



NEWSLETTER

May, 2021

CALENDAR

May	1	May Tuition Due
	6	Parent Conferences, no school for students
	3 – 7	Teacher appreciation week
	31	Memorial Day holiday, school closed
June	9	All school picnic after school
	11	Last day of school for all classes



Parent Conferences:

Parent conferences will be on Thursday, May 6. Teachers have sent out information for signups. This is a good opportunity for sharing information about your child so it is best for your child NOT to attend.

Playground guidelines: When playing with your children on the playground after school, please follow the rules that we follow here at school:

- No running with sticks – sticks are used for building
- Feet stay on the ground – not climbing the fence; and the gate is not a swing!
- Rocks and stones stay on the ground
- Flowers and plants may be touched but not picked, and are there to enjoy with our eyes (for looking) and nose (for smelling).
- Children may not run through the planted gardens. They need to stay on the path into the garden.
- Boulders and large rocks may not be moved.

- Please bring bags for your trash and dispose in the big dumpster, our trash cans get full very quickly since classes eat snack outside.

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC

We are so happy that we will be able to have our year end picnic after school on Wednesday, June 9. All our families are invited to celebrate the end of school. Masks will need to be worn by children and adults since we do not know who has been vaccinated and who has not. Families bring their own picnic lunch and a blanket to sit on. More details will be coming in early June.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Please show your appreciation to your child's teacher during the week of May 3 – 7. A card, special note or some flowers are a lovely way to say thank you to the classroom teachers who work hard every day for our children. This year, please also remember that our teachers put themselves at risk to work with our children.

ODDS AND ENDS

- Please be sure your child wears shoes that are appropriate for running, jumping and climbing. Sandals with rubber soles are fine if there is a heel strap. Flip flops are dangerous on the stairs and do not allow children to walk and run with ease. Please save them for wearing at home.
- Please remember to put sunscreen on your child before coming to school on warm and sunny days. We spend up to an hour outside when the weather is nice and we don't want anyone to get sunburned!
- Please be sure to check your children for ticks after playing outside. There have been reports of ticks found on children. Also, mosquitos will likely be a problem. You may also put insect repellent on your child if you choose.
- If you travel out of the area, please remember that your child must quarantine for 7 days upon returning.

Gee, All They Do Is Play

Have you ever wondered about this?

Yes, the children at Fairlington Preschool do play a lot! But here is what's really going on. When playing, children are:

- Making friends
- Playing with educational toys
- Exploring how things work
- Looking at books
- Listening to music
- Sharing
- Pouring and measuring
- Having different experiences w/a group of children vs. a group of adults
- Developing & expanding language abilities
- Exploring a language other than their own
- Having creative art experiences
- Having cooperative play experiences
- Learning to share adults' attention
- Learning social skills needed to play games and make friends
- Using messy art materials in an area provided for experimentation
- Trying out different personalities and roles
- Learning to help themselves
- Becoming independent
- Comparing & contrasting different experiences
- Learning from others
- Experiencing concepts like over/under, tall/short, light/heavy
- Expressing themselves
- Exploring emotions
- Practicing fine and gross motor skills
- Learning from other cultures
- Building with materials that may not be available at home
- Broadening horizons

....so you see, what looks like play is really hard work....