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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Hi Little School parents!

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our program and our teachers over the school year. It has been a fun-filled and fast-paced year and it is amazing how much your children have grown and matured!

Remember that fall paperwork is

due by June 28th (and we're happy to take it sooner)! I know that we always think we have plenty of time to turn it in but then it sneaks up on us!

Please know that it is a joy teaching, loving and nurturing your child! Our teachers truly enjoy the partnership they have with you and will always support and follow your

lead with what you are doing at home (and they appreciate your support of what they do at school)!

Thanks for being such great parents!



Love,
Candice

Upcoming Events and Special News

Looking Ahead

- May 8th - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (given by the Parent Advisory Committee) - **no Early Bird**
- May 6th - 10th - Marvelous Moms week
- May 17th - Last day of school - **REGULAR DISMISSAL**
- June 3rd - June Session begins
- July 1st - July Session begins
- July 3rd - 4th of July Parade!
- July 4th - no school - Happy Fourth of July!
- July 8th - 12th - Summer Celebration - no school
- July 26th - Last day of July session



CHAPEL CHAT

WOW! I can't believe May is here! I want to send a gratitude note for sharing your children with us this year, they have been such a blessing to all of us here at MDPC. During the month of May, we will explore the call to spread the Gospel with stories of faith, trust and hope.

Your children are always welcome at Ark Adventures, our Preschool Sunday School program at MDPC, at 9:45 and 11:15 as we learn more about the love of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We wish you a happy summer!

MARVELOUS MOMS WEEK

The week of May 6th - 10th is Marvelous Moms week! Take advantage of the opportunity to make a craft project and share some quality time before you take your child to class. Choose a day to join us in room 120 (the playroom) from

9:00 to 9:45 and let us honor our Marvelous Moms!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In glancing at the forms coming in for the fall, I have noticed that we are in desperate need of Room Mom volunteers. I cannot tell you how fulfilling it is to be a Room Mom - I did it for seven years and my son was so proud to have me involved at his school! I know that your lives are hectic but, please, consider devoting some of your time to this important role! The teachers will love you for it too!



Important Information

Parents' Night Out

Hosted by Child Care Plus (CCP)

THEME: Happy Mother's Day

DATE: Saturday, May 11th

TIME: 4:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M

COST: \$20.00 for the first child and \$15.00 for each additional child.

This fee includes dinner (pizza) and materials for the crafts your child may use while in our care.

Registration:
ccp.mdpc.org



REMINDERS

- June tuition due by May 17th
- Fall 2019 forms due by June 28th
- May 2020 tuition due by June 28th
- Always try to book Extended Day in advance (we have to make sure we have enough teachers!)
- The hot weather is here - it's time to trade out that change of clothes in the backpack!
- Please copy me on the email if you buy or trade a day!

- Remember that your child will remain in their current classroom for the summer
- No Early Bird on Wednesday, May 8th!



UPCOMING EVENTS – CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

June 19 – Preschool Playground Playdate on the outside playground from 2:30 – 3:30. Come meet our summer interns while enjoying refreshing snow cones and fellowship!

July 8 - 12 – Registration is open for Summer Celebration 2019 – Heroes and Villains—God's Power to Transform. Rising Kinder and younger children are invited to attend when a parent volunteers the week of Summer Celebration July 8 -12. Contact Alicia Boykin for more information.

July 31 - Wacky Wednesday Water in the Preschool Playground from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Preschoolers are invited to bring their swimsuits, towel, and sunscreen for a fun water day.



How Can Parents Help Children Enjoy Video Games Properly and Avoid Problems?

There are many pros and cons of video games for children, but parents can keep certain aspects in mind to ensure that kids can enjoy the games without any problems.

- Don't allow your children to play video games when they are in preschool.
- Before buying a game or letting your child play it, check the rating, the age limit, and any content warnings provided with it.
- Try to play the game yourself and make yourself a part of their world. Your child will open up by discussing various aspects of the game.
- Keep fixed and restricted times for playing games, in matters of time as well as the type of games played. This includes playing games at a friend's place, too.
- Keep a track of any online interactions your kid has with strangers and ensure they do not reveal any personal details to anyone.
- Make sure the gaming area is

in public view and you can easily spot the screen from afar.

- If you are a gamer, enforce the same rules for yourself so that the kid learns from you.
- Allow your kids to play video games only after they complete their homework and other tasks.
- Make other physical activities or outdoor sports a part of the child's life as well. Make other physical activities or outdoor sports a part of your child's life as well.

Video games aren't advisable for young kids as the light from screens tends to affect their eyes. Such games also expose tender minds to inappropriate values and morals, which is why, you should try some other activities to keep your child happily engaged for long. You can buy [craft kits](#) to keep your child busy. A fun-filled activity box with worksheets and storybooks is a great way to keep your kid busy!

~Courtesy of *Video Games Impact on Children - The Good and the Bad*, FirstCry Parenting