









# Cornerstone Preschool

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Happy Mother's Day to all of our amazing Cornerstone moms! May 2021 Newsletter

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#### Summer Plans

The last day of VPK is Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, but Cornerstone continues to operate its educational program all summer long. Tuition for VPK children enrolled over the summer changes to our non-VPK rate since we no longer receive any state funding. If you have not yet done so, please let us know what your summer plans are as soon as possible so that we can staff accordingly.

For those children eligible for VPK in the fall, we will begin moving some children up to a VPK room for the summer as space allows. By late July, we should have our fall class assignments finalized and we will let you know then who your child's teacher will be.



Cornerstone will be CLOSED on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day





#### Mark Your Calendars

- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation
   Week
- ♦ May 14 VPK Graduation
- ♦ May 27 Last day of VPK
- ♦ May 31 CLOSED for Memorial Day

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## VPK Updates/Reminders

For children moving up to VPK in the fall:

 Please submit your VPK certificate ASAP to finalize your enrollment in our 2021-22 VPK program

## Parking Lot Safety

For your safety, please lock your car and take valuables with you into the school when picking up your child. Do not leave your car running or doors unlocked with purses, laptops, or other valuables in sight. Children should not be left unattended in your car or in the parking lot-even for a few minutes.

There is no substitute for a great teacher!



Teacher Appreciation
Week
is
May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>

Show your support for our awesome teachers!

### Building Character at Cornerstone

Each month our teachers focus on a different character trait, such as kindness, respect, or responsibility. These are concepts that preschoolers can easily relate to and understand. After reading books and discussing what it means to be kind, respectful or responsible, we look for children exhibiting these traits to friends at school, and then we recognize and praise them by discussing it at circle time, taking pictures, and/or writing a story or dictation about what that child did. Of course, you can extend this idea by recognizing your child's positive behavior at home as well. Ask your child who showed kindness, respect or responsibility today at school!

### Put an End to Bullying

Picking on another child, whether it's physical, verbal, or social, is considered "bullying." It can happen anywhere - in school, on the playground, in the neighborhood, or even over the internet. If your child is being bullied, teach him/her to use a firm voice to say "Stop, I don't like that," stay calm, walk away, and tell a trusted grown up. Preschoolers should be taught that seeking adult help for "bullying" is not the same as "tattling," and it is okay to ask for help. If your child is the bully, now is the time to step in and put a stop to unacceptable behavior by having discussions and giving consequences. Cornerstone, teaching acceptable social skills is an important part of our day, and we will always let parents know if/when there is a behavioral issue with a child in school. Parent involvement and good communication between home and school is essential, and we welcome your support!