

APRIL Happenings at First School

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LOOKING FOR AN AFTERNOON PROGRAM FOR YOUR MORNING KINDERGARTNER NEXT YEAR?

First School can help! Our Afternoon Enrichment program is phenomenal. From 11:45 until 2:15 your student will be exposed to a myriad of creative and problem solving opportunities. Our students are encouraged to think critically about themes from their traditional morning class and use higher order thinking skills as they examine a wide variety of literature and art mediums while being challenged with week-long projects. Choose a 2 or 3 day a week program on MWF. Contact Stacey for info. For a small fee, you may drop your student off as early as 11:00 a.m. if needed with a packed lunch

MINI DAYS Scheduled for August 27 and 28, 2018

On August 27 and 28 we will have mini days. This will be a one hour long class session that a parent and child get to enjoy together. You will be assigned a time within your normal class time to come and visit the school. Together you will do a project and the children will meet some friends in their class. The teacher will talk with the parents while the children explore the room. Then the teacher and the children will get to know each other while the parent is busy filling out paperwork. At the end of the hour everyone will have met some new friends, made a project and have paperwork for preschool completed. What a great opportunity! We will be sending out emails this summer to assign your time. Please attend this exciting event.

SPRING PHOTOS!

The previous dates you were given for Spring Photos has changed to Wednesday April 25, Thursday April 26 and Friday April 27. You will receive detailed information from your teacher about your photo days. We are excited to try a new photographer this year (although from a very long-time First School family!), Ashley Mauro. Ashley offers a modern, photo-journalistic approach to documenting your child's preschool years. This will be achieved in a natural setting, letting each child's personality shine through without the distractions of backdrops and too many props. If you choose, you may streamline the entire process of proof selection and ordering with the use of online galleries and easy online ordering. This should be a very nice improvement for our First School families!



Dates to Remember:

- April 2: Return from Spring Break
- April 5 & 6: Color of the Month is GRAY
- April 10: Librarian Visit
- April 16-20: Week of the Young Child
- April 19 & 20: Spirit Days
- April 23 & 24: Field Trip to Sugarcreek Metro Park
- April 25, 26, 27: SPRING PHOTOS

Spring Cleaning

We are still in need of used rubber boots for messy playground exploring. Or new, if you'd like to donate! :)

Thanks in advance for helping us out!

SPRING FIELD TRIP INFO:

On Monday April 23 and Tuesday April 24 we will be going to Sugarcreek Metro Park for our Field trip.

We will take a prairie walk, play in the Nature Playground, identify different birds and insects. This event is FREE and siblings are welcome. Strollers might be a burden though on the paths....You may pack a lunch to enjoy with your child afterwards if you would like, although the First School teachers will be returning to school. The PM classes will meet from 12-2 on Monday the 23rd. Look for info from your teacher soon.



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!

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE for 2018-19

We are encouraged by the response to our Kindergarten Commitment Tuition deal and have decided to extend it to April 15, 2018.

Kindergarten will meet from 11:30 until 2:15 Monday through Friday and will use a top respected Home School curriculum which has proven phenomenal results with many styles of teaching and learning. Mrs. Shelly Zielinski will teach the class with a limit of 14 students.

Children may be dropped off at First School with a packed lunch at 11:00 for a small additional fee.

Sign up by April 15 to receive 10% off of the tuition with the option to pay over 12 months.

Please call Stacey for more information. We’ll work with you!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

First School has joined the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and are excited to celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers and families. This year’s Week of the Young Child event is April 16-20, 2018! Each day of the week we will do something fun to celebrate your awesome children:

MUSIC MONDAY

TASTY TUESDAY

WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY

ARTSY THURSDAY

FAMILY FRIDAY

We’ll be sure to send home fun reports and photos of your children as we celebrate this fun week together.