May 2021 NEWSLETTER

End of the 2020-21 School Year Celebration

WEEK OF MAY 24-28

Although this year has been anything but typical, we typically celebrate the end of the ‘school year’ at the end of May with our children and families. Although full day, full time programming is offered throughout the summer, many families’ summer plans contribute to a gradual exits during the summer. The end of May is a time when we can ensure that all of our families and children can celebrate their accomplishments of this school year and look forward to the upcoming year. We are particularly excited to celebrate our 23 preschool students who will be moving on to kindergartens throughout central Ohio this fall! Mark your calendars for the last week of May, when we will have several opportunities to celebrate the year with activities and opportunities such as:

- Graduation selfie photos
- Classroom banners
- Classroom year-in-review photo montages
- Take-home school supplies, backpacks and books
- Take-home snacks from the kitchen to share at home
- Get registered for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in the lobby and get quality children’s books and other materials delivered monthly to your home for free

UPCOMING DATES

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7

MEMORIAL DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, May 31

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: CLOSED
Friday, June 18

INDEPENDENCE DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, July 5

Want to keep up-to-date on what’s on the ASR menu? Check out the food menu on our website.

Kass Family Book Club

Through the generosity of the Kass Family, our school is happy to provide a free monthly book club selection to families. Often families ask how to make sure their children is prepared for kindergarten by the time they leave preschool. Make sure to check out the evidence-based strategies for reading at home that come with the book club selections to make the most of your story times, prepare your child for elementary while also enjoying daily reading time together! May’s selections are Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung and Even Superheroes Make Mistakes by Shelly Becker.
May is Family Conference Month

Spring is when we review the school year and reflect on children’s goals, development and growth. Teachers will be reaching out to families to meet this month for family conferences. Conferences may be conducted via Zoom or telephone and work samples will be sent home as well. During conferences, teachers will share information from a variety of sources including developmental screenings, assessments, classroom observations, photos and work collections. If your child is staying at A. Sophie Rogers School, we will make plans and goals for the summer and upcoming year as well as note and incorporate family goals and observations. If your child is preparing for kindergarten in the fall, teachers will review some of tools available to facilitate the transition to elementary school. Make sure you sign up for a conference and let teachers know if there are ideas you would like to be sure to discuss!

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Look for these familiar faces at the “Big Science Celebration”:

- **Plant Capillary Action Explanation for Preschoolers** by Oliva Diaz Melgarejo
- **Propagation of Plants** by Meredith Schilling
- **Volume Experiment** by Vanessa Shrontz
- **Discussing Cause & Effect with Preschoolers** by Kari Welch
- **Jet Propulsion in Octopus** by Whyntie Strain

Review of Family Discussion Series:

We were happy to host several family discussions on topics of interest to families with young children. If you missed any, below you will find a description of each and a link to view at your convenience. If you have follow-up questions or would like more resources on the topics below, please email Samantha at Peterson.476@osu.edu.

- **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTING SUPPORT: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER TO BUILD SKILLS**
  Learn how young children build social-emotional skills and strategies to support your child and understand this development. Connect how building relationships will assist your child in building skills to support lifelong learning growth and development.

- **GET THE MOST FROM STORY TIME WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILD**
  Learn more about how reading with your young child is one of the best ways to continue enriched learning at home with simple strategies to enhance your child’s vocabulary, phonological awareness, number sense, and narrative building skills.

- **KINDERGARTEN READINESS & TRANSITION**
  Learn about kindergarten eligibility and readiness, an overview of district screening and enrollment processes, what to do at home to support/prepare for kindergarten transition, and registration processes and school choice in Columbus City Schools.