



Good bye to the School-Year and Hello Summer!

- ✦ **Good bye to families not returning for Summer or Fall:** We wish all “graduating” families the best. We invite you to stop in for a visit from time-to-time. We will not forget you!
 - ✦ **Discovery Walk/Creek Exploration Days (June 2 & 6):** Ms. Janice will be providing an extended Discovery Walk Experience for our Pre-K Classrooms in June (June 2-Blue Jays, June 6-Cardinals). Children will be using nets and containers to collect “creek life” to examine up close. Children are asked to wear old clothing, bathing suits, and old sturdy shoes/water shoes. Detailed letters will be sent out to children who will be attending each walk.
 - ✦ **Meet & Greet Sessions (June 5-8):** Meet and Greet Sessions will be occurring for families of children who are moving to a new room or who will be new to the program this summer. Phone conferences are available for parents whose schedules don’t allow for a face-to-face meeting. Transition letters have been distributed to all families as applicable. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the main hallway.
 - ✦ **Preschool Graduation (June 9):** Families of children going to kindergarten in Fall 2017 from the Blue Jays Class and Cardinals class are invited to attend the preschool graduation ceremony on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Ruritan Center (next to the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department). Invitations have been distributed to all families with an RSVP due to the front desk by Friday, June 2.
 - ✦ **ELC Closed for an In-service Day (June 12):** The last day of FCPS is June 9 with a 2-hour early dismissal. ELC will be closed on Monday, June 12, for a staff in-service day. We wish everyone a safe, extended weekend. Reminder: ELC’s summer program will begin on Tuesday, June 13.
 - ✦ **Scholastic Book Orders:** Thanks to families who ordered books in May. Educare earns points for all orders that can be redeemed for books and other materials for the center. **June orders are due to the front desk June 15.** Scholastic Book Order Catalogs are available at the front desk or visit clubs.scholastic.com to register, find our school: **Educare Learning Center**, type in our center activation code **M7XFW** to place orders online. Orders will be shipped directly to ELC.
 - ✦ **Warmer Weather/Outdoor Reminders:** With the warmer weather, children will be outdoors more frequently in the evening. We are asking families to send children in sturdy, safe shoes as the weather grows warmer. Flip flops or open-toed sandals are not safe for children’s active play. Clothes should be comfortable but also sun-safe; brimmed hats and sunglasses are helpful summer attire. Families are to check in at the front desk to sign children out before going to the playgrounds to pick up children. To ensure the safety of children, families who leave through the gates should check that the gate is secure with locks applied (if applicable) upon exit from the playground. Families are asked to send in child-safe sunscreen and bug spray. Sunscreen is applied prior to outdoor play each day. Bug spray will be applied as needed.
 - ✦ **Staff Changes:** Welcome back to Ms. Hannah, Ms. Morgaine, Ms. Michele and Ms. Juli. Ms. Hannah will be joining the Hummingbirds and Chickadees rooms for the summer. Ms. Morgaine and Ms. Michele will be working with our preschool age groups and help with additional subbing in all rooms. Ms. Juli will be working in our Heron’s Room with the school-age this summer. We also welcome on-board Ms. Jenny A., Ms. Emily, Ms. Robyn and Ms. Tiffany. Ms. Jenny A. and Ms. Tiffany will be subbing in all rooms, Ms. Emily will be working in the Herons with Ms. Juli and Ms. Robyn will be our opener in the Heron’s room this summer. See staff bios located in the main hallway.
 - ✦ **Vacation Calendars:** Summer vacation calendars are due to the front desk ASAP for all families. These calendars assist us in planning special on-site/off-site summer activities for children. The form also includes a permission slip for weekly water play activities and a place to indicate t-shirt sizes (to be worn for off-site field trips for children in the Robins, Cardinals, and Herons classrooms).
- Note: A newsletter and calendar for July & August will be distributed on June 13 (see June 2017 calendar on back).