

# Gentle Learning PRESCHOOL

April/May 2019 Newsletter

It's hard to believe we're in the homestretch of our year together!

Progress Reports: Final evaluations for our 4 year old classes will be sent home the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to schedule a time to speak with your child's teacher. We are always happy to chat about areas of strength and areas in need of growth.

Vision/Hearing Screening: Each year, the DuPage County Health Department comes to our school to offer vision and hearing screenings for our students. Our screening dates are Thursday and Friday, April 11 & 12. The cost is \$4.50 per test, making it a total of \$9 for both tests. We encourage you to take this opportunity to check your little one's eyes and ears! A letter has been sent out with all pertinent information. Fees will be collected up to the date of testing. The rescreening date is Friday, April 25, if your child requires additional testing or was absent on the initial date. \*\*This screening does not take the place of the eye exam required for Kindergarten.\*\*

Annual Service Project: Each year, our school participates in a service project to assist those in need in our community. This year, we have chosen to collect items as well as gift cards to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Several of our preschool families as well as some of our own teachers' families have utilized the services provided by Ronald McDonald House. We will be taking our collected items to the house at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield.

In addition, our Preschool staff will be cooking dinner and making cookies in June for the families staying at the Central DuPage House.

Field Trip for the 3s: Every year, our 3 year old classes take a trip to Cosley Zoo in Wheaton. Cosley Zoo is home to a working farm as well as native Illinois wildlife. MWF classes will explore the zoo on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday/Thursday classes will get to explore on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be riding a big yellow bus to the zoo. Information about fees and times will be sent out as the date approaches.

That's A Wrap: Our final day in the classrooms will be Wednesday, May 15 for MWF classes or Thursday, May 16 for our T/TH and M-F classes. At the end of our school day, parents are invited to attend a 30-minute farewell activity. More information will come home from your child's individual teacher!

End of Year Picnic and Bike Parade: Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> as we are holding our Annual End of Year Picnic and Bike parade from 11:30 to 1:00pm. ALL classes are invited to celebrate together at the band shelter area in Community Park. We ask that your own bring a picnic lunch and blanket to sit on. Younger siblings are invited.

There will be many fun activities for our students and their siblings to take part in. The celebration will end with a bike parade around the loop in the parking lot. Feel free to decorate your little one's bicycle! While we understand that scooters are a fun way to get around, for the safety of all, we do strongly encourage bikes and tricycles instead. **\*\*HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.\*\*** We ask that you leave all dogs at home, no matter their size and temperament.

If the weather does not cooperate, we will move the picnic celebration to Monday, May 20, same time and same place. Let's hope for dry weather for either day.

Our Sweet Fundraiser: Thank you for supporting our fundraiser! We raised over \$1000 thanks to your generosity! We will use the proceeds for new equipment for the preschool.

13 families raised over \$100 and were entered into our 5 lb candy bar raffle! Congratulations to the Fitzenberger family for winning this delicious prize!