

# *Pooh Bear Monthly*

April and May News

## ➤ *Dates to Remember*

- Last Day of Preschool (CPP and Special Education) will be Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Preschool Graduation will be on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> . We will be closing the center at 5:00 this night in order to allow all the teachers to attend and participate.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be coming in May, please keep an eye out for more information and dates.

## ➤ *Water Bottles*

We are asking that parents bring a water bottle for your child to have at school. Our goal is to offer water more regularly to the children as well as, be more ecofriendly than using paper cups. We would like to start this as soon as possible. Please send a simple water bottle for your child with their name on it that will stay at school. Our plan is to wash them weekly and refill them as needed. Some of the other classes have already started this and is working very well.

## ➤ *Safety Town*

Typically all of the preschool classrooms attend Safety Town during the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. Safety Town is a community wide event that is offered to everyone based on how to be safe in the areas of car seats, bikes, fire, guns, stranger danger, etc. They also invite community workers for the children to meet and learn from. This year the Pooh Bear class has opted not to go due to issue of time, overall age of the classroom and schedules. We were worried that the children may not understand some of the content, get overwhelmed and/or have accidents.

## ➤ *Clothing and Jackets*

We are asking that all families make sure that their child has appropriate clothing, jackets and shoes for the weather. We understand that spring time can be difficult to predict but please send your child prepared for the day as best you can. Also please check your child's extra clothing in their cubbies. It is important to make sure that the extra clothes they have still fit and work with the current weather upon us. As a reminder to all families our center wide policy states that all children must wear shoes that fasten to the foot. This is to prevent accidents from happening. From what we have seen in the years past flip-flops and crocs do not work well with our playground. If your child does not have appropriate shoes and/or clothing we may have to call you at work to bring something better. Thank You!

## ➤ *Bedding*

### **Weekly your child's blanket needs to be taken home to be washed.**

The center washes the sheets but cannot accommodate washing as many blankets as there are. After laundering your child's blanket please remember to bring it back on their next scheduled day.

## ➤ *Work Day*

In the coming month or so, the center will be having a parent involvement work day to fix up and work on our playground. We are asking that all families that can help to please sign up to help us. There will be posters and a sign-up sheet coming in the next few weeks. Our goal for our playground is to make it not only safer but more fun for your child and their peers. Ms. Kathy, Ms. Emily and Ms. Kimmy are working on adding some new items to our playground as well as moving around a bit of our smaller equipment, plus incorporating safety rules and expectations for all areas outside. We are very excited about these coming changes... if you can help please do!!

## ➤ *Summer Schedules*

**If your child's schedule will be changing for the summer please let us know as soon as possible.** This is very important so we can figure out classrooms and provide enough staff for what we need. Typically summers around the center can be very busy so it is essential for us to know in the next few weeks.