

## Bears May 2019 Newsletter: the last episode!

I can't believe this school year is coming to an end. This is always a bitter sweet time. I'm happy to see all the progress everyone has made and sad to see them go. We will spend our time together in May celebrating the end of a successful school year. Before you turn the page and look at the May calendar let me warn you, there are a lot of things going on in the preschool. I get that there is life outside the preschool. If you can't make it to something I get it!

Details of May activities:

Tuesday, May 7th Muffins with Mom 10 am. We will be joining the Cubs class to celebrate you are dear moms! This is a very special time and we look forward to you and your child joining us for fancy breakfast and some other fun surprises.

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten field trip to Swanson Elementary. The students, myself, and Mrs. Ahrens will be going to Swanson Elementary to visit kindergarten. AM class will meet at Swanson Elementary at 9:50 am. PM class will meet me at Swanson Elementary at 12:50 pm. Details of visit: The only adults on this field trip will be myself and Mrs. Ahrens, thank you for understanding. Parents you may drop your child off to us at the office and go get yourself a coffee. You are welcome to join us on the playground for recess (Am class about 10:30/ PM class about 1:30). After recess you are free to go when you would like. I'm guessing on end times but Am class should be all done by 11:00 and PM class should be all done by 2. This is an important field trip no matter what elementary school your child is going to. I hope this will help them to transition into kindergarten next fall. If your child is not going to kindergarten next year they get the day off.

Friday, May 10th is PSP's Bike-a-thon fundraiser 10 am. Things you will need: bike (or other ridding toy) helmet, a sack lunch, pledge form and money, and signed participation form. Your support in this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to get donations for our preschool. Even though most of you will not be back next year, this is a pay it forward time. This year bike a thon funds purchased pizza for our Thanksgiving party, and Fly field trip pizza, a new stereo, new bean bag chairs, Muffins with moms food, Anchorage museum field tip fee, caterpillars, and some new classroom toys, and more. You will be helping to

make sure future students have the same experiences that your child has had this year. Thank you!! \*I will be sending bike-a-thon pledge packets home soon!

### COWBOYS DAYS & BBQ YEEE-HAW:

AM BEARS Monday, May 6th and AM BEARS Thursday, May 9th. 11 am Put yer' spurs & hat on, saddle up yer' horses and head on over to the Petrie Ranch (not really a ranch) for a ridn' ropn' good time!!! I have had Cowboy Days at my house every year since I've started at PSP. I have come to realize it leaves a lasting impression on the kids. So I'm happy to continue on with this tradition! If the weather is not on our side I will plan to reschedule the following week after graduation. (Pray for good weather!) I have attached a paper with a food item for your child to bring that day. I would be happy to take them sooner. Especially if you are bringin' drinks so I can have them in the cooler when you come. If you are unable to come please tell me so I can purchase the item you are to bring. Directions to my house are also attached. I'm also looking for stick horses. If you have one at home please bring it!

Monday, May 13th 9:30 am Clean Up Day. Parents your final help is needed for cleanup day. We have learned over the years that it's difficult to have cleanup day with preschoolers and sibs in the classroom. If you do not have a sitter or family member to be with your children please see me and I can give you things to help out with ahead of time. There are jobs that can be done at home or we can use your help on an alternate time. Thank you for your support! Many hands make light work on cleanup day!

Monday May 13th 6pm Celebration/Graduation, slide show, and fun run. Invite the entire family to cheer on this year's PSP graduates. Please be sure to have your child wear their PSP t-shirt tonight!! If you don't have one and would still like one I have a few left. It will be important that your child wear running shoes tonight as well. We will be having a fun run outside after graduation

In the Welcome Letter I mailed to you last fall I had a list of the goals I set for the Bears class. I based the goals on what you told me you would most like your child to learn while at preschool. The goals were: kindergarten readiness, learn to write ABC's, writing first names, and making friends, getting along with others. My personal goal was to encourage citizenship, and to leave preschool with a love and excitement for school that will continue into Kindergarten. I hope that looking back at the memory books we have made this year will show these goals were accomplished for many!

I'm not even sure how to begin to express my gratefulness to each and every one of you for trusting your child to me. It will be my pleasure to keep in touch and watch as your child continues on their merry way in life. I pray that the impact of their first school experience will bring a lifelong lesson with a love for learning, love for family, love for friends, and love for our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you parents so much for your generosity, encouragement, and your helpfulness in class. With a grateful heart I say THANK YOU for helping make this a memorable time for both myself and your children.

Wishing everyone a WONDERFUL summer full of sunshine!

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