EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

April 2018

Dear Parents:

There are many exciting Day School activities scheduled during April! Field trips, Music Week and lots of fun spring projects. We invite volunteers to come share their musical knowledge and talents during **Music Week**, **April 23-27.** Please let me know if you, or someone you

April 23-27. Please let me know if you, or someone you know, can share 10-20 minutes with the students at one of the following times:

- Monday, April 23 at 9:15a.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 at 9:15a.m.
- Thursday, April 26 at 11:15a.m.
- Friday, April 27 9:15a.m.
- Friday 11:15a.m.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and blessed Easter!

Suzanne Watkins, Director

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Parent-Teacher Conferences Monday, April 30th

I look forward to seeing you during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, April 30th. Make sure to signup with your child's teacher in advance for a conference time. This discussion time between you and the teacher is very important. It allows the teacher to share all the wonderful things that we see in your child, his/her discoveries and accomplishments. We appreciate your sharing of insights, concerns, and questions regarding your child. Collaboration between the teachers and parents is key to every child's success. Please feel welcome to contact me whenever you have questions or thoughts that you would like to pass on. The teachers and I invite open, frequent communication. Together, we can address and solve a problem; but only if we are each aware of it. Please remember that children do not have school on April 30th. Child care will be provided for students only during their parent's conference time on that day. Please contact me if you have questions.

School Begins at 9:00a.m....

I strongly remind everyone of the importance of promptness for their children, even at this early age. We have had a growing number of students arriving late for school which begins at 9:00a.m. Morning drop-off is from 8:45-9:00a.m. Please respectfully do not ring the doorbell during our chapel time, beginning at 9:15a.m. and ending near 9:35a.m. Teachers will wait until the end of our worship time to answer the door.

SPECIAL DATES

April 1 Easter

April 2-6 Easter Holiday & Spring Break
No School/No Extended Care

April 9 FIELD TRIP for 4K * 9:30a.m. departure *

April 16 Science Explorations for 3K and 4K Classes at EDS, hosted by Dr. Linder & CU Students

April 20 Spring Basket Fundraiser Order Deadline

April 23-27 MUSIC WEEK

April 25 FIELD TRIP for 4K, 3-Day 3K & 5-Day 3K * 9:00a.m. departure *

April 30 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School/No Extended Care

May 2 PAC Meeting 11:00a.m.

May 3 Pick-Up Spring Basket Fundraiser Orders (orders may be ready for pick-up after noon May 2)

April 30th Deadline

If you have registered your child for the 2018-2019 School Year, your advance tuition deposit (payment of one month's tuition) is due by Monday, April 30th. This payment is required to continue holding your child's space until the school year begins in August. Annual tuition is prorated into eleven monthly payments. The first payment is your advance tuition deposit. You then have 10 monthly payments to make August through May. Prorated Monthly Tuition Rates: 2-Day classes = \$119; 3-Day classes = \$237

Spring Basket Fundraiser Roebuck Greenhouses Plant Sale

It time for our annual Spring Basket Fundraiser! Sales flyers will be sent home with students after spring break. These gorgeous plants are provided directly from Roebuck Greenhouses.

- 10" Boston Fern: Great green foliage and shade lover
- 10" Red Geranium: Beautiful red blooms, green foliage, and can grow in full to part sun
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They are \$15.00 each. Orders will be taken through April 20th. Ask your family, friends and co-workers if they would like to buy some. They make wonderful Mother's Day presents! Orders will be ready for pick up at EDS on May 3rd.

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Extracurricular Activities

April 2018

Creative Movement

Nature is our theme in Creative Movement for the months of March and April. Birds are a big part of nature, and a lot of fun to use in Movement. We did some activities using Easter eggs. One of the favorites, was an Easter egg color matching game. We acted out the different characteristics of birds, finding worms with our 'beaks', bathing in a bird bath, flying for the first time, etc. We also chose different items collected from outside to create a nest. We discussed the items a bird would or wouldn't use to build their nest. I shared several bird nests with the children to learn about the different types of materials, etc. And as always, we had some songs to go along with our theme.

The month of April will continue with fun nature activities including: the sky, water, fire, and animals. After Spring Break, we will begin with weather activities and exercises. We will use our parachute to create a windstorm, and snowstorm with cotton balls. The children will take turns under the parachute while the others create a windstorm. We will use ribbons to learn about wind direction. Cloud activities will be enjoyed using black balloons for rainy clouds and white balloons for cumulus clouds.

The kids are doing so well exercising and learning in movement class!

Gini Duncan

Music

During music time in March, we sang songs about farmers, planting seeds, flying kites and lots more. The children's favorite was a song called "Little Seeds." Ask your child to sing it for you! We also played tambourines to make long and short sounds. We have also started to learn our end of school program songs. The children are so quick learning a new song and we have lots to learn! The end of school will be here before we know it!

In April, we will sing about different kinds of animals and touch on musical symbols. We will, of course, continue learning our program songs. Lots to do! Music time is fun!

Suzette Andrus