

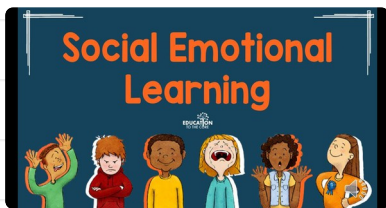
Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

June 2026 Newsletter

Hello Summer!

We're excited to welcome sunshine, warm weather, and all the fun that comes with the season! From splash days and outdoor adventures to fun activities, crafts, and special events, we're ready for an amazing summer ahead!

Our June Newsletter is filled with important updates, upcoming events, reminders, and all the exciting summer fun headed your way. We can't wait to make wonderful memories together this season!



Congratulations to Mr. SJ

We are thrilled to announce that Mr. SJ has been nominated and awarded the prestigious Dr. Penny Hammrich Social-Emotional Learning Excellence Award by the McNichol Early Childhood Education Lab at Drexel University! This incredible honor recognizes Mr. SJ's outstanding commitment to fostering the social, emotional, and character development of his students. His dedication, compassion, and positive impact on children and families have not gone unnoticed and now the broader community is recognizing his incredible work as well! Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved recognition of Mr. SJ's amazing work and dedication to early childhood education!



Oh, the Places We've Been!

Going on vacation this summer? We want to see it! Bring back a photo, post card, or other memorabilia to share with the school on our "Oh, the Places We've Been" display in our lobby. We can't wait to see what adventures await our community!

Employee Anniversary Highlight

This June, we are excited to celebrate some incredible milestones within our team!

Ms. Maria – June 2003 (23 years)

Ms. Debbie – June 2024 (2 years)

Ms. Elaina – June 2025 (1 year)



Your kindness, dedication, and the love you pour into our school make such a difference for our students and families. We are so lucky to have you as part of our school family! :)



We are CLOSED Friday, June 19th

In honor of **Juneteenth**, our school will be **closed on Friday, June 19th**.

Juneteenth is a day of reflection, remembrance, and celebration of freedom. We encourage our families to take this time to learn, honor, and celebrate together.

Happy Juneteenth!

In 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared a formal end to slavery in the United States. However, it was not until nearly two and a half years later, in June of, 1865, that enslaved African Americans of Galveston, Texas got the news that freedom had come at last.



Since that day, Juneteenth has become a celebration of freedom, and was finally officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021. **We celebrate Juneteenth each year officially on June 19th**, but for many, this holiday is a month-long occasion! This is a time to celebrate Black liberation, culture and joy.

Check out these resources below for tips and ideas on how to celebrate Juneteenth with your little ones:

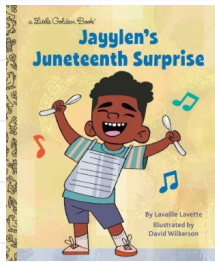
- Time for Kids:
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/a-juneteenth-celebration/>
- Boys & Girls Club of America:
<https://www.bgca.org/news-stories/2022/May/what-is-juneteenth-information-for-kids-and-families>

- PBS Kids:

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/5-ways-to-celebrate-juneteenth>

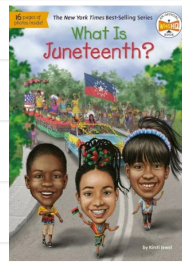
- Great book resources:

[20 Great Juneteenth Books For Kids - Selected Reads](#)



Jayylen's Juneteenth Surprise, by Lavaille Lavette

Lavaille Lavette captures the essence of Juneteenth through the curious eyes of Jayylen, who learns about the holiday's significance from his. As Jayylen prepares to celebrate with music and dance, Lavette weaves a story of tradition, family, and the joy of freedom. Illustrated by David Wilkerson, the book is a gentle introduction to Juneteenth, highlighting the importance of understanding and celebrating freedom's arrival in Texas.



What Is Juneteenth? (What Was?), by Kirsti Jewel

"What Is Juneteenth?" by Kirsti Jewel, part of the Who HQ series, offers a comprehensive look into the history and celebration of Juneteenth, focusing on the momentous day in 1865 when enslaved Texans were informed of their freedom. This book captures the essence of Juneteenth, from its origins to its recognition as a holiday that symbolizes freedom and equality.



Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free, by Alice Faye Duncan

Alice Faye Duncan's "Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free" tells the inspiring story of Opal Lee's determination to see Juneteenth recognized nationally, against the backdrop of her personal experiences with racial injustice. Duncan highlights Lee's resilience and activism, showing how one person's voice can indeed make a difference.

