



May 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow! We can't believe it is end of the year already! This year has gone by so quickly. We have experienced so many wonderful activities and this last month will be no exception. Hopefully the weather will stay warm and we will spend more time outside. Please remember that flip flops and sandals are not safe for the active play the children engage in at school.

On **Wednesday May 10**, weather permitting; we will go to Elizabethtown College. We will walk to the college to view their rock and mineral collection which also has a dinosaur egg and then walk to the pond to read a story and have snack. **Rain Date is Friday, May 12**

Please note: **OUR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.** If your child will not be present for the last day, please let us know so we will have his/her portfolio ready before then.

I will leave our Shutterfly Site up until **Friday, June 2** if you would like to create a book of your child from the pictures I took this school year.

Important Dates to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, May 3: Our Spring Program 6:00pm

Thursday, May 4: ECNS Ice Cream Social 6-7:00pm

Wednesday, May 10: Walk to Elizabethtown College, Rain Date is May 12

Monday, May 15: Walking Trip to the Fun Fort, Rain Date is May 17

Monday, May 17: Last Day of School

Monday, May 29: ECNS Marching in the Memorial Day Parade

Wednesday, June 1: Willowood Swim Event, Rain Date is June 2



Our themes for May are:

May 1 & 3: **Practice for Our Program & Zoo/Safari**-We will participate in activities created by the PA "One Book, Every Young Child" program from the Lancaster County Libraries for the book, Stripes of All Types

May 5: **Community Helpers**-We will participate in activities created by the PA "One Book, Every Young Child" program from the Lancaster County Libraries for the book, Whose Shoes?

May 8: **Caterpillars and Butterflies**-We will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

May 10: **Pond**-We will walk to the college. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately; **no sandals or flip flops**, and apply sunscreen to your child before school.

May 12: **Beach/Ocean**-We will discuss what we see and do at the beach.

May 15: **Trip to the Fun Fort**-Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately, **no sandals, flip flops, or open toe shoes**, and that they arrive to school on time because we will leave around 9:30am. Also, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school. We will walk to and from the park. Any and all family members are invited to come along. We will need one person to drive our equipment and be available the entire time with a car in case of emergencies. **The rain date will be Wednesday, May 17.**

May 17: **Last Day of School**-We will play with our favorite games and toys.

It has been an absolute joy teaching your children and getting to know each of you. Thank you for sharing your child with us! It has been exciting to see how your children have grown and made new friends. We hope you will continue to read to your child daily and review letters and numbers as needed. Thank you so much for your encouragement and help throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer Schramm & Ms. Cindy Myers



May and Summer Activities You Can Do With Your Child

*Read books and visit the library often!

*Play with water! Give your child cups, basters, egg beaters, sponges and a strainer. Let him/her pour, squeeze and play!

*Make bubbles! Mix together liquid dish soap and water. Put the mixture in a cup and show your child how you can blow into it with straws to make more bubbles. Dip in a slotted spoon or other objects and wave them around the room to make bubbles.

*Use sidewalk chalk together when you're outside to create a picture on the sidewalk or driveway.

*Look for insects. Use a clear container to make a bug house and put the insects inside along with small pieces of grass and sticks. Talk about how the bugs look and what they might eat.

*Take your child to the park. Encourage him/her to play on the slide or swings. Then, ask "what did you do first, what did you second?"

*Ask your child to imagine what kindergarten will be like. Go to the school and look at the building as you both describe what you think a day might be like. Then ask your child to draw a picture.

*Tell your child how proud you are that he/she is going into kindergarten. Explain that it is ok to be nervous and scared. Talk about other new experiences you've had together.

"Remember how you felt when you went to that new doctor?"

*Ask your child to draw his/her new teacher a picture. Write down the child's description and name. Encourage your child to take the picture with him/her the first day.

*Start a kindergarten "count down." Write 30, 29, 28, etc. all the way to 1 on a piece of paper. Together, cross out one number each day to show how many days are left until school starts.

***Most importantly, have fun with your child and enjoy every minute because they grow up too fast!**