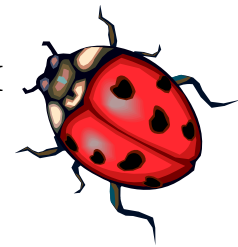




# St. Edmund's Academy PreKindergarten I May/June Newsletter



## Dates to Remember:

- PreKindergarten I Musical : "Singing Through the Seasons with PreK I**
- Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 19 10:00**
- Parent Performance: Thursday, May 20 8:30**
- Cast Party immediately following the Parent Performance**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: May 21**
- Carnegie Library Field Trip: May 24 10:00**
- Splash Party: June 3 10:00-12:00**
- Rain Date: June 4 10:00-12:00**

Thank you to all of the parents who support the Scholastic Book Club your donations help us purchase new books for the PreK I classroom. We appreciate all of the books the parents bought for PreK I from the Book Fair everyone is enjoying them. Edwina sends her heartfelt thanks to all of the families that have shared their homes with her during the school year. She continues to be available for home visits until the end of May.



During transportation week, the children made passports and pretended to board an airplane and visit Ghana, Italy, India and England. The children created their own special passport and explored the interesting artifacts provided by the teachers



and parents. In addition to touching the special treasures some of the parents were so kind to bring delicious treats specific to the countries visited. We

would like to thank Nina's mom Martine for bringing delicious foods from the Netherlands for the children to taste. The special seasoned meat was a huge hit! The cheese and sweet treat were also enjoyed by all. Giuseppe and his mom Paula made mini pizzas to share with the class. They were delicious! Ewan's mom Pippa brought in china cups, a teapot and delicious scones with clotted cream and jam. All of the children enjoyed having a spot of tea! Everyone had a grand time participating in all of these wonderful experiences!

## HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

Please check your child's cubby on a weekly basis for art work and important notices. We clean out the boxes every Friday, so please send a back pack with your child so we can put their

cherished art work in a safe place. Don't forget to send seasonal clothing for your child to change into should he/she get wet.



Miss Verna the Nature Lady joined us for one last visit to talk about "bugs". Once again she brought many hand-on items for the children to explore as well as live creatures that delighted the children. She named the "parts of the bug" and sang a song with her puppet friend. The children even looked at a Tarantula! It was a wonderful presentation which everyone enjoyed.



The children had a "blast" exploding their volcanoes in the PreK I classroom. They learned new vocabulary words such as volcanologist, magma, ash, steam, eruption and volcano.



All the children made individual volcanoes and learned that baking soda and vinegar mixed together has an interesting chemical reaction. Watching the "Big Kahuna" volcano explode was an awesome experience and the expression on each child's face was priceless!



## Singing Through the Seasons with PreK I

Singing Through the Seasons with PreK I is the musical this year. The children have learned many songs this year and this show will showcase their favorites. All parents are invited to attend. The children will be making invitations so please look for them soon. The children are working hard on the scenery and will add special touches to their costumes. The show will be held in the cafeteria with a Cast party immediately following the performance. We hope you will join us for this wonderful event. If you are interested in providing supplies for the Cast Party please use the sign-up sheet to make your selection. Thank you so much for your help!

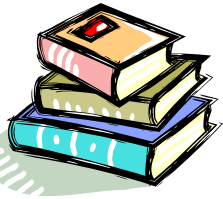


The PreK I Splash Party is on June 3rd from 10:00-12:00. Parents are invited to attend. The children will have fun breaking open a piñata filled with yummy treats and a summer craft will also be provided.

A special luncheon is planned and most importantly the children will swim in inflated pools located outside on the play

deck! Please provide your child with a towel, swim suit and bag with all items labeled. This is a great way to end the school year! We hope everyone can attend. If you would like to volunteer to bring in some supplies please sign-up on the sheet located on the wall outside of the classroom.





The end of the year field trip to the Carnegie Museum in Squirrel Hill is planned for Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. If you are interested in volunteering to walk with us, we would welcome your assistance. Please sign-up on the sheet outside the PreK I classroom.



The children have been busy constructing their wood sculptures during Ww Week. Once the sculpture is built, the children will paint it and we will display them on the cubbies in the classroom. The children listened to the story The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle which helped them complete their sequencing project. They put the Life Cycle pictures in order and colored them. In the classroom we have "Butterfly Life Cycle manipulatives for the children to handle and we are teaching the children some new vocabulary words such as egg, caterpillar (larvae), chrysalis (pupa) and butterfly (adult). We have ordered live caterpillars to observe in the classroom and once they have emerged from their chrysalides they will be released into Collella Park. A short movie about the Life Cycle of Butterflies will be shown. During Xx Week the children will have the opportunity to look at interesting pictures on the light table and construct their own skeleton. Dipping yarn in paint to make interesting pictures is ahead for Yy Week and fun zoo activities are scheduled for Zz week.



Eating lunch in the cafeteria is a big transition for young children so we will visit Mr. Darryl and Ms. Carol our lunch personnel for a tour of the kitchen and cafeteria. As we talk to the children about some Prek I children moving ahead to PreK II next year and some friends becoming PreK I leaders, we will then take a short tour of the PreK II classroom.



We look forward to meeting with all of the parents during the Parent Teacher Conferences on May 21<sup>st</sup>.



Thank you all for your support this year and most importantly for sharing your wonderful children with us. It has truly been a pleasure to teach your children. Have a fabulous summer!



Ms. Lo, Ms. C. & Ms. E.