June is Pride Month!

The month of June is Pride Month! This month gives members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community the space to celebrate authentic love and life, and to remember our history. The first Pride parade was organized to celebrate the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, when a group of queer folks fought back against a police raid in New York City. Each June, we commemorate this moment in history and utilize this time to celebrate individual identity, self-expression, and love.



Check out these resources below for tips and ideas on how to celebrate Pride month with your little ones:

- [Fatherly.com](https://www.fatherly.com/entertainment/how-celebrate-pride-month-with-your-kids)
- [ADL.org](https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-)

[resources](#)

- Connecticut Children's
<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/8-ways-to-celebrate-pride-month-with-kids/>

LGBTQ+ Pride Children's Books:

- "A Plan For Pops" by Heather Smith & Brooke Kerrigan
<https://www.amazon.com/Plan-Pops-Heather-Smith/dp/1459816145>
- "Julián is a Mermaid" by Jessica Love
[Amazon Link](#)
- "Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle" by Nina LaCour & Kaylani Juanita
<https://bookshop.org/p/books/mama-and-mommy-and-me-in-the-middle-nina-lacour/17747275?ean=9781536211511>

For more books about pride, diversity, and inclusion, check out this website:
<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/lgbtq/>

Events & Announcements

June Teacher Appreciation

Our Teacher Appreciation Day this month is Wednesday, June 17th! The theme is "A Refreshing Thank You!"

- click the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-64319366-june>

Growing up and grilling out celebration!

Join us on **Friday, June 12th from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM** for our *Growing Up & Grilling Out* celebration!

This event is for our entire school community to enjoy because there is something for everyone to celebrate! Celebrating the end of the school year, the beginning of the summer, our graduates, and to show appreciation for the special people who care for and support our little ones!

We'll be celebrating on our **front playground** with hot dogs, burgers, snacks, sunshine, and lots of smiles as we kick off summer together!



Please note: Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their children during the event, as teachers and staff will not be supervising students at this time.

June spirit week!

To celebrate the end of the school year we will be having a Rainbow Spirit Week!

JUNE 8TH - JUNE 12TH

MONDAY: RED DAY! Show kindness and care for others, because every friend deserves love and respect

TUESDAY: ORANGE/YELLOW DAY! Shine with joy and positivity, spreading smiles to everyone you meet!

WEDNESDAY: GREEN DAY! Grow with kindness! Wear green to celebrate friendship!

THURSDAY: BLUE/PURPLE DAY! Show respect and understanding, because every friend is unique and important.

FRIDAY: RAINBOW DAY! We are going to wrap up the week in full color! Wear all the colors of the rainbow or your favorite color to celebrate how bright we shine together.



Calendar for summer 2026

Check out our 2026 summer calendar! You'll see some fun events planned such as; Kona Ice, splash days, a magic show, and so much more. Please note dates we are closed and have special events! :)



Summer Calendar 2026.pdf

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Important school reminders

Pickett Post Swim Meets

As many of you know, the Pickett Post Swim Club is officially open! Considering this, we ask that all families continue to be mindful of heightened traffic in our parking lot during pick-up times. As always, we highly recommend families pick up their students as early as possible & limit the amount of time we are in the lot on these days in order to cut down on traffic congestion, however early pickup is **NOT mandatory**.

We will notify all families via email when the Swim Club is hosting events or swim meets so that everyone can prepare accordingly.

As of now, the tentative schedule for swim meets is as follows:

- **June 15th** – Picture Day & Time Trials
- **June 18th** – Swim Meet at 5:30 PM
- **June 23rd** – Swim Meet at 5:30 PM

https://picketpostswimteam.swimtopia.com/swim_meets

Splash Day Reminders

Splash Days will run from **June 23rd to August 21st!** The schedule will be as follows:

- **Tuesdays:** Infants, Young Toddlers & Toddlers
- **Wednesday:** Toddlers, Beginner 1
- **Thursday:** Beginner 2, Intermediates
- **Friday:** Pre-K & Pre-K 2

Some quick reminders about Splash Days:

- Please bring your child to school dressed in their splash gear (i.e. swimsuit or water clothes) with sunscreen **already applied**.
- Please provide a towel & a bag to place wet clothes into after splashing.
- Please provide a change of clothes (including dry shoes) for after splashing - we will help your child change into dry clothes!
- Remember, close-toed shoes **ONLY!** Water shoes, crocs, and other waterproof shoes are acceptable. NO FLIP FLOPS!
- **No swim diapers** - regular diapers/pull-ups only

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Happy splashing!

