

March Happenings at First School

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Thank you again to the moms and dads who helped make our Valentine parties so successful. We are looking forward to warmer days and opportunities to play outside now. Please remember to dress warmly for outside play. We go outside when it is appropriate and not muddy. March is going to be a busy month!

IS MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

We have reached that time of year when many of our school districts are registering for Kindergarten. As you all know, First School offers an afternoon Kindergarten from 11:30 until 2:15 with a 1:14 teacher student ratio. We also offer an Early 5's class for those students who turn five between May and December with an option to add Afternoon Enrichment to make a full day experience.

What should you be looking for in your student to determine Kindergarten Readiness? Here's a handy checklist:

I can:

Put on my coat and zip it up. Tie my shoes. Take turns and share.
Sit quietly and listen. Follow simple directions. Use the bathroom by myself (including zipping and buttoning pants).
Put on my backpack. Hold a pencil or crayon. Cut with scissors. Put things away. Hang my backpack on a hook.
Wash my hands with soap. Use a tissue to wipe my nose.
Cough into my elbow. Stand in line. Drink from a drinking fountain. Raise my hand and wait to be called on. Open any food containers in my lunch.

This is a generic list, but we also feel at First School, our students have learned a lot more than these requirements. We hope you agree! If you have particular questions, please feel free to call Shayna Schroeder any time, or speak with our Early 5's teacher, Mrs. Shelly Zielinski in room#6.

GARDEN CORNER: The Kindergarten Enrichment Class and Mrs. Kershner's classes are getting started planning our spring vegetable garden. Each classroom will be responsible for planting and caring for some spring vegetables and plants. We are anxiously awaiting our spring bulbs' arrival!

Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 2: Dr. Seuss Birthday. Wear Red and White
- Mar 5 & 6: Wear your Favorite Super-hero outfit
- Mar 7: Librarian visit
- Mar 8 & 9: Wear your jammies and bring a favorite book to share
- Mar 15 & 16: Spirit Days
- Mar 20 & 21: Egg-Stravaganza!
- Mar 22 & 23 Conferences. No school. Babysitting provided.
- Mar 26-30: Spring Break

Parent Teacher Conferences

March 22 & 23—No
School

March 22 & 23 are spring conferences. Your teachers will be contacting you to schedule a time to come into school for a meeting. This is a time for you and your child's teacher to touch base on his or her progress. It is always exciting to see the growth that takes place over the year. Child care is available in the Fun Room. Mrs. Schroeder will be available during these days to answer questions about Kindergarten readiness as well as placement for the 2018-19 school year.

Summer Camp at First School

We have created three fabulous weeks of fun for 3, 4 and 5-year olds. Children must be three by April 1, 2018 and older students may join if they are entering Kindergarten. Camp will run from 9:30am to 12 pm and a snack will be served. Taught by our very own First School teachers.

July 9–13: **ART & DESIGN.** This is a week of creativity. We will create art with traditional and non-traditional materials, look at the work of famous artists, and hold a “fancy” art show on Friday. Some creations will come home and others will decorate the school.

July 16-20: **CREATE & BUILD with STEM.** This is a week of creativity, too. We will build with traditional and non-traditional materials, look at architecture, and use art mediums in new and exciting ways. Some creations will come home and others will be built at school. A favorite part of this week is Friday’s water day – how will water affect our creations?

July 23–27 **CREATIVE COOKING Camp!** Students will learn the importance of following directions in a recipe. They will learn how to add ingredients in a special 1, 2, 3 order. Students will also learn about chemical reactions through experimenting with different recipes. Math skills will be highlighted by using different measurements. We will also visit the First School Grocery and Dessert “shops” within the building. A perfect opportunity to mesh science and math and eating!

The cost is \$140.00 per week for each camp paid by the first day of camp to First School. Contact Stacey at info@firstschooldayton.com if you need another registration form or have questions. Thanks!

Introducing a

BABYSITTING APP! We

have learned from one of our First School family’s nanny that she is the Community Manager for BAMBINO. Bambino is an app that you can book local sitters through. Think UBER but for babysitters. They currently have amazing sitters servicing the Dayton area in every price point, junior level, all the way to elite background checked sitters. Parents just have to download the app and look through profiles and book a sitter when they need one. It’s not for long term nanny positions but it is great for date nights and occasional needs like snow days, etc. Here is the link to download the app:

<http://share.bambinoapp.com/mecDp mw>

PARENTS: For the Egg-Stravaganza we need your help by **March 9th.** Please send in 6 plastic eggs with your child and a sheet of stickers which will be used for our Egg Hunt!. This will be really fun. Also we’ll be returning the EGG Factory to our celebration!

WISH LIST: Parents, if you would like to donate anything to our school, we are always looking for:

small ice packs.

Floor cleaning Swiffers

RUBBER BOOTS for muddy days in toddler and child sizes (can be used)

Pants in size 5 & 6 (can be used)

Mittens and Gloves (can be used)

2018-19 Enrollment News

Please turn in your enrollment forms as soon as possible to ensure your first choice of classes. We are filling up fast! First School is a very popular school! Thank you for continuing to recommend our school to your friends. We really appreciate your continued support.

We are still running our Kindergarten Commitment Tuition offer where you would pay just \$294 per month over 12 months April 2018 through March 2019. A GREAT deal!

Our first day of school for the 2018-19 year is August 27.