!
* April 29 – Summer Camp Registration begins
* Every Monday – Kid’s Tech Computer Class!
* 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 8 - 12 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.  Please ask your child’s teacher how you can help with the celebration! Your child will definitely feel the love!

**School Photos!**

     On April 2nd, we will have our spring school photos. Please send your child to school looking spiffy for our spring photos! Photos will again be digital. Please turn any special instructions into your child’s teacher prior to photo day if you have any. You will receive a proof sheet on picture day and you will be able to go online and order whatever photos you would like. You can pay online and bring that purchase code to Miss Susan or you can make a check payable to LifeTouch Photos and bring that to Miss Susan! There is no obligation! Thank you!

**Earth Day Lady Bug Release!**

     On April 22, we will celebrate Earth Day by releasing 5000 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 morning around 10:15. Feel free to come and enjoy!

**Egg Hunt Celebration!**

             On Thursday, April 18th we will be having our center wide holiday egg hunt in the afternoon. We are asking that each parent bring 12 plastic filled eggs for your child. Please remember that we are a peanut free school so please do not fill the eggs with any peanuts. Please bring in the eggs by Monday, April 15th. Thank you! The event will begin at 3pm and you are invited!

**Summer Camp Registration!**

        Summer Camp Registration will begin April 29th and run for 2 weeks! The kids and teachers had such a great time last year with all the fun activities we planned and the special guest presenters that came to visit our school! All of the necessary forms and information will be coming home end of April. You will need to sign up for camp by end of April so start planning your summer now!

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**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.