



June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	May 31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	1 Field Trip to Greenkill YMCA Camp	2 Stepping Up Rehearsal at Paramount	3	4 Pizza Friday	5
6 Stepping Up At Paramount Students arrive 12:15 Show at 1:00 PM	7	8 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM Babysitting provided	9	10	11 Pizza Friday	12
13	14	15 <u>Father's Day Lunch</u> Rooms 1,2, 8 11:30 Rooms 3PM, 4PM, 7PM 12:30	16 <u>Father's Day Lunch</u> Rooms 3AM, 4AM 11:30 Rooms 5 & 6 12:30	17	18 Last day of school for all private students Bossy Frog Assembly! DRESS DOWN DAY Pizza Friday	19
20 Happy Father's Day!	21 First Day of Summer Camp— Week #1 "Fantastic Friendships"	22	23	24 Last Day of Universal Pre-K	25 Pizza Friday	26
27	28 Summer Camp Week 2 "Holiday Celebrations"	29	30			

Our End of the Year Events are coming to a close! Please take note of all the information in this last newsletter of the school year to make sure you and your child do not miss out on all the fun and excitement! Included with this newsletter you will find important information about....

- Our Field Trip to Greenkill YMCA Camp, Tuesday, June 1st
- Our Stepping Up Ceremony Rehearsal at the Paramount Theatre, Wednesday, June 2nd
- Our Stepping Up Ceremony details and reminders for Sunday, June 6th
- Our PTO Father's Day Lunch celebrations
- Our Last Day of School news and events
- Important messages from all our staff during this last month of the school year
- Information on how to register for Summer Camp 2010

If you have any questions at any time, please contact the office. We had a wonderful school year and we look forward to celebrating the end of the year events with all of you!

Class Happenings

Preschool

Mrs. Prezioso, Ms. Gervasi & Ms. Reid

The school year is almost over! We are very busy in the Pre-School classroom. We have completed our alphabet study. Our number for the month is #10. Our themes for this month are: Life On the Farm, Father's Day, Gardening and Summer Safety. The children are looking forward to our Stepping Up Ceremony. Our class has been so busy practicing and can't wait to sing for their families. Our class is also looking forward to our Very Hungry Caterpillar Luncheon. We know the children will enjoy eating all the yummy food in Eric Carle's book.

Pre-Kindergarten

Mrs. Lapadura & Mrs. Conner

June has finally arrived and it brings with it the end of the school year. It will be a busy month! We will have our field trip, our Stepping Up practice at the Paramount Theatre and finally our Stepping Up Ceremony! Our Father's Day lunch is a fitting event to celebrate during our final week. The season of summer beckons with all of the exciting things to do that come with it. The children have come a long way - please keep learning alive during the summer months so your children will all arrive bright-eyed and bushy tailed on the door steps of their various kindergartens. Learning can be fun. It's been a great year and have a great summer!

Pre-Kindergarten

Mrs. Camilo & Mrs. Cortes

It is unbelievable how fast this year went by. It seems like yesterday when we started the first day. All the children in class had the greatest learning experience ever. They learned about the letters of the alphabet and sounds, poems, songs, games, numbers, topics related to their environment, and about important people in history. It has been a wonderful experience for me to be able to teach your child. Each and every one of them was great in their own way. I just want to let you all know that " Read, Read, Read, each word is like a seed. The more you read, the more you know. And the more you know will help you grow" (this is one of my favorite poems). Also, I would like to thank all the parents who supported the class 100% during the entire school year. It wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for all of you.

We will conclude the month of June by learning about Summer Safety, Going into Kindergarten, and Father's Day. The _am family and a couple of more sight words will also be learned. Then, we will have a final review of all the family words and sight words learned so far. And finally, we will have a farewell when we all say goodbye to each other! I look forward to see many of you next year.

Universal Pre-K

Mrs. Abbate & Mrs. White

Mrs. Abbate's class is on the way to Kindergarten! We worked hard all year and learned a lot; now it's time to celebrate our accomplishments! But first, we'll finish out the month of June with some more Phonics. Since we know all our letters and sounds, we can now move to some three-letter words and word families. We're even learning how to figure out some new words, too. In math, we're still talking about addition and subtraction and will even be making our own games to play at home during the summertime! Speaking of summertime, we will be talking about all the special things we do when we're not in school. Family vacations are the best time of year and our students will be writing all about them. Finally, we'll celebrate with our dads and remind them of how special they are! What an exciting month we have ahead of us!

Universal Pre-K

Ms. Jenns & Mrs. Tripathi

Wow! It's hard to believe that June is here already. The school year is almost over and the students are showing that they are ready for Kindergarten. We have finished learning the alphabet, but we will continue to review the letters. We will also use those letters and sounds to write words. Many students can already hear different letter sounds in words and write them. We are up to number 10, but will review all numbers and count down to the end of school. Some themes this month will be Father's Day and Summer. We have projects to make for our dads, grandpas, and uncles and we think they will smile just as much as our moms, grandmas, and aunts did on their special day. For the summer theme, we will learn a little bit about solids and liquids and will even get to make ice pops. Finally, we will get to sign class yearbooks for our friends as we get ready to say goodbye and move on to Kindergarten.

