



March 2021



Andover Academy

Making Learning Fun

Sign-In:

It is vital that you sign in your child/children every morning and sign them out when you pick them up in the evening.

Donations:

Thanks for the many donations we received this year, they are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to continue to bring in toys both indoor and outdoors, clothes and books.

Emergencies:

PARENTS, it is imperative that you update your contact information as soon as there are any changes. Too often we call parents and get a voicemail message that the number is no longer in service. We also need to have extension numbers to get straight to you. RE-MEMBER, if we cannot make contact, the only other option is to call 911.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration:

Our St. Patrick's day parade will be on **Wednesday March 17th**. Please dress your child in green.

VPK Parents 2021-2022:

We hope by now all our eligible 2021-2022 parents have paid their registration fee as spots are now open to the public. The second step to registering your child for the VPK program is to submit a certificate which can be obtained from the VPK sites. If you have already obtained the certificate please bring it into the office.

Spring Break 2021

VPK Spring Break will be March 22-March 26th.

Label Everything

Please label all of your child's belongings. We have noticed jackets and water bottles are not being labeled. When they are not labeled we cannot return them to the owner.

Masks

It is imperative that everyone who is on our property wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times. This is not an option, it is mandatory. Those not wearing a mask will not be able to sign their child/children in and out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Teacher/Parent Conferences

Due to the pandemic, we had to do conferences virtually. However, quite a few of you have indicated that you prefer this method so we will be considering this option in the future. Thank You for your feedback.

Tuition Payments/Credit Cards/Receipts

We will be trialing credit card payments on Monday March 1st! There will be a 2.83% processing fee applied to all credit card transactions. We are still looking at online and automatic (card on file) payment options and are vetting different solutions. Contactless payments will be an option and we now have the capability to email or text you a receipt (this applies to cash/check payments as well!).



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Important Dates

No VPK

Friday March 19th
Spring Break -
March 22nd- 26th

Andover Closed

April 2nd
Good Friday





Check This Out!



Driving on the Rainbow

Materials Needed: Small toy cars, paint (using all the colors of the rainbow), paper

Children dip the cars' wheels into the paint and drive the car in an arch shape on the paper.

They continue with each color to make their own rainbow!

VARIATION: To help develop their fine motor control, try drawing the arched lines on the paper prior to the activity and encourage the children to drive the car on one of the "roads" (lines drawn).

EXTENSION: For those children ready to follow the color order of a rainbow, show them a rainbow picture and encourage them to try to drive their rainbow colors in the same order as a rainbow they would see outside!



Shamrock Printing

Cut bell peppers in half and use for painting (they are shamrock shaped when cut across the short way, not lengthwise). Provide blue and yellow paint and see what shades of green you can make!

EXTENSION: Thoroughly wash peppers after the children are done using them and use in your science area for planting grass seed! See the science activity section below for instructions.

VARIATION: Just let the children blow until the bubbles cascade over the sides of the cups onto their paper. They can then switch cups to make another color!

St. Patrick's Day Collage Activity

Provide different shades of green paper.

Provide a bin of green collage materials (yarn, fabric, ribbon, glitter, glue, buttons, etc.)

Add green paint to the glue and mix. Collage away!

Bubble Rainbow Prints

Materials needed: cups, straws, water, dish detergent, paint in a variety of colors.

Fill each paper cup about half full with water. Add a few drops of bubbles or dish detergent. Add a few drops of paint.

The children insert the straw into the cup and blow until the bubbles come over the top of the rim of the cup. Then, place a paper on top of the bubbles. The bubbles pop into color on the white paper.

Rainbow Blocks

Place colored blocks in your block area. There are many available such as colored foam blocks, colored cardboard blocks (that look like bricks), etc. The children can make rainbow roads, cities and more!



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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.

Tuition: Please help us by writing your child's full name on your check, if it differs from the name imprinted on the check. Thank you for your understanding.