



MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

May	3	FIELD TRIP – MD Zoo – All 3s & All 4s 9-1:45
	5	<i>Book Orders Due</i>
	15	Kindergarten Lunch Day – All 4s 11:30-12:30
	16	PICNIC – Cooper Park -All 2s & All 4s
	17	PICNIC – Cooper Park - All 3s
	23	LAST DAY/Celebration – M/T 2s at 10:45
	24	LAST DAY/Celebration – MTW 3s AM At 11:00
	24	GRADUATION – PM 4s at 12:30
	26	LAST DAY/Celebration – Th/F 2s at 10:45, ThF 3s at 11:00
	26	GRADUATION – AM 4s at 9:00

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May	13	Macklin T.	4
	25	Ashlee G.	5
	28	Declan P.	5
	30	Weston R.	3

MAY PRAYER

(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")
 We are thankful for this meal, for this meal. That is how we really feel, really feel. Good food makes us healthy and strong, good friends help us sing our song. We are thankful for this meal, for this meal. Amen.

THANK YOU...

- To those who attended field trips.
- To the Parent/Staff Board Members for their help and support this year.
- To the Condon family for hosting the 2s field trip to their farm, Playtime Pastures.

GRADUATION

Graduation for the PM 4s will be held during class time on Wednesday, May 24, in the Sanctuary. The AM 4s will have graduation on Friday, May 26 in the Sanctuary, during class time. Refer to the Graduation letter for specific information. Family members are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and then parents and children will be free to leave.

"KIDS TO KIDS"

Our goal for the Lenten "Kids to Kids" project was to purchase Pigs. With donations from the children and a special donation from a preschool family we were able to raise \$330.00. With a little help from the school, we will be sending money to Heifer International to purchase 3 Pigs for \$360.00. Congratulations on a great job!

WCPS PRIZE PALOOZA

Congratulations to all the winners of our first Prize Palooza! The baskets were over-stuffed and well received by the winners. We sincerely thank all who donated to the baskets in any way. It was FUN!!! An update on the proceeds from the Palooza... \$7,380.00, the most we have ever raised for a fund raiser!!! This is appreciated, in a year when our enrollment has been down and we have had to rely on saved funds to meet the budget. A huge thanks for your support.

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Program Evaluations for 2022-2023 are available by the sign-out books and on the WCPS website. An email will be sent to you with the link to a Google Form, just click on the link. We encourage feedback from you, so that we may continue to improve our program. Thank you for completing the form.

FROM THE OFFICE...

REMINDER - If your child is enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year, please be reminded that the contract is due back to school. **ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE MEDICAL RECORDS OR UPDATES IN ORDER TO ATTEND CLASS THE FIRST DAY!** For updates, have your doctor's office provide you with an updated immunization print-out.

REAP THE REWARDS OF GARDENING

Gardening allows children to plan and work together to create something they believe is important, and it allows teachers to integrate all curriculum areas: reading, writing, math, and science.

Similar experiences can be shared at home. A garden need not be extensive or have dozens of kinds of plants. A barrel, a window box, or cut-in-half gallon jugs do nicely. Even young children can do "research" to find out what kinds of plants might grow best in their backyards or in containers. Parents can take children to libraries and local greenhouses to find out what to plant and how to take care of those plants. Or kids can ask family friends and neighbors about their gardening experiences.

Math skills are apparent throughout the gardening process: counting the seeds, measuring the correct distance between plants, marking the calendar for the anticipated date on seedling appearance, measuring the height of the plants as they grow. Science lessons emerge as the plants grow and as beneficial and harmful insects make their appearances.

Reading and writing skills are enhanced when books about gardening are read to children and when kids draw pictures and write stories about their own plants. *The Little Red Hen* by P. Galdone (Clarion 1973) and *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss (Harper & Row 1945) are two of the many books that help stimulate kids' interest in gardening.

Another plus is that children develop a sense of responsibility for their gardens. They feel a true sense of pride and accomplishment as their plants grow bigger and bigger and as they share their harvest.

From: Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs by Deborah Diffily and Kathy Morrison, editors, NAYC

SAFETY

Safety will be highlighted this month as a value. We try to instill in the children the importance of being safe in the classroom and on the playground. In some of the classrooms during May, we will be talking to the children about safety over the summer – bike safety, water safety, traffic safety and stranger safety. There is a fine line between staying safe and being afraid to try new things. As a parent, it's sometimes hard to keep this in balance.

When walking your children to or from the classroom, please hold their hands. Cars are entering and exiting the parking lot at all times. Drivers may not be watching for the children.

WARD'S CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ward's Chapel UMC Vacation Bible School will be held June 26 – June 30, 9:00-12:00. Registration forms are on the sign in tables.

Registration is due by June 12th.

For more information call the Church Office – 410.922.6556