Universal Pre-K

Ms. Sherrick and Ms. Gervasi

We can't believe it is June already! This month we will spend time reviewing all letters of the alphabet. We will also learn the number ten (10), the color pink and the shape octagon. Our themes for June include Father's Day, Ocean, Summer Safety, Wonderful Water, reviewing beginning sounds, continuing word families and rhyming. This has been a really great year! Our class has become great friends and we have had lots of fun learning. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Stepping Up Ceremony on Sunday, June 6th. Have an excellent summer and good luck in kindergarten!

Kindergarten / 1st / 2nd

Mrs. Eherts

We have been working really hard towards the end of the year. We have been practicing for "Stepping Up" and are very excited for the performance on June 6th. This month in class we have been learning about insects and enjoyed raising our little caterpillars until they were beautiful butterflies. We were able to release them on a beautiful summer-like day. It was amazing to see them fly off. We learned how to tell the difference between butterflies and moths. We also learned about the life cycles of different insects, the body parts of insects, and how to tell if an animal is an insect or not. Some of us were surprised to learn that spiders are not insects. We also are watching and waiting for a dragonfly nymph to change into a dragonfly. We learned about Helen Keller and how people with handicaps are really not much different from anyone else. We all can communicate and we started to learn some American Sign Language as a part of this unit. We have been enjoying using the Smart Board in the lunchroom to work on math and spelling as well as using it to help learn our Sign Language and Yoga. This technology definitely adds a fun dimension to our learning. We had a lot of fun at Field Day and we would like to thank the PTO and all of the volunteers who made it such a great day. We also enjoyed the special tea for Mother's Day and would again like to thank the PTO and all of the volunteers for making that day so nice for all who attended. In June, we look forward to Stepping Up, a field trip to Greenkill,

and our Father's Day Lunch. We will be wrapping up our year and creating a fun project with our friends before we say good-bye for the year. Your child's last report card conferences are coming up. Please keep an eye out for all important information in my weekly letters.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Art Class

Mrs. McNamara

This past month in the art room was lots of fun as we created very cute caterpillars and even named them. They all had unique personalities by the time art class was over, just like the students. We also started working on special Dad's Day projects that will be used to help decorate for our Father's Day Lunches that are coming up. In June we will finish our Father's Day projects and create a super secret surprise for all our teachers as an end of the year treat. Sorry I can't tell you any more, but the students and I are very good at keeping a secret!

Spanish Class

Mrs. Conner

Hola! We have been practicing our song for the Stepping Up Ceremony. With all the Spanish classes singing together it sounds wonderful! I am really impressed with how well your children are learning new words. The children have been listening to some of their favorite books in a combination of Spanish and English. They understand and tell me exactly what is happening to Dora or the 101 Dalmatian puppies. In June, we are looking forward to studying our last country of Spain.

Music Class

Mrs. Baker

Here we are at the beginning of June, which can only mean one thing... Stepping Up Day is almost here! The anticipation and excitement is felt throughout the school. With the teachers patience and guidance, and the children's sense of responsibility, and of course sense of humor...the stage has been set for a wonderful event. So, on June 6th, be ready to puff out your proud chests, sit back and enjoy the show, and oh...do NOT forget your Kleenex!



Karate Class

Master Hernandez

Stepping Up is very close! This year you have sweated with workouts for champions. Now June is here and we will show our parents all the hard work we've put into class each week. Let's WOW our family and friends with a great exhibition on Sunday, June 6th. After it is over you will proudly be able to raise your hand high and give yourself a great pat on the back. Remember to bring your uniforms, a white t-shirt and your karate belt to Stepping Up. The proud Master will see you there. Kia!

Ballet Class

Mrs. Green

Our ballet students are doing great! We're so proud of their progress. Please remember to practice your smile at home, and keep your head up! Keep standing in first position with nice straight knees and straight backs too! It has been a pleasure having all the students in class and we look forward to a wonderful Stepping Up ceremony. Your ballet costumes, including tights, will be brought to the Paramount Theatre for you. Please remember your pink ballet shoes.



Reminders

- Please send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing. We will be going outside for recess and latchkey, weather permitting. Also check your child's cubby to make sure their extra clothes are seasonally appropriate and that they still fit. Children must wear closed-toe, rubber soled shoes to participate in outside play. No flip flops or sandals are allowed.
- Please remember we still have used and new school uniforms for sale in the office. Our full day pre-k, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade children are required to wear uniforms unless it is a dress down day. If your child is outgrowing their uniforms and they are gently used, please consider donating them too. Thank you!
- Please remember to sign your child in and out everyday and avoid unnecessary latchkey charges. If you need help at any time, please see the office.
- Remember to sign up for Summer Camp and our next School Year soon to save your spot!
- Report Card Conferences are scheduled for the first and second week of June. Please see your child's teacher to sign up for your conference and to receive their last report card of the school year.

Thank You!

We would like to take this time to express a special thank you to our PTO and parent volunteers for our amazing Field Day this year. Even though we had a small spring shower, the day was a huge success and couldn't have been done without the hard work of many individuals. Our staff, students and families had an amazing time and we would like to send a special thank you to the Frangione family for helping organize the event, games, and blow up slides, the Medina family for being a great DJ again this year and the Bentivoglio family for helping our PTO provide everyone with Mr. Ding-a-Ling ice-cream. We hope everyone had a memorable experience.