

Stargazer

April 2025



We hope that everyone has a great spring break (4/14 - 4/21) and a wonderful Easter. It is hard to believe that when we return from spring break we will only have 5 weeks left of preschool. Those weeks will be filled with lots of exciting activities, fun, and learning!



This is just a reminder that for most of you, your last tuition payment (May) is due. Some of you are on a month-to-month payment schedule so you will have a payment due in May.



Thank you so much for all of the wonderful ways that you showered us with kindness on Teacher Appreciation Day! It was very thoughtful of you all to remember us in such nice ways. Thanks to Priya Easwar for organizing this and to all our room moms for helping!

PRESCHOOL



Everyone who is returning to Celebration Preschool along with newly enrolled siblings will receive a registration packet this week. Unfortunately, since the forms are dated I need a new set (returning students). Your child must have a physical within a year prior to the first day of preschool. So, for most of you I will need an updated health form for your child. The forms and September's nonrefundable tuition are due June 1st. The monthly tuition fee for the 2025-2026 school year is as follows:

2 days/week - \$300.00

3 days/week - \$375.00

4 days/week - \$445.00

5 days/week (extended day) - \$595.00

I still have a few openings in the Caterpillar, Butterfly, and PM Dragonfly classes. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please tell them to give me a call. For all the other classes, children will be put on a wait list.

Our "Back to School" night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 PM. You will receive more information about this as we get closer to the date.



Chapel will be held on Wednesday, April 9th for the W/F Caterpillars, Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies, and AM/PM Dragonflies and on Thursday, April 10th for the T/TH Caterpillars, T/TH Butterflies, and Fireflies. We will be talking about Easter. The children will hear a story titled My Easter Basket by Mary Manz Simon. This book helps children discover the true meaning of Easter using the colors found in a traditional Easter basket. The colors help to tell the biblical story of Jesus' resurrection.



Summer camp registration has begun! Summer camp will run for two weeks. The first week is Tuesday, May 27th through Friday, May 30th and the second week is Monday, June 2nd through Friday, June 6th. Your child can attend for one week or both weeks. If you are interested, please turn in your registration form along with the **\$10.00 nonrefundable registration fee**. The tuition for summer camp will be due May 1st and becomes nonrefundable. I need to make a commitment to the teachers who will be teaching at summer camp. We are limited to the number of children that can attend so don't delay if you are interested!



After many months of preparation, the Fireflies and Dragonflies will be displaying their "masterpieces" at an art show in May. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 13th - Fireflies

Wednesday, May 14th - AM Dragonflies

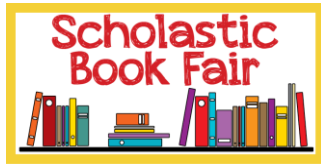
Thursday, May 15th - PM Dragonflies

Your child's artwork will be displayed outside (weather permitting). If it turns out to be a rainy day, we will have the art show in Pickell Hall. Plan to arrive 15 minutes before pick-up. You will receive your personal invitation soon!



In science the Dragonflies and Fireflies will be learning about fabulous forces to include magnets, gravity, push and pull, and rocks. Here are some concepts about rocks that the children will be learning:

- Rocks differ in color, size, shape, texture, and weight.
- Rocks are everywhere: deserts, forests, mountains, even under the ocean.
- People use rocks in different ways.
- Weathering of rocks breaks them into smaller pieces.
- Sand is many tiny rocks.



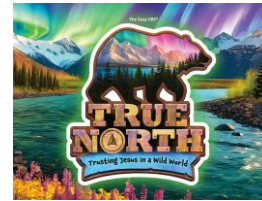
Thank you so much for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair! The preschool will earn free books for our classroom libraries which is always great!



In a few weeks you will have an opportunity to evaluate the preschool regarding policies and procedures, program quality, children's progress and learning, and overall satisfaction. After reviewing the forms, I will be sharing your comments and suggestions with the preschool staff and preschool board. The data gathered will help us improve our operation and policies and will give us the opportunity to make sure that our program goals and requirements are being met. We hope that everyone takes the time to provide us with your feedback. Thanks!



Our 7th Annual County Fair & Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. We have some fabulous silent auction items available for bidding. We will start displaying some of the items on April 22nd. We hope that you and your family will be able to attend. You can even invite extended family and friends.



Children entering kindergarten (or 5 by September 30th) through 5th grade for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Ashburn Presbyterian Church. Our theme this year is True North. At True North VBS, kids will go on an ultimate Alaskan adventure! As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! It is an awesome curriculum and will be a lot of fun. VBS will be held June 16th - June 20th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. You can register on-line at www.ashburnpres.org or fill out a paper registration form.

Children will be put in crews and assigned a crew leader and several assistant crew leaders. They will rotate as a group through the different stations to include Sing & Play Peak, Wild Bible Adventures, Tidal Treats, Clifftop Crafts, Sticky Scripture, Glacier Games, and Compass Closing.

Each day the children will learn a Bible Point and meet one of our Bible Buddies.