Cubby reminders

As the weather is warming up, please remember to change out your child's spare cubby clothes accordingly! As a reminder, we recommend all children have extras of the following clothing items in their cubbies:

Shirts
Pants
Undies
Socks
Shoes

It is essential that **all of your child's belongings** are labeled clearly with their first and last name.

Chesterbrook Academy is not responsible for any items that may become lost or missing during the school day.

Shoe policy

Reminder to all families that wearing **open-toed shoes are not permitted to be worn during the school day**. This is a licensing regulation that we must follow strictly. We recommend the following closed-toed shoe options for warm weather:

- Sneakers
- Crocs (with the strap down to secure the shoe to the ankle)
- flats
- Any other close-toed shoe

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Sunscreen & Water Bottles!

Here are some quick reminders about sunscreen and water bottles during the warm weather months:

Sunscreen:

- Please provide at least one bottle of unopened, unexpired, liquid or stick sunscreen to be kept at school for your child to utilize during the spring/summer.
- Sunscreen sprays are not permitted.
- Sunscreen must be applied **at home** before school in the mornings. Teachers will re-apply sunscreen to students in the afternoon.
- All sunscreen must be labeled & signed with our sunscreen stickers (available in the lobby).
We cannot apply sunscreen that has not been properly labeled.

Water Bottles:

- You may provide a reusable water bottle for your child to bring outside during trips to the playground.
- Plastic, single-use water bottles are not permitted.
- All water bottles must be **labeled clearly** with your child's name.
- Please remember to **bring the reusable bottle already filled with water.**

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions!

Parking lot reminders

As we continue into our blooming spring season, we want to share a few quick reminders to keep our school community safe during pick-up and drop-off:

Parking Lot:

- Enter through the bottom lot and use the second entrance.
- Follow the right side of the traffic circle to find your parking spot and exit the same way.
- **Drive slowly, stay aware, and watch for our little ones.**

Child Safety:

- Always hold your child's hand and practice safe habits like stopping and looking both ways.
 - Never leave a child unattended in the car.
 - Be mindful of others when buckling in or getting settled.
 - Turn off your car when entering the building and avoid idling whenever possible to help keep our air clean.
 - **To ensure the safety of all students, a parent, guardian, or approved adult is required to accompany children to and from their classroom at drop-off and pick-up.**
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Illness Policy Reminders

At Chesterbrook Academy, the health and safety of our school community is always a top priority.

We ask that families partner with us by keeping sick children at home. Doing so helps us:

- Minimize the spread of illness to other children and staff
- Support the full recovery of the sick child
- Reduce the circulation of contagious conditions during cold and flu season

To protect our school community, any individual, child or adult who is visibly ill will be asked to remain at home. Children who become sick during the school day will be made comfortable, and families will be required to pick them up within **one hour** of notification.

Children must remain home and be symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to school if they experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Heavy nasal discharge requiring wiping every 3–5 minutes
- Persistent, non-productive or “barking” cough
- Sore throat
- Noticeable irritability, fussiness, or crankiness outside of typical behavior
- Skin rashes, including diaper rashes
- Head lice
- Any symptoms of a communicable disease such as pink eye, strep throat, chickenpox, measles, or mumps

Chesterbrook Academy reserves the right to refuse admittance to any child or individual showing signs of illness.

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

If you are traveling, let us know if you are planning on using your vacation credit. Please remember:

- Vacation credits require **two weeks' written notice via email** in order to be utilized
- Credits reset on July 1st.
- Credits can only be utilized for a Monday-Friday absence. If a child is present for any portion of the week, regular tuition will apply.
- New students must be **enrolled for 6 months** to be eligible for a vacation credit.
- Students who have taken a **recent hiatus** will need to wait **6 months** to be eligible for a vacation credit.

If you are taking a **hiatus**, please note:

- We require a 30-day (4 week) written notice via email for a hiatus date
- A hiatus must be a minimum of three weeks long
- We will require a specified **return date** before we can place your child on hiatus in order to maintain their spot on our roster.

If you are planning to **withdraw** your child from our program:

- Withdraws require a **30-day (4 week) written notice via email** in order for your enrollment deposit to be credited towards your final week's tuition.

