

Beacon Learning Academy

June 2017



A huge thank to all who brought in special treats, cards, food, and gifts for Teacher Appreciation week. We felt so special and loved through-out the entire week. We are blessed to have such fantastic support from our Beacon families. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

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Pre-Kindergarten Graduation:

Our little graduates will celebrate this great achievement on **Friday, June 30th starting at 11:30am**. We are honored to share in this special time with their families and guests. There will be a small ceremony with songs from the children, the delivery of diplomas, and pictures afterwards. If your child is a graduating student, please plan to dress them up as you wish, as they will be wearing a full graduation gown and cap for the ceremony.

Following our ceremony, we will meet at Laurel Hills Park at 5 pm for some fun! Our graduates and their families are welcome to come anytime between 5-6:30 for sub sandwiches, chips, drinks, and of course there will be cake!

This promises to be a BIG day of fun for everyone. We are so excited to celebrate this special time with our graduating beacon families and teachers!



Farmyard Friends (1/2s): May was such a wonderful month for Farmyard friends!! We welcomed a new friend, Gabe. We started the month by learning about the zoo and the animals that live there. We got to make our wonderful moms handmade presents and enjoyed some muffins with them for Mother's day! The next week was all about pets! Talking about our doggies was a highlight for my friends, they loved seeing pictures of Mrs. Debbie's many dogs, too! We talked about weather, where we saw rain and more rain and finished out with construction!! June is going to be filled with Ocean life, Father's day including donuts with dad, vacations, and desserts! What a fun month!

Mrs. Debbie

Pond Pals (2/3s): Thank you for all the wonderful Teacher Appreciation gifts in May. I truly enjoyed all the special treats. May was such an amazing month! The weather has been beautiful and we have really enjoyed our outdoor time. Our themes allowed us to explore the various animals we could have as pets and the things we need to do to take care of them. We also enjoyed learning about different types of weather and doing weather-related activities.

June is the start of all the summer fun! We will begin doing water-play days, enjoying popsicles, and soaking in the sun in the great outdoors! Our friends will continue to work on independence in the bathroom and during lunchtime to help our friends who are preparing to move to the Ocean Explorer's this fall!

Mrs. Marianne

Ocean Explorers (3/4s): Our Ocean Explorers had a wonderful month of May. We started off the month discussing the Zoo and created lots of fun animals we would find there. The following week we spent honoring our mothers by preparing thoughtful gifts throughout the week. That same week was teacher appreciation week, and I would sincerely like to thank everyone for the generous gifts I received!

The 3rd week of May was all about Pets. We discussed and shared with each other all the love we have for our four legged friends. Weather was the topic of the next week to come, and although we only got to experience rain, we still managed to have fun inside. Throughout the month we also spent our time working on our writing skills, from tracing, to letters, numbers and even our names, I'm proud to say we all have made a tremendous amount of progress.

Ms. Becky

Forest Friends (4/5s): As the academic year draws near, and the children graduating preschool are getting ready for their journey towards Kindergarten, I'd like to say thank you! I'm so grateful for having the opportunity to work with your most precious gift. I give your child back, the same child you confidently entrusted me to care for last fall. I give your child back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature.

The Forest Friends had so much fun in May. We had a blast learning all about the Zoo, and pretending to be junior zoo keepers. The class enjoyed setting up our home center as a Veterinarian clinic, during pet week. A class favorite was learning how weather affects us and our environment. We ended the month of May learning about construction and having a Lego building contest.

The month of June promises to be very busy. We will start out learning about the Ocean. We will create an experiment to learn how the baleen whale eats. We will end the month with a week of desserts! I will be posting a sign-up sheet outside the classroom, please consider donating to make the week tasty.

Lastly, I am off work the month of July. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer;)

Mrs. Kristi

Forest Friends Items needed:

- *White t-shirt (for tie-dying)
- *Treats- posted outside the class
- * 2-3 baby pictures for the graduates

Calendar of Events:

June 9th: Waterplay Day: Come dressed in your swim suit, water-shoes, wear your sunscreen and bring a towel. Pack your change of clothes in your bag for afterwards.

June 15th: Donuts for Dads (9:00-9:30) please come and enjoy a donut with your child as a treat. Dads, grandpas, and uncles are all welcome to join us!

June 21st: Disney Day! Wear your Disney clothes or princess dress and show your Disney spirit! we will have a Disney scavenger hunt around the school to find pictures of various Disney characters.

June 30th: Pre-K GRADUATION ceremony begins at 11:30 am. celebration party to follow at Laurel Hills Park at 5 pm.

July 2-6th: Beacon Learning Academy is closed for summer break & Forth of July. We hope all our families enjoy safe travels, fun activities, and time together during this break!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

BEACON WILL BECOME A NUT-FREE SCHOOL AS OF JUNE 1ST. WE HAVE CHILDREN IN EVERY CLASSROOM WITH SEVERE, AND IN SOME CASES, LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES TO NUTS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MANNER AS WE STRIVE TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OUR BEACON STUDENTS!



Themes:

May 29-June 2nd: Our friends will explore the world of **Construction**. We will provide a variety of building materials to utilize as we challenge the children to create buildings, bridges, and much more! Everyone will get to touch real tools as we discuss the way these tools are used in construction. We'll explore what vehicles are used to construct structures, and learn about construction safety.

June 5-9th: We'll dive into **Ocean Life** as we explore under and above the sea. What lurks within the great, deep Ocean? Our art projects will range from fish, octopi, and sharks to sea turtles, jelly-fish, and crabs. There are so many wonderful sea creatures that we'll see swimming in our water-table ocean. We'll also take time to discuss how we can keep our beaches clean for the ocean animals who live there.

June 12-16th: It will be very exciting to celebrate **The Men We Love** as we create something special to honor them. We hope those special men will join us on Thursday, June 15th from 9-9:30 am for Donuts for Dad (Grandpas and Uncles are invited too).

June 19-23rd: Our Beacon friends will travel to lands around the world during our **Vacations** themed week. We'll enjoy fun activities related to Disney World, learn about passports, and share our favorite things about vacations we have experienced.

June 26-30th: This week will be full of sweet surprises as we explore **Desserts**. We look forward to creating delicious treats that we get to make and eat. We'll get to learn about measurements used to bake and discuss categories for different flavors.



Community Information Board:

We hope you have noticed the community information board in our main hallway? This area is designed to support our beacon families who own/operate their own businesses. It can also be used to post items for sale and to share family-friendly community events. We hope you'll take a moment to look there and see if any of our fellow beacon parents offers a service or business that would be of use to you.

If you own a business and would like to post something there or have an item for sale, please drop your flyers and business cards at the front desk so we can add them to the board 😊

We welcome your input and ideas on this interactive information board!



Ingredients:

- 4 cups of all-purpose flour
- 4 cups of whole wheat flour
- 1 cup of baby oil
- a few drops of lavender essential oil

Mix the flours and oil together until thoroughly combined. Sprinkle a few drops of oil over the mixture. Put mixture into tray. Add lots of diggers, dump trucks and vehicles! The lavender smell and the softness of the flour makes this a very calming activity.



Happy Birthday:

- Anjali- June 7th (3)**
- Ivy- June 9th (4)**
- Adalynn- June 13th (4)**
- Zoe- June 16th (5)**
- Serena- June 17th (5)**
- Owen- June 25th (2)**

