

MAY 2017



Andover Academy, Making Learning Fun!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

Please wish our awesome teaching staff, a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation Week is from May 1st-5th.

EVALUATIONS:

Toddlers, Preschool, and VPK classrooms will have evaluations reviews in June.

VPK GRADUATION FOR 2016-2017

Ms. Coleen and Ms. Shereen
Ms. Sharon and Ms. Nellie
MS. Tiffani and Ms. Ivah

Thursday, June 8th @ 10:30am
Thursday, June 8th @ 6pm
Friday, June 9th @ 6pm

SUMMER CAMP:

Summer Camp will run from June 12th to August 11th. As always, we have planned various activities including the pony rides, the petting zoo, story tellers, dance classes just to name a few. A calendar of events will be forthcoming. Please remember that there is no additional charge for Summer Camp.

VPK Orientation For 2017-2018

Orientation will be on Tuesday, June 6th at 6 p.m.

Parking:

Again, we are asking you to leave the overhang for parents of our infant and Young Toddler rooms. These parents have to carry diaper bags and car seats into the building on a daily basis.

Car Break In:

Beware its that time of year! As you know one of our parents had her bag stolen from her car in the parking lot a few months ago. This theft took only a few seconds and even though it was captured o our camera, no positive results have happened up to now. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR, EVEN THOUGH YOU HIDE THEM.** Summer is coming and these incidents increase around this time of year.

Mission Statement: Andover Academy strives to provide a quality education in a safe nurturing environment where each child may grow at his or her own pace. Our staff is committed to children and encourages a love of learning. Open communication and parent participation are essential to our program.

A Big Thanks! To all the many families who continue to donate toys, books, furniture, and many other items too numerous to list, we thank you ever so much. These donations help your fees from increasing.

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Reminders

May 1st-5th Teachers Ap-
preciation Week

CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY
5/29/16

After School Activities

Monday 3:15—4:00pm
Ballet \$50 monthly

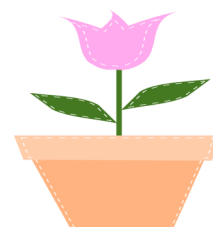
Tuesday
Yoga 3:00pm—3:45pm
\$40 Monthly

Wednesday 3:00-3:45pm
Kidokinetics \$40 monthly

Thursday 3:00pm
Gymnastics \$50.00
monthly

Friday 3:00pm
Soccer \$40 monthly

If you are interested in



Fine Motor

A simple fine motor activity for toddlers can be putting objects into an International Delight coffee creamer bottle. It also adds the element of opening and closing. You can use straws, pom poms, Popsicle sticks, etc.

Paint with edible (easy to make) paint!

What's needed:

fresh or frozen fruit
food processor or blender
food coloring (optional for added coloring)
Paper
paintbrush (optional)



Soapy Sensory Jars

What's needed:
Plastic jars or bottles, any size
water
dish soap or hand soap
food coloring
glitter (optional)
super glue (optional)



Bird Feeder

Materials

Cardboard Tubes
Peanut Butter
Bird Seed
Knife or Spatula
Plate or Tray
Yarn or Pipe Cleaner
Hole Punch

Start by putting a giant glob of peanut butter on a plate. I gave each kiddo a plate and a plastic knife and a roll. Showed them how to spread it on the roll and let them go.

Then, put some birdseed on a plate and roll the peanut butter covered tube in the birdseed. Sprinkle on the seeds to cover all the PB.

you can now thread yarn or pipe cleaners through the holes punched at the top for the feeder to be hung.



Make Ice Cream in A Bag Recipe in 5 Minutes

Items needed:

1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon sugar
4 cups crushed ice
4 tablespoons salt
2 quart size Zip-loc Baggie
1 gallon size Zip-loc Freezer bag

Mix together the milk, vanilla and sugar in one of the quart size bags. Seal tightly, removing excess air. Place this bag inside the other quart size bag, again removing excess air and sealing well. By double-bagging, you reduce the risk of salt and ice leaking into the ice cream. Put the double bag inside the gallon size bag and fill the bag with the crushed ice. Sprinkle the salt on top. Remove excess air and seal the bag. Shake and the bag, making sure the ice surrounds the cream mixture. Within 5 to 8 minutes you will have Ice Cream! If bags get too cold to hold, wrap with a paper towel. Flavorings can be added to the ice cream to make different flavors. Kids can experiment and make a different flavor every time. This is one of our favorite family activities and everyone gets involved.

Barrel of Fun

Place an empty basket about 20 feet away from another that's full of apples. See how fast the kids can transfer the fruit from basket to another.

Handprint Mother's Day Pot Holder



Materials: Pot holder, fabric paint, paint brush, fabric paint pen
Instructions:

First make sure the loop on your pot Holder is up. Then begin to paint your child's hands or feet with fabric paint applying a good amount but not too much. Too much paint will cause it to smudge too little and you will have to go back with a paint brush. Allow to dry overnight. With the little space that is left you can put the date, happy Mother's Day, etc.