



## NEWSLETTER - JUNE

### From the Director's Desk:

We are in the home stretch of the school year. I can't believe it's almost Graduation and Moving Up Day. As we enter into our last month of preschool, we have mixed emotions. Saying goodbye to our graduating class is so final but it is exciting for all of us to see their growth academically, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually since September. We look forward to greeting our three's who are "moving up" to the four year old program, as well as our new students who have registered in our program for the first time. As we look forward to the future, it is our prayer that each of our students will delight in the ways of the Lord and follow in His footsteps. We have assurance that God has a perfect plan for each one of them.

We would like to take a moment to thank each of you for the part you played in making the transition back into school during the Pandemic go so smoothly. Your cooperation in adhering to all protocols was vital to keeping our school and children safe. To all of you, we say "Gracias." We thank you for supporting our various activities and modified events. Now the time has come to enjoy family and friends in the warmth of summer. We wish our oldest students much success as they make their journey on to Kindergarten and we look forward to see many of you again in the fall.

Ms. G

## Important Dates:

- June 1: 100th Day of School  
PTA Zoom Meeting 7 p.m.
- June 2: Staff Meeting 8:15 a.m.
- June 8: Scavenger Hunt Day
- June 14: Practice for Moving up Day/Graduation  
Dismissal 11:30 a.m. No PM CLASSES  
Flag Day
- June 15: Practice for Moving Up Day/Graduation  
Dismissal 11:30 a.m. No PM CLASSES
- June 16: Practice for Moving Up Day/Graduation  
Dismissal 11:30 a.m. NO PM CLASSES
- June 17: Practice for Moving Up Day/Graduation  
Dismissal 11:30 a.m. NO PM CLASSES
- June 18: Junteenth Day - No School  
Also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or  
Freedom Day is considered the oldest known  
Celebration commemorating the ending of slavery In America.
- June 21: Moving Up Day Exercises 9:00 a.m.  
Graduation Day Exercises 10:30 a.m.
- June 22: School Officially Closed for the Summer



## Routines for Summer

When school is out, having a routine lets your youngster know what to expect and can keep him/her from misbehaving or being bored. Help make days run smoothly with these tips.

- Keep some things predictable. Relaxed summer days are perfect for spur of the moment fun, but try to have a few activities that repeat regularly. Your child might have a play date every Tuesday or go the park on Saturday afternoons for instance.
- Share the plan. Each day, talk about what will happen tomorrow. You could discuss it over dinner or before bedtime. " We are going to spend the morning at Grandma's. And after that, we're going on a picnic for lunch."
- Leave wiggle room. Set aside time each day or week for an activity your youngster chooses. Help him/her write Ideas on index cards ( "Play under the sprinkler", "Finger Paint", "Visit the library." ) Keep the cards and let him/her pick on out.

## Learning Packet

As many of you are planning for your summer activities for your children, we want you to remember to encourage your children to read over the summer break. Reading for the sake of reading will allow children to explore summer from home, on the road, on vacation, or from their own backyard.

Many children forget what they've learned during the school year while on summer break. Keeping your kids engaged over the summer months will help to maintain their academic edge and reduce the "summer slide". Children who do not read over the summer and who do not engage in educational activities could potentially lose more than two months of academic learning.

The good news is that Saint Gregory the Great Early Childhood Program is providing a Summer Reading List and Learning Packet to assist you in continuing your child's learning progression. The summer packet provides you with resources, suggestions and activities to maintain learning. In regard to reading the best practice is to read each day for a minimum of 30 minutes.

May you all have a blessed, restful, relaxing, and enjoyable and fun filled summer.

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