Classroom Happenings

Infants

Can you believe we are in June already!! This year is flying by so fast, and we are going to enjoy every minute of it. During the month of June there are a few things we want to look at in preparation for summer.

We are first going to look at the beach. It sounds so much fun and we want to know what the hype is about.

Then we are going left field and talking about jungle animals.

The next thing we will we will discuss is our favorite summer fruits pineapples!! We have a feeling this yummy tropical fruit will be a big hit.

Next, we will talk about the color yellow. It is such a bright color and perfect for the summer.

And our last half week of June we will discover ice cream. The perfect summer treat

Young Toddlers

June is a wonderful month for young toddlers to explore the world around them through seasonal themes and hands-on activities. With longer days and warmer weather, it's the perfect time to enjoy

outdoor play, sensory experiences, and nature-inspired learning.

Our June young toddler lesson plans are packed with exciting summer themes designed to keep little learners engaged while building important early childhood skills through play.

1. Camping & Nature Adventures

This week, toddlers will explore the outdoors through fun camping and nature-themed activities.

We will read *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, build tents, create leaf rubbings, go on nature walks, and practice sorting natural items like leaves, sticks, and rocks.

2. Under the Ocean & Sea Life

Dive into ocean fun with exciting sea-themed activities! Toddlers will enjoy water play, explore sea animal counters, learn about ocean creatures, and cool off with a special ice cream treat.

3. Father's Day & Summer Kickoff

Celebrate Father's Day and welcome summer with meaningful crafts and sensory fun. Children will create handmade cards, enjoy lemonade sensory play, read themed books, and participate in a fun splash day outdoors.

4. Bugs & Insects

Little learners will discover the fascinating world of bugs through creative activities like painting bug rocks, making handprint spiders, and preparing a fun snack recipe, "Ants in Your Pants."

These playful summer themes encourage creativity, exploration, sensory learning, and plenty of summer fun all month long!

Toddlers

Summer is right around the corner and our toddlers have grown so much before our eyes! This month we shall be saying farewell as some of our students are moving up to beginners and bigger and brighter futures where their teachers will miss them. We are also welcoming several new students to our toddler classroom family over the summer for camp. This month we will welcome them with open hearts, arms and exciting summer activities.

Our themes if this month are as follows:

Week 1 - kids helping kids

Week 2 - all sorts of sports

Week 3 - storybook summer

Week 4 - tinker around

Week 5 - minute to win it

Over the course of this month we will be making new exciting crafts, exploring the world around us, learning new songs, learning new games, reading new books, and learning how to help one another to grow in amazing new ways.

Beginner 1

We can't believe it's JUNE already and the last month of the school year. Here's all the exciting learning experiences we have planned for the month ahead.

Week 1: Our countdown to Summer has officially begun. We are so thrilled for a summer packed with outdoor adventures, beach trips, splash days, vacations, baseball and so much more. We will read the book "A Summery Saturday Morning" by Margaret Mahy.

Week 2: This is a very special week as we are excited to celebrate Father's Day. We will share experiences and stories of our awesome Dads and celebrate them. We will read the books "All Kinds of Families" by Suzanne Lang and "Biscuit Loves Fathers Day" by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

Week 3: It's the official kick off to our Summer Camp 2026 " Be Bold Be You " on June 15th. We welcome new friends into the Beginner class and are going to miss our friends dearly who are moving up to Intermediates. We wish you the best and we will see you around!

Our Teacher's choice book for this week is "The View At The Zoo" by Kathleen Long Bostrom. We will plan fun learning explorations of our favorite animals and their habitat and how the Zoo helps with the conservation and protection of wildlife.

Week 4: June is National Camping Month and our theme this week is " Camping ". From Tents to campfires, Sleeping Bags to S'mores, we will create some great memories during dramatic play. We will read the books " Llama Llama Loves Camping " by Anna Dewdney and Bluey " Camping " .

Here's wishing all the awesome Dads a Happy Father's Day!!!

As the school year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to our incredible families for your continued support and collaboration to make this an enriching school year. We wish you all a fun filled and memorable summer!! ~ Ms. Suman, Ms, Kate & Ms. Gauri.

Beginner 2

Beginner 2 will be Jumping Into June! We are going to have an amazing Summer. We kick off the Summer with Kona Ice on June 22, we love Kona!! We will have Splash Days on Thursdays (June 25th, Will be our first)! These days please bring your child to school dressed in their bathing suit and water shoes, bring a towel and spare clothing for them to dry off and get changed into. Please Label everything! This Summer we will try to get nitty gritty with potty training!

