



2021

Dear Chesterbrook Families-

Spring is almost here! How exciting! We are almost through Winter and we are ready to see warmer days. Please make sure that your children have appropriate layers to wear. It is that awkward time of year where jackets or sweaters are still needed for part of the day. Please make sure all clothing is labeled as preschool children do have a tendency to leave things laying around.

Sincerely,
Kristen Suh, Principal

Summer Camp

We are designing the perfect summer camp for your child complete with all the fun, enriching activities they love, and the important safety measures you expect.

Summer camp registration is coming up soon! More information is on the way!

Parent Referral Bonus

We are so thrilled that our current families have all re-enrolled for next school year. Thank you for your continued support of our school and your on-going partnership!

Registration for the new school year, 2021-2022 is going on right now:

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for **a free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

Art to Remember fundraiser

Art to Remember is one of our favorite fundraisers. Each child in the classroom has completed an art project for this event. You will have an opportunity to purchase their artwork on objects such as bags, mugs, key chains, refrigerator magnet, etc. Forms will be sent home on March 22nd. The deadline to order will be on April 2nd.

Fun Recipe- Cat in the Hat Snacks!



What you'll need:

- [Food Writer Marker](#) – (Don't use a real marker. This is an edible marker!)
- Bananas
- Strawberries
- [Bamboo Skewers](#)
- Marshmallows

What to do:

- Using Wilton's [Food Writer Marker](#), draw cat faces on one side of the marshmallow. Don't worry if they don't look perfect. From far away it will look fine and it's what's inside that really counts. Believe me, they are tasty!
- Slice **bananas** into pieces.
- Slice **strawberries** into pieces and also caught off the tip of each strawberry to resemble a cone/triangle shape. (This will be the top of the hat.)
- Next, grab a [Bamboo Skewer](#) to begin layering the food in this order: marshmallow, strawberry slice, banana, strawberry slice, banana and top with the strawberry tip that looks like a hat top. Repeat and enjoy!



March 14th – Daylight Savings Time

March 15th – Summer Camp registration coming up!

March 17th – St. Patty's day classroom parties

March 22nd- April 2nd Arts to Remember (Ordering forms sent home on 3/22)

March 27th - Open House

March 31st – LTL Parent Reports go home

***Preschool blog: (look below)**

"5 fun ways to practice letter recognition with your preschooler"

5 Fun Ways to Practice Letter Recognition With Your Preschooler

March is National Reading Month! Although we explore language and literacy all year, we have many special activities planned for our students this month. In our schools, children will reenact their favorite books, discover new characters, sing songs, practice vocabulary and much more.

Letter recognition is a core part of foundational literacy. It's a skill that helps children figure out how printed text is associated with spoken language. Below are a few simple, easy to prepare activities you can do at home to help build a successful, confident reader.



1. Bean Bag Toss

Label a few buckets or bins each with a different letter. Provide your child with bean bags or small balls. Call out a letter and encourage them to toss the bean bag or ball into the correct bucket. This activity builds letter recognition, coordination and endurance.

2. Book Letter Race

Hand your child a favorite book and set a timer for one minute. Say a letter aloud and encourage them to search through the book for that letter. See how many letters they can find before the timer goes off. Make the activity more difficult for older children by asking them to find a word or phrase.

3. Play Dough Alphabet Mats

Write a letter on a large piece of paper. Give your child play dough and ask them to mold the dough to create the letter. They'll have so much fun rolling and shaping the dough during this hands-on sensory activity.

4. Shaving Cream Sensory Tray

Sensory trays are a fun way to practice writing skills while also exploring scents and textures. Fill a large tray or cookie sheet with shaving cream and ask your child to use their finger to write letters in the cream. Some ideas include writing letters they know, writing letters in their name, copying a letter you show them and writing the alphabet in order.

5. Letter Scavenger Hunt

Place magnetic letters or DIY letter flash cards into an empty box. Ask your child to pull out a letter, name it and search for items around your home that begin with that letter.