

# April 2018



## Annual Dance

May 22, 6:30-8:00

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to volunteer for the end of the year dance. The committee will be scheduling a meeting soon. There is still time to volunteer. The sign-up is on the Volunteer Board above the cubbies.



## SPRING BREAK

School Closed

April 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

## Mother's Day Tea

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30~7:30 pm

*This is a special time for moms and their nursery school children. If mom is unable to attend, a grandmother, aunt or special friend may come (one adult per child).*

*You will be receiving a special invitation with detailed information*



## DEVELOPMENTAL TIPS

Here are some great activities based on the CT Early Learning Standards children in the 3-5 age range:

- Kick a ball a short distance with accuracy and speed.
- Throw a small ball overhand at target a short distance away with accuracy.
- Hop on one foot.
- Combining several large motor skills in an activity such as an obstacle course or movement activity that requires directions.
- Increasing control, balance, and accuracy on playground equipment.
- Walk up and down stairs alternating feet.

## OUTDOOR FOOTWEAR

With the warmer weather approaching, we will spend more time outside. It is important for your child's safety that they wear appropriate outdoor footwear. Only children with closed-toe running shoes will be allowed to run or play on the equipment. Sandals, clogs, and any open-toed shoes are not safe for our playground. Dress shoes can be very slippery on the black top and climbing equipment. So remember...

Jellies are cute.

Sandals are cool.

Swim shoes are neat,

For the backyard pool

BUT...

When coming to school,

Where we jump and run,

Closed-toe shoes, please,

For safety and fun!



## Back Pack Reminder

- Please have seasonally appropriate clothing in
- back packs. The
- weather can go from
- cool to warm so have
- your child prepared.

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# FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS



## OUR EARTH

During the month of April the children will be doing a study of the earth. On Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the teachers will send home a small container for the children to fill with dirt and bring back to school on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. It can be from any area of your yard. Please write down where the dirt came from, (i.e., Garden, side of shed, woods, etc). Do not be concerned about bugs/worms in the dirt- they add to the fun! Children will be discussing the different colors, feeling for various textures, smells and of course- any creepy crawlies they find.

### Nursery Rhyme Time in Preschool

Although we share nursery rhymes all year long, the first week of April we pay special attention to these childhood gems. There's a reason we learn nursery rhymes as young children. They help us create mental images; foster listening skills such as syllables, rhyming and alliteration; oral language development; build vocabulary and they connect us to the past.



## Graduation



### SAVE THE DATE

~Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30a.m.

More information will follow in the May newsletter.



### Preparing for Kindergarten



For the last part of April we will spend time understanding community helpers and what their roles are. We can all be community helpers too! Critter Caravan has been rescheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am. It's sure to be a wonderful experience!

With the arrival of nice weather we are reminded that children need to practice not only independence putting on coats but also buttons, zippers and snaps. Children need these skills for kindergarten~ when they accomplish new skills it gives them confidence to become more independent and try to do more for themselves.



### SAVE THE DATE PANTHORN PARK FIELDTRIP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23<sup>th</sup>

10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Rain Date: May 25<sup>th</sup>

\*Details to follow in the May newsletter\*



