

AK NEWS

AQUARELLE KIDS
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MAY 2010



MAY THEME Up in the Sky!	
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	
May 3 rd -7 th	Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, May 7 th	Muffins with Mom
Sunday, May 9 th	Mother's Day
Friday, May 21 st	Parent Night Out (6:30 - 11:00 p.m.)
Thursday, May 27 th	PTO Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 31 st	Memorial Day - Academy closed

Dear Families:

It is difficult to believe how quickly the school year has passed. On June 12th we will be celebrating with our second graduating class during a ceremony at the Omni Hotel in Champions Gate. The following week our summer programs begin. We have so many fun activities planned but with limited slots. Make sure you tell family and friends to sign up now. We are thinking of a summer vacation at this time. Our theme, Up in the Sky, makes us dream of visiting other places. We will help children build their knowledge learning about airplanes, birds, and weather, and travel higher in the sky to explore the sun, moon, stars and planets.

We wish all of you a very happy and safe summer. This is a time when we have an opportunity to spend more time together as a family and to appreciate our children who give us great joy and stability in our lives.

Ms. Alison, Director

SAYING GOODBYE TO PRESCHOOL

When the school year ends saying a meaningful goodbye can help children transition smoothly into summer, then Kindergarten. Preschool children develop deep attachments to their preschool teachers and friends. If your child has enjoyed his time in preschool, then transitioning to a summer at home and warm weather fun may be harder than you think. Below are some ideas to help your child transition easier.

* Give Time Meaning for Your Child

Time can be a difficult concept for preschoolers. Visual representations will help them understand when the school year is ending. About two weeks before the end of the school year, make a paper chain with a link for every remaining school day. Each day, tear off a link and count the remaining number of school days. Talk to your child about all the special happenings you have planned for the summer before they start Kindergarten.

* Help Your Child Remember This Past School Year

This would be a good time to make a scrap book including photographs of your child at school, samples of artwork and her own words describing the school year.

* Acknowledge Your Child's Feelings

Many children may feel sad to say goodbye, angry at the teachers, excited about the summer, worried about kindergarten. Reassure your child that it is okay to have two or more feelings at once. This may be a good time to say, "I wonder if you are feeling sad that the school year is ending? I know we will be able to call your friends when you are missing them over the summer."

* Don't Skip Goodbye!

It can be tempting for parents not to prepare their children for the end of the school year. Remember, saying goodbye is a part of life and teaching your child how to have a meaningful goodbye now will help him/her meet life's transitions with confidence throughout the rest of their lives.