In class we will read several books including 😊

Week 1- A Summery Saturday Morning by Margaret Mahy and Duck and Goose go to the Beach by Tad Hills - we will enjoy talking about the beach, playing with sand and beach toys!

Week 2-Beach Day by Karen Roosa another week of all things beachy !

Week 3- We will have surprise book to read this week

Week 4- Zigby Camps Out by Brian Peterson, we will shift our gears and talk about camping!

With this being said, we are looking for the following Summer items... Beach toys, items for our Summer Sensory table be creative all things Summers, beach balls and we would like to borrow a tent for our Camp out week please let Ms. Jen know if you have a tent!

Have you brought Sunscreen? Filled out the form? Also, please update your child's cubby with Summer Clothing!

Have fantastic Summer!! We are always here to answer any questions you may have!

Intermediates

Happy June! It is almost summertime, and we only have a few weeks left in the school year! We are so excited to see our new friends and wish the best of luck to the friends going to prek! Here is what we are going to be learning this month!

Week 1: Opposites!

- we will explore big/small, up/down, and fast/slow! We will be doing lots of physical activities with freeze dances and matching games!

Week 2: Backyard Fun!

- We took our learning outdoors! Nature walks, sidewalk chalk, and very cool obstacle courses before the school year ends!

Week 3: Welcome to Summer Camp!

- welcoming in our newer friends to our routines, and what we have planned for the summer in intermediates!

Week 4: Beach

- We are diving into beach life and safety! What activities can we do at the beach? Do you like going into the water?

Week 5: Under the sea

- This week we will discuss sea life and which animals live in the ocean! There will be lots of sensory play!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms.Alexis or Ms.Emily! :)

Pre-K

Happy June! As we head into the final month of our Pre-K year, we are overcome with a bittersweet sadness to see some of our friends go, but so proud of our little graduates and are excited for their futures ahead! To our friends coming back in the fall, we are so excited for you to come back but we hope you have so much fun on your adventures! Tune in to see what lies in our month ahead while we review all the amazing things we've learned and get ready for summer fun!

Week 1: Alphabet & Letter Sounds

We'll start the month by reviewing the alphabet and the sounds each letter makes. We will work hard at our phonics skills and make sure all our little learners understand the letter sound relationships!

Week 2: Number Review

This week is all about numbers! We will be reviewing our number identification, counting to 100 by ones and tens, and playing some fun math board games!

Week 3: Introduction to Summer Camp

We'll begin talking about what to expect during Summer Camp! We'll explore new themes, routines, and activities to help the children feel excited and prepared for the transition.

Week 4: Friendship & Classroom Community

To close out the month, we'll focus on friendship—how to be a kind friend, how to share and play nicely with our toys, and a review of classroom rules. It's a great time to celebrate all the social-emotional growth we've seen this year!

Thank you for all your support during this wonderful school year—we're so proud of how much our Pre-K friends have grown!

With gratitude,

Ms.Racheal and Mx.Hannah

Pre-K 2

Hooray! We've made it to June! We're sad to say goodbye to some classmates so soon! This month, students will enjoy celebrating the end of the "school year" and the beginning of summertime. While we transition into summer camp mode, we will spend the month talking about tools, flags, colors, and kindness! Our PreK-2 friends will complete plenty of fun review activities to help them feel extra prepared for kindergarten, with both their smarts AND social skills!

Some highlighted books include: *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love, *Dads are Such Fun* by Jakki Wood, *One Hundred is a Family* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, *My Shadow is Purple* by Scott Stuart, and *Boxitects* by Kim Smith.

Weekly Themes:

Week 1: Rainbows & Kindness

- Primary, secondary, and more colors
- Manners and friendly interactions
- How can we spread kindness?

Week 2: Father's Day & Flag Day

- Spanish family member review
- Flags: symbols and colors convey meaning
- What makes your family special?

Week 3: Purple & Juneteenth

- Making "purple people" choices
- Understanding equality, history, and holiday
- Seasons and months review; Spring to Summer
- Let's discuss: Juneteenth(June 19; School Closed)

Week 4: Tools & Tinkering

- Understanding different tools and usages
- Reading analog clocks
- Counting currency, coins and dollars

Week of 6/30 will serve as July week 1.

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