**Upcoming events-**

**May 29th Memorial Day**-We are closed this coming Monday! Enjoy your long holiday weekend!

**May 30th** First Day of Summer camp!

Looking way ahead......for the 4th of July we will be closed **July 3rd and 4th.**

**Summer camp May 29-June 2 Events!**

**Monday May 29th** we are closed!

Tuesday May 30th **is our first day of camp! We will work on making passports today as we begin a summer full of virtual travel around the** world!

**Wednesday May 31st** today is a park day visit. We will be walking to the park, so please be sure to have all your permission forms signed from your summer permission packet so your child is able to participate. We will also be making some travel bags.

**Thursday June 1st** is our first bike day! Please bring a wheeled toy for your child to use as well as a helmet! Knee and elbow pads are also welcome! We will also play a travel suitcase relay game.

**Friday June 2nd** we will have fun with an at school picnic and we will make world flags.

The following week is VBS!!! YAY!

**T-shirts**

Our last round of shirts came in the wrong size. We have a new order coming very shortly. If your child has not received a FirstArt shirt yet I will make sure you get one when the new order comes in.

**From the Church:**

Hello FirstArt families!

The youth of Brighton Methodist Church will be holding a parking lot sale on May 27 from 6 am - 2 pm. The big sale is one way we raise funds for our annual mission trip each year. If you have any items you would like to donate, we will begin collecting them on Sunday, May 14. You can bring them to the church office any time during the week. If Lisa is not here, you can leave it in front of her desk. Thank you in advance for your support!

We are also collecting non-perishable foods in the food cart located in the lobby. We will be making a delivery to St. Augustine’s food pantry on Tuesday of next week. This is an ongoing ministry with a great need in our community, so please feel free to contribute at any time during the week year-round. We are blessed to partner with you in this effort!

**Supply List**

In the new year we sent out a supply list. We were so well stocked at the time that we told many parents that they could hold off on bringing items if they wanted to wait. We are now, however, running out of many items.

If you did not previously bring in your supply items, we are asking you to do so now.

If you can bring the following it would be appreciated.

2 packs of copy paper

1 box of Kleenex

2 packs of glue sticks

1 pack of construction paper

1 pack of markers

Thank you!

**Rate Sheet**

Our new rate sheet is attached.

On this sheet you will find our rates which will begin this June.

You will also find the rates for UPK which will begin on August 14th.

UPK discounted rates are good only for the 9-month school period and do not apply towards summer tuition.

The UPK rate is only for children who apply for and who are accepted in the UPK program. These children must be 4 by October 1st. If your child is not 4 by October 1st (or is older) you will be paying our regular tuition rates upon enrollment.

Please note if you apply and are accepted for the UPK program your full extended day rate will be lowered by $70/week from our fall tuition rates.

Ms. Satin's group which attends on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's will have class hours this fall from 8:45-12:15. It will be a free class for those who are registered through UPK.

**Universal Preschool-**

**Update**-

I still cannot see most of our kiddos who have applied for UPK, on my side of the portal page.

If you have applied, parents should have received an email yesterday regarding your UPK placement status. They should have sent you a letter as to where you were accepted. Since I cannot see most kids on my portal, please let me know if you got a letter and what it says.

I did call UPK customer service, and they said they cannot access any child information either, because their portal pages are completely locked down. She was under the belief that perhaps everything would be back up by the time the 2nd round of matches begins on May 10th. If you have any questions you may attempt to reach them at [cdec\_upkcolorado@state.co.us](mailto:cdec_upkcolorado@state.co.us) or 303-866-5223.

*Please note if you are still signing up-*

*If you are signing up for Ms. Satin's part time class (Tu, Wed and Thurs from 8:45-12:15) please select the UPK part time class option.*

*All other students should select the "extended day" option. Please do not select "full day."*

All children who are 4 by October 1st can apply for free preschool hours beginning in August 2023.  Depending on qualifying factors you can receive 10, 15 or perhaps 30 hours of free preschool each week.  If you want a discount for your 4-year old's tuition you can visit <https://upk.colorado.gov/> to apply.

If you plan to sign up, please do so ASAP. We have had many people contact us who do not currently attend FirstArt and saying that they chose us as their child's preschool for fall. We only have a limited number of spots available, so be sure to secure your spot WITH THE UPK WEBSITE AND WITH US BOTH ASAP so your spot isn't taken.

Ms. Gina's