

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER
MAY 2018

Message from the Director

It is hard to believe that the year is drawing to a close and so many of our wonderful families will be moving on.

This will be my last opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for choosing to trust us, the teachers, aides, and me, with the care, comfort, and education of your children. And a great big thank you for all you have done and the time you have given to make this year so productive and such a great experience for the staff and children of Creative Preschool!

This brings me to our continued goal to offer these children the best. We are a quality school. To quote Lawrence Welk, "we have a tremendous desire to learn, and to grow, and to develop whatever (we) have that will make for any kind of improvement in (us)." We are, therefore, constantly looking for ways to make positive changes which will improve our already wonderful school.

A critical component to our vitality and improvement is YOU! **Please look for a parent survey to come home in your child's cubby.** We are asking every family to give thoughtful consideration to honestly answering the questions. This is YOUR school and we want your opinion and suggestions! Drop your survey in the box found by the entrance doors. Thank you for sharing your insight with us, because "we are not what we know but what we are willing to learn." – Mary Catherine Bateson

The end of every school year is bittersweet. Saying goodbye is sad. We wish those of you who are leaving Creative for the last time everything good in the future. Those of you who are returning, we will happily see you in August!



On a personal note, I would like to say that I treasure the time that I get to spend with you, parents, and with your children. The children bring laughter and joy to my day. I truly feel blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know so many of you parents and your family. I certainly hope to meet you all again. Have a fun-filled and safe summer!

News from Friday Friends

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over. During the month of May we will be working on a

special Mother's Day present and other fun art projects. We will continue to review colors, shapes and numbers. I will also continue formal testing for the end of the year progress reports. Hopefully we will be spending a lot of time outside now that the sun has returned. Just a reminder – please have the children wear closed toed gym shoes for safe outdoor play!



On May 25, there is no regular class time; instead families are welcome to invite anyone who is able to come to our end of year Celebration! Please bring your child to the Activity Room at 11:00. The children will be singing some of our favorite songs and they will receive a certificate for completing the Friday Friends program. Afterward we will enjoy with cookies and juice together. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway for refreshments. You can expect to be here less than an hour.

I have really enjoyed having your children in my class this year. Thank you all so much for a great year and have a wonderful summer! Mrs. Docter

News from Threes

The end of the school year is upon us. As the school year has progressed, we have observed change not only in nature, but also in the growth and development of your three-year-old children. The month of May will be spent finishing our booklets, having fun outside, and enjoying these last few weeks together. Our final days of school are May 23 and 24. On these days we will not have a regular class, but we will come together for just about an hour to CELEBRATE a fantastic year! We will meet in the Activity Room, the room to the right as you enter the main doors, at the time listed below. We will spend no more than an hour simply being together, singing a few songs, doing a few finger plays and getting our booklets. Cookies and juice will be served, too. Look for sign-up sheets in the hallway. Any family members wishing to come to celebrations are welcome.

Celebration Schedule for Threes

May 23	10:00-11:00	Mrs. Brothers MW AM
	12:30-1:30	Mrs. Brothers MW PM
May 24	10:00-11:00	Mrs. Kenney TTH AM
	1:00-2:00	Mrs. Kenney TTH PM
	2:00-3:00	Mrs. Ewry TTH PM

We have enjoyed your children very much. Thank you for sharing them with us! We also appreciate your

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wonderful help and cooperation throughout the school year. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Brothers, Mrs. Ewry and Mrs. Kenney

News from Fours

The end of another school year is just around the corner and it is time to reflect upon our thankfulness for the time we have had with your children. Each child is truly a blessing to us!

This month, the children will find an Ocean in the Discovery Room! The Sweet Shop and the Floral Shop will temporarily remain in the Activity Room and we will certainly be using the playground this month, as well! The children's Progress Reports will come home mid-May. If you would like a conference or have questions concerning the Progress Report, please contact your child's teacher.

Please mark your calendar for these May events:

MAY 10 TTh & TTh/TThF classes; May 11 MWF classes MOMMY IS QUEEN FOR A DAY!

Mommies who are able to, please come to the Activity Room for some special surprises! Check your "May Reminder" for your assigned time.

MAY 14 and 15 – OUTDOOR DAY

On Outdoor Day we will be outside the entire day. We will have an outdoor craft, outdoor snack, and a treasure hunt! Please dress your child for the weather and in gym shoes and clothing for outdoor, dirty fun and play!

MAY 24 and 25 – CELEBRATION!

Celebrating a great year and good friends, we will have a child and family friendly *Celebration!* Parents, plan to be asked by your child to participate in a song/dance or two. The children will then entertain you with some songs on their own. Teachers will pass out the booklets the children have made, and then children, families and teachers will go outside (weather permitting) for a little pizza picnic, socializing, and playground fun. More detailed information and an attendance/order form should have come home by now. Please return the tear-off by the due date. It is very important that each family send this form back, on time, so that we know how much food and drink we need to order!

Celebration Schedule for Fours

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD TO HIS OR HER CLASSROOM 10 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR

ASSIGNED *CELEBRATION* TIME! PARENTS SHOULD THEN GO UPSTAIRS AND BE SEATED.

May 11:00-12 T TH AM Mrs. Fleming

24 12:00-1:00 T TH AM Mrs. Banta

1:30-2:30 TTh/TThF Mrs.Fleming/McGowan

May 10:30 -11:30 MWF AM Mrs. Goertemoeller
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11:30 –12:30 MWF AM Mrs. McGowan

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of learning with your child this year and thank you for the many, many ways you have helped us. You certainly make our job easier and our year run smoothly! Have a fun and safe summer!

News from Pre-K

The end of the school year is fast approaching which means that we will be busy as usual! The end of a school year always makes us a bit sad as we spend our last few days with your child and try to ready ourselves for saying, "Good-bye" to each of them. It has been a wonderful year! We have marveled at the academic excellence of each of the children! They have accomplished so much! It has been a great blessing to watch them learn and grow this year. We have also enjoyed working with each of you in our classrooms and we thank you for the many ways you have helped us this year!

During this school year your child has made an alphabet writing book and an alphabet folder. Look for these two items to come home soon. Our hope is that you and your child will enjoy looking at them together, as well as use them to review the alphabet! We will continue our travels and you can expect your child's suitcase to come home! We hope you enjoy discussing together the many places we have traveled!

Progress reports will be emailed to you the week of May 14th. If you have any questions or concerns once you review these, please let us know and we will set up a time to talk.

Some special events and dates in May are:

MAY 11- MOM IS QUEEN FOR THE DAY!

Mommies who are able please come to school 15 minutes before the end of class. Go to the Activity Room and we will meet you there for some very special surprises!



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MAY 14- OUTDOOR DAY

On this day we will be outside for the entire day. We will have an outdoor craft, outdoor snack and a treasure hunt. We may also do some bubble and parachute experiments. Please dress your child for the weather and in gym shoes and play clothes appropriate for outdoor fun!

MAY 25- CELEBRATION!

Our celebration times are listed below. Please bring your child to our classroom 10 minutes before our Celebration time. You should then go upstairs and be seated in the large church meeting room. We will join you once everyone has arrived. We will sing a couple of our favorite songs and even ask you to join in. I will then pass out the books the children have made. All of us will then go outside for a pizza picnic and a most delicious dessert that your child made especially for you! We can all eat, socialize and play on the playground! More detailed information should have come home by now. It is very important that each family send this form back on time so that we can plan for food!

Again, it has been a GREAT year! Thanks for all you've done and for the privilege of teaching your child! Have a fun and safe summer!

Celebration Schedule for Pre-K

Mrs. Johnson 1:00 – 2:00

Mrs. Wedig/Mrs. Hageman 2:00 – 3:00



News from Art

I hope you will take a look at the colorful and entertaining Self-Portraits in our Art Gallery. These Self-Portraits, inspired by the expressive work of Pablo Picasso, were painted by your young artists using color and line to express emotion.



It has been both fun and rewarding learning about artists and their styles and techniques with your children this year! As Vincent van Gogh once said, "A good picture is equivalent to a good deed." We have certainly created many "good deeds" in Special Art this year!

Openings

Two openings are available in our Fours 2 day TTh morning and one in TThF afternoon. There is now one PreK opening and two Friday Friends. Interested families can call Krisit Lysaght at 520-8930 (Friday

Friends) or Allie Wedig at 513-476-2887 (Fours and PreK.)

News From The Board

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:00 pm. We will be assembling raffle baskets for the Carnival after the meeting – please come if you are able to help! Please contact Lori Tranter at lpetrungaro@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the board or have any questions.

Creative Preschool Spring Carnival!

Spring Carnival is Saturday, May 19 from 11am until 3pm! Spread the word to your family and friends...any and all are welcome to join us for games and prizes, lunch at the grill, split the pot, basket raffles, face painting, bouncy house, cotton candy, sno-cones, and more!



- **Sign up Genius is working well, but we are still in need of volunteers!** If your class sign up is full, please take a look at the other sheets (bake sale, split the pot, grill, parking, etc) to help us make Carnival a success.
- **Thank you** for the wonderful donations for the class baskets!
- **Look for the baskets to be on display** in the hallway in early May!
- **Raffle tickets** for the baskets will come home with your child the beginning of May, as well. You may send back your chances and money up until May 18; raffle tickets will also be available at the Carnival. **We do not expect your child to sell raffle tickets door to door!** But feel free to ask family and friends who may be interested in some of our great baskets. All tickets are \$1. If you need more, you can ask Mrs. DePaoli or visit our Facebook page to print more.
- **Carnival yard signs will be available at the beginning of May. Please see Mrs. DePaoli if you are willing to place one in front of your business or home**
- **NEW THIS YEAR – Carnival Parking!** This year we will be offering parking at St. Simon's Church with shuttle service to and from the Carnival. Please be sure to park only in St.

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Simon's BACK LOT! Look for signs directing you to the correct lot on the day of the Carnival. The shuttle will run every fifteen minutes, starting at 11:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm. Signs will be posted at both pick-up and drop-off locations as well. There will be limited parking available in the grass and lower parking lot at school, but these spots will most likely go quickly, so you may just want to head straight to St. Simon's!

Thank you to everyone who has donated time, money, or goods to make our Carnival a success! We can't wait to have fun with you all on May 19!