

# Cherry Hill Pre-School

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Newsletter

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*Here we are heading into the last 2 months of our 43<sup>rd</sup> school year! Gosh, time flies' way too fast! The end of the school year is so bittersweet especially for our graduating students. We are so proud of their accomplishments, but knowing they are moving on and won't be returning is so sad. We will miss them so much! We are honored that you have shared your children with us and have looked forward to seeing their smile each day! We have several more weeks of school and we plan on enjoying every moment and seeing more smiles!*

*Over the last 42 years of Cherry Hill Pre-School, I have had some exceptional staff, who several have remained close friends. This year is no exception! Miss Kristina and Miss Valerie are AMAZING! Our longtime staff member Miss Chris who subs for us now is so wonderful and loves being with the children whenever she can. May 6<sup>th</sup>-May 10<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week and I want my staff to know I am forever grateful for them! They are not only my co-workers they are my friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You will always be a member of the Cherry Hill Pre-School Family. I truly appreciate them, and I know how lucky I am to be able to work alongside of them.*

## **General Reminders**

We have completed our **Letter Pocket activity** and we are finishing up our Alphabet Book with our **pre-k students** We will be binding your child's Alphabet Books and they should be ready to send home by the end of the month. Your child has worked so hard on this very special book I'm sure you will treasure it.

**Our color this month is PURPLE.** We have completed our discussion of shapes and are finishing up the colors this month. We will be putting together our yearlong Color and Shape Book to send home the beginning of June with our **preschool** students.

All returning students and/or siblings must submit updated registration forms. I will be sending home registration forms the week of 4/29. Please be sure when filling out the medical that your child has had or going to have before school begins, a complete physical. The form asks for the most recent physical information. Your child also is required to have a blood lead test upon entering preschool and a flu shot in the fall as well. I will be collecting proof of flu shots then. You may submit these forms over the summer or just before school starts on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. I am so excited to announce that all of our classes are full and we now have waiting lists for each class for the 2024-2025 school year.

\*Spring picture previews have been distributed. Please return your order to the school by Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you do not return them by April 30<sup>th</sup>, please mail them to the Photography studio. The address is at the bottom of the order form.

**\*Mother's Tea Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>.** This our favorite event of the year!!! Your children have been very busy making gifts and decorations for this special day. They will be singing to you as well and have been practicing very hard. You are going to love it! Miss Cheryl will provide special refreshments of course including tea and coffee. Mother's Tea is a special time set aside for just you (the mom) and your

child. **NO siblings or other family members are invited. Please make every effort to get a sitter for your other children at home. If mom cannot attend this event, another special female family member may take her place.** Mother's Tea will be held the last 45 minutes of your child's class. However, your child will come to school their regular time and moms are invited back at the designated time. Your child does not need a lunchbox on this day. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Pre-K morning class** Mother's Tea time is Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:40am. **Afternoon class** Mother's Tea is 2:30pm on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>. **Tuesday, Friday morning class** Mother's Tea is Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:40am.

**Book order flyers will be going home the week of 4/30. Please place your on-line book orders no later than Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>.** There are lots to choose from with many books to encourage summer reading. This will be the last book order of the year. I hope all our kindergarten bound students will be doing a lot of reading this summer!

**No school Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**

**School News-** Miss Cheryl ordered caterpillars for our classroom and they have arrived! We will be able to observe the caterpillars as they grow and form a chrysalis. Once the caterpillars are all in their chrysalis I will transfer them to our butterfly net. There, we will watch them appear out of their chrysalis as a Painted Lady Butterfly! It's very exciting and what an experience. We have several discussions, stories and activities planned about caterpillars changing into butterflies.

We will be getting outside as much as possible during our free play time. Please dress your child accordingly for outdoor play. For your child's safety, no open-toed shoes, no crocs, no clogs and no party shoes. Rubber soled, closed-in shoes and sneakers are the safest footwear for the yard. Please put your child's name in their outfit. Jean jackets are especially popular. Also, as the weather gets warmer and you are waiting in line to drop off, please do not let your child stand out of your sunroof or hang out the windows of your vehicle. We are just concerned for everyone's safety.

During the month of May, we will be finishing some yearlong projects with both age groups as well as some new activities. We still have lots of fun planned until the last day of classes. I will be evaluating each student again and you will receive another progress report by the beginning of June. I am sure you can see the progress your child has made this year! We are so proud of them!

**Graduation and last day of classes**      Looking ahead.....

Our last day of regular classes will be Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate our last day with an Ice Cream Party so your child does not need to bring a snack or a drink if they would like ice cream. We have certificates to pass out to our younger, returning students and gifts as well.

At this time the teachers and I are making some decisions about our graduation ceremony and inform you of any changes very soon. The date will either be the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Graduation ceremony will be for the Pre-K morning class and the afternoon classes only. We will hold the Graduation Ceremony outside in the front yard weather permitting. If we have inclement weather, we will have it inside. Lots of special surprises planned for graduation!