



# May 2021



## Teachers Appreciation:

Please wish our awesome teaching staff, a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation Week is from May 3rd-7th.

## Evaluations:

Toddlers, Preschool, and VPK classrooms will have evaluation review in June.

## Pictures:

We will be taking pictures of the VPK children in their cap and gowns on **Thursday, May 6th**. Spring pictures for all students will be on **Thursday, May 27th**.

COVID procedures will be adhered to. Pictures will be sent directly to your homes to minimize contact. Information about picture packages were sent out via Remind (Remind info on page 2). All orders and payments will be done online.

## VPK Graduation:

Graduation will be in June (see below). We cannot make a decision at this time if it will be held indoors or outdoors but it will most likely NOT be done virtually. As soon as we know, you will know. We will however have to restrict the amount of guests and that will depend on the location., we are aware that you need to know the dates early.

## Summer Camp For VPK Graduates:

Summer camp will run from June 11th to August 13th.

## VPK PARENTS 2021-2022:

Parents, please do not forget the second step to registering your child for the VPK Program. We will need the certificate which can be obtained from the VPK site <http://www.elcbroward.org>. If you have already obtained the certificate, please fill it out and bring it in for processing.

## Changes:

Please remember if you have a change of address or telephone number or extension number, please let us know in the office. This is imperative, in case of emergencies.

## Car Break In:

**BEWARE, It is that time of year! 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.

## VPK Graduation Schedule for 2021

Ms. Dawn and Ms. Lezlie  
Ms. Sharon and Ms. Charmaine  
Ms. Coleen and Ms. Shereen

Monday, June 7th @ 6pm  
Tuesday, June 8th @ 6:00pm  
Wednesday, June 9th @ 11:30am

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## Special Dates of Interest

- ◆ Graduation Pictures  
May 6th
- ◆ Spring Pictures  
May 27th
- ◆ Memorial Day (CLOSED)  
May 31st
- ◆ VPK A Graduation  
June 7th
- ◆ VPK B Graduation  
June 8th
- ◆ Virtual VPK Graduation

## Just For Laughs

How excited was the Gardner about spring?

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Does February like March?  
No, but April May.

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### COVID Guidelines UPDATE:

We are aware the CDC has relaxed guidelines for wearing masks outside, but as many of you noticed; sometimes you are the only one picking up but by the time your child has arrived (especially if they were outside and had to retrieve their lunch box from the classroom) a crowd has formed. We implore our parents to remain vigilant with wearing masks in the interim even if fully vaccinated.

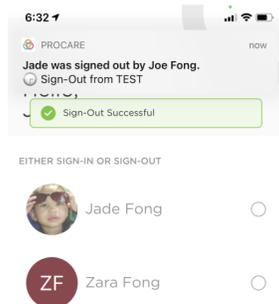
### Procare UPDATES

1. Push notifications are not working for the administration/teachers side of the Pro-care app, developers are working on the issue, we will be using Remind for notices, announcements, reminders, etc. Instructions to sign up for Remind are on the class letter section of our website. Please contact info@andoveracademy.net if you need assistance signing up.

2. Authorized pickups DO NOT have QR code access to sign in/out unless we receive explicit consent from the primary account individual—Anybody who has QR code access also will receive any updates on the student including accident reports, messaging, assessment/observation reports, etc. For the vast majority of families, Kiosk PIN codes are sufficient for authorized pickups.

3. Attendance Reconciliation - we had some bugs and setup issues for the first month of enacting the new sign in/out process so we need to obtain signatures for licensing for some of the entries that had an error. We will always have a few hiccups because of technical glitches, so during the 1st week of the month we will be doing a reconciliation of our attendance from the previous month.

4. To avoid errors, we are asking parents to ensure they receive the sign-out notification on their device. Make sure you get a successful message that you signed in/out like this one:



### Sign In/Out TIPS:

1. IF you are signing in/out multiple students make sure to select EACH student you are signing in/out
2. If your data is taking long try to force quit the app OR notify staff to sign out via kiosk mode.
3. REMEMBER your signature!
4. Allow Camera permissions for the Procare app in order to use QR mode

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# 9 Spring Activities For The Summer

## 1. Go Outside And Play In An April Rain Shower

Grab some rainboots and raincoats or if you don't have those, grab the kids' oldest shoes and outfits that you don't mind mud getting on and then get outside while the April showers are falling. Splash in the puddles. Catch raindrops on your tongues. Look way up and watch the drops as they fall. Close your eyes and listen to the sound the rain makes as it hits the ground. When you are all done, go inside the house, get dried off and then warm up with homemade hot cocoa. Finish the family time by gathering on the couch and reading aloud books about rain and spring.

## 2. Plant Flowers

The saying is "April showers bring May flowers" so that makes spring the perfect time to plant flowers. Visit your local plant nursery to find what grows best in your area. Or take a chance and sprinkle a packet of wildflower mix in an area of your yard and see if any pop up.

## 3. Make And Blow Bubbles

Bubbles are so much fun to play with and are so simple to make. Of course, if you just don't want to mess with making your own, the premade bubble solution is pretty inexpensive.

## 3. Plant A Vegetable Garden

It is said that picky eaters are more willing to try new vegetables if they take part in growing them and spring is the perfect time for testing out that theory. Again, your local plant nursery is a great place to visit in the springtime to find out what grows best in your area and when to plant it.

## 4. Fly A Kite

Most towns have at least one park that has a large enough area free of overhead obstacles for kite flying. Spring is the perfect time to head there and let your kids try flying a kite in the spring breeze. You can invest in a good sturdy kite that should last you several seasons and have everyone take turns flying it or head to your local dollar store and pick up a couple of cheapos that should last a time or two.

## 5. Take A Nature Hike

Spring is a great time to get out there and hit the local trails. Just make sure to watch for ticks if they are prominent in your area. You can buy a tick spray and apply it before your hike, but you still need to give everyone in your family a once over check for ticks and have someone do the same for you once you are done your hike.

## 6. Go Hunting For Earthworms

Moms and dads, get past your "icky" feelings about earthworms if you have them and let your young explorers get out there after a rainstorm and watch the earthworms. Compare sizes and colors as you watch them inch along.

## 7. Go On A Family Bike Ride

If you don't already have bikes, this could be an expensive spring activity, but perhaps you can borrow some from friends. Looking for inexpensive bikes? Try yard sales, Facebook marketplace, or even Craigslist. Read up on what makes a quality bike first if buying one you plan to keep for years. There is quite the difference in comfort between a cheap bike and a quality bike. That said, young children outgrow bikes fast, so quality doesn't matter as much for kids' bikes.

## 8. Take Part In Free Events

There is a world of free to be found out there in your community. General free events can be found at local churches, libraries, and community centers. There could be a free Easter play at the local church, a free Easter egg hunt held by your local community center and a free spring craft class held at your local library.

## 9. Go Camping

Camping as a family can be as simple as setting up a tent in your backyard to paying for a camping spot at a State Park and dragging the travel trailer out there. Use the supplies you have or borrow and stay within your budget, the value is found in the memories made—not the money spent.



## Andover Academy Making Learning Fun

**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.