



April Newsletter



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Director's Desk

I sure hope spring has sprung by the time you read this! As June approaches, I am acutely aware of the time that has passed since September. June hurtles towards us and there is still so much to teach, so much to learn, and so much to do.

We have sent out information on the summer program at Greenbrier. If you missed it and are interested, talk to Jackie or Elizabeth. Classes are filling quickly!

Be on the lookout for our Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser coming April 8 – May 8!

A representative from Norfolk Academy will be at GMS starting at 8:30 on Wednesday, April 24th. She will be available to answer questions and give information about their school. If you are interested in learning more about Norfolk Academy, please stop in during morning carpool that day!

Spring appears to be a busy and exciting time for all of us. If you have any questions or concerns we're only a phone call away.

Sincerely, Jackie



Reminders

As the weather turns warmer, we are reminded that many children sunburn.

If your child is sensitive to the sun, remember to put sunscreen on him/her before school.

May 21st is Conference Day at GMS

A conference schedule will come home in folders this month. School is closed that day while we share with you what wonderful children you have. They really are amazing! Childcare will be available for those enrolled in our all-day program only.

Summer Job Opportunities

Greenbrier Manor is currently interviewing for our summer and fall staff! If you or someone you know are interested, please give us a call to see what kind of opportunities we may have. Resumes can be sent to the following email:

greenbriermanor@manorschools.com

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What we are learning

2's- Ms Loretta and Karen, our pillars of patience, begin April with an in-depth study of words and their opposites to our two-year old classes. With easel painting, sponge printing, spin art and backed papers, this is a grand time for our youngest.

3's- Our three-year olds begin April with nursery tales. The children explore classic stories as they grow Jack's beanstalk, peek at the troll under the Billy goat's bridge, and visit the three bears.

4's- The four-year olds depart from their fantasy world of make-believe and explore the fascinating world of our feathered friends. As local birds migrate back into the area, they should be able to identify most of them. Cindi, Brittney, and Kelly teach them the characteristics of twenty-five different species and help them create an amazing bird book. We'll end with yet another party, complete with worms and seeds!

PreK- Ms. Michelle's pre-K class moves down the food chain to investigate insects. Bugs fascinate children and Michelle uses their curiosity to educate them about useful and harmful insects. The high point of this unit materializes in May when we get to watch ants tunnel.

K- The kindergarten class takes a trip back in time to the age of reptiles and studies dinosaurs. These budding paleontologists learn to identify close to twenty-five dinosaurs before attending a dinosaur hunt at the end of the month. This is one of our favorite units, and the children love it. The children's academic progress amazes me. Many are now learning long vowel sounds and spelling! As spring progresses, we plan to incorporate creative writing into each week's lesson. As these masterpieces come home, it is important that you be extremely positive in your comments. Please don't make any suggestions for improvement and don't even think of mentioning spelling. Creative writing is a very personal and sensitive process. A careless remark can be devastating.

Save the Date

April 1-5.....Spring Break, School Closed
April 8-May 8.....Little Caesar's Fundraiser
April 24.....Norfolk Academy representative at GMS 8:30-9:15am
May 21.....Conference Day – No classes (We are open for all day children only)
May 27.....Memorial Day, School Closed
June 6.....Kindergarten Graduation @ 9:15
June 14.....Last Day of School
June 17-21.....Greenbrier Manor Closed
June 24-Aug 16.....Summer programs
August 19-23.....Greenbrier Manor Closed
August 26-30.....Open for all Day Care Only
Sept 3.....Fall programs begin