

Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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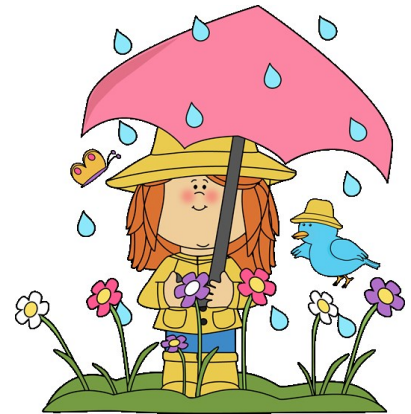
Thank you for continuing to respect the preschool's peanut free policy by not sending any food to preschool with your child.

This Month at Preschool

It is hard to believe that the school year will soon be winding down. Looking back over the past eight months, the changes in our students have been immeasurable, and they should all be proud of their accomplishments. They have had many exciting challenges and discoveries, and have all grown and flourished in new ways.

This month's theme is the farm. We will be investigating growing plants, intriguing machinery, and of course captivating animals through our diverse assortment of toys and craft materials. Outdoor playtime will provide firsthand experience with the season.

May 2018



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, May 18: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Monday, May 21: NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

Wednesday, May 30: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm) *

Wednesday, June 13: Last Day of School

Friday, June 15: Year End Family Picnic

* **All parents** are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nicole at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org. Please note the date has been changed to Wednesday, May 30th for our last meeting of the school year.



This and That

- There is a new light table at the preschool that the children have been enjoying.
- Did you know that after our students finish preschool in mid-June, our teachers are still hard at work until the elementary school closes for the summer? Not only do they have to clean every toy in the preschool, but they also have to remove everything from the classrooms so the floors can be cleaned. Then they must move it all back in again! So, although June is a slightly shorter month for students, there is still plenty going on behind the scenes!



Cooked Playdough Recipe

2 cups white flour

1 cup salt

2 Tbsp cream of tartar

2 cups of water

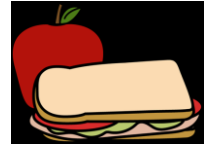
1 Tbsp vegetable oil

food colouring

Combine and cook ingredients over medium heat. Turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.

Year End Picnic

Our annual preschool picnic is coming up, and all preschool families are invited to join us.



Date: Friday, June 15th

Time: 11:00 am until 1:00 pm

Where: Glenbrook Community Centre outdoor playground (3524 45 Street SW)

Bring: Lawn chairs, blankets, lunch and drinks for your family. Please remember when packing your lunch that our school is peanut free. Don't forget hats, sunscreen and bug spray!

Please make sure all children are accompanied by an adult. Also, please note that this event is weather dependent. In case of extreme weather check the website the morning of the picnic at: <http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org> If the picnic is cancelled we will update it with the picnic status by 10:00 am.

Hope to see everyone there!

Outdoor Play

Spring is here which means more outdoor play time at preschool. We will spend time outside as weather allows so please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed. A hat is suggested and runners are essential. Please do not send children in flip flops or sandals. Please apply sunscreen before school.

Learning through Play

Your child may have mentioned the great variety of puzzles found in the preschool classroom throughout the year, from penguins to barns, and everything in between. Did you know that puzzle play can help children to:

- Develop hand-eye coordination
- Develop finger and hand muscles
- Learn to solve problems
- Learn to reason and deal with frustration
- Learn to persevere and be patient



Information taken from: <http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/teaching-and-learning/learning-tools-and-resources/play-ideas/puzzles/>

Wishing all of our preschool families a summer filled with love, laughter, and plenty of play time!