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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool May 2019

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Happy Mother's Day!!!

BPS Annual Picnic

Bethlehem Preschool's 44th Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for **Fri., June 28** from **12:00-1:00 pm**. We hope all our families can join us for the festivities. As always, we will be serving hot dogs, salads, watermelon, and desserts. Parents are asked to sign up to bring a covered dish. Details to follow. **See you on June 28.** Think Sun!!!

Memorial Day -- BPS Closed

BPS is **closed** on **Mon., May 27** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

Sunscreen!

The sun is shining! That means it is time to **take home the snow pants and boots and get out the sunscreen**. We apply the sunscreen twice a day. Please check your child's supply of sunscreen in his or her classroom. **Remember to check expiration dates, and resupply as needed.** Thank you.

Book Orders

The final Scholastic Book orders of the school year are due on **Wednesday, May 15**. Order forms are available at the front desk. Please order online using our school code **GTCDJ**. If you are ordering with a paper order form, please make checks payable to: Scholastic Reading Club.

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!

Thank you for your diligent efforts to

eliminate the lice threat in the building. Although we haven't had any new signs of bugs or nits, we will continue to check heads through Friday, May 10. We can return to normal procedures on Monday, May 13. We encourage you to continue head checks at home.

We also encourage you to routinely check your children for ticks. We have removed several from children over the past weeks.

Shelter-in-Place Drill

We will hold our semi-annual "Shelter-in-place" drill on **Wednesday, May 15** at 10 am. The purpose of this drill is to test our emergency procedures relating to conditions such as severe weather, public disturbance, or environmental dangers.

Please watch for an e-mail on May 14.

Price Chopper Tools for Schools – Thank You!!

We had a great year, collecting over 40,000 points! We have "spent" our 40,000 points on classroom toys and supplies. Thank you Price Chopper!

A big thank you to the families who have Bethlehem Preschool connected to their Price Chopper AdvanEdge card. We hope to have another successful year when collections begin again in August.

Class News

Infants: With the weather being so unpredictable, please make sure there is a variety of outfits available for outside play. Please bring in sunscreen and summer hats. Maybe that will encourage the sun to come out!

All of our friends are growing so quickly. F is a busy bee. She enjoys “cooking” in our kitchen. M loves reading and singing. A is our little clown, laughing and playing most of the time. R is up and about, all around the room. P is sitting up and reaching for toys. K is climbing up on everything - our little daredevil! E is our little helper, making sure P always has his pacifier, and giving hugs to all her friends.

We would like to wish all our moms a Happy Mother’s Day.

~ **Michelle and Brianna**

Toddlers: Wow! We can’t believe it is May already. Hopefully it will bring the nice weather.

During May we will be talking about the “**Five Senses.**” Each week we will talk about a different sense. We will taste many different things, smell many new scents, feel various textures and listen to a wide variety of music. If you have anything special that might be of interest to one of our senses, please bring it in to share.

Please make sure you check your child’s extra clothing box for seasonally appropriate clothing, and correct sizes.

Look for something special for the moms sometime soon. We love to celebrate Mother’s Day!

Happy birthday to **J L and S.**

~ **Alicia, Tara and Jenny**

Twos: We love nice weather and going outside without our coats! Hopefully May will bring sunshine and warm days. Please check your sunscreen supply; we will be using it soon.

The year has gone by so quickly, we can’t believe it’s almost over. Some of our friends will be moving to the 3’s for the summer. We are growing so quickly!

Our “**Fairy Tale**” theme in April was a great success. In May, we move on to bugs, flowers and plants. We will grow green beans for our outside garden, and learn about (and grow!) Venus Fly Trap plants.

Did you know that one of our fish is pregnant?! Look for some baby fish to arrive soon.

Keep an eye out for a Mother’s day gift.

Happy birthday to **G.**

~ **Kristen, Cassidy and Tera**

Threes: Happy May! The Three’s Room is excited for the month of May and the true spring weather that will finally come our way. In celebration of sunnier days ahead, the class will study “**Fairy Tales and Folk Tales**” and “**Grocery Store.**”

As we near the end of May, the three-year olds will go on our annual walking field trip to Price Chopper! It is super exciting to visit our neighborhood grocery store and meet local community helpers who work there. A date and details about our trip will follow in a separate letter home.

Remember to keep your child’s extra clothing box up to date. If you would like your child to wear a hat when we are outside, please bring one in. And if you haven’t already done so, please bring in updated sunscreen.

Here’s to another exciting month of investigation, imagination and exploration!

Happy birthday **M.**

~ **Jared, Vanessa and Ashley**

Pre-K 3/4s: April showers have certainly brought May flowers to our classroom. We have studied parts of a flower and planted a variety of seeds so we can observe first hand how they grow. We are especially excited to watch our carrots and onions grow in our ‘see-through’ growing box.

This month we will continue to enjoy the spring weather and the many changes we see during this time of year by studying insects and life cycles.

We also plan on exploring concepts such as rhyming words and parts of a story during an interactive unit on nursery rhymes. We look forward to acting out some of our favorites using puppets and felt boards.

Lastly, we look forward to an exciting field trip to the Palace Theater on May 16th. Thank you in advance to all of our parent volunteers/drivers.

Looking forward to lots of hands on learning and exploring this month.

~ **Maura, Brenda & Stephanie**

Pre-K 4s: Hey! Hey! It’s May!

We have our upcoming trip on **Wednesday, May 16th** to Proctors to see “**Dragons Love Tacos.**” This is your last

chance to drive your preschooler on a field trip!
Please sign up ASAP.

We enjoyed our “**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**” study. Thanks to you we had plenty of trash! This month we will talk about “**Plants and Planting,**” “**Bugs and Insects**” and “**Moms.**” We have started growing greenbeans in the classroom. Once it is warm enough outside, we will plant them in our garden. We will also work on a special Mother’s Day surprise!

Time is running out to be a Mystery Reader. If your child has not had a friend or family member come in to read a book, now is the time!!

Happy birthday to **C**. Happy Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day!

~ **Tara, Sherry and Angie**

Important Dates

May 15 - Scholastic Book orders due

May 15 – Shelter in Place Drill

May 16 - Pre-K 3/4s & Pre-K 4s - Field trip to Proctors

May 27 - **Closed for Memorial Day**

June 28 - BPS Family Picnic: Noon – 1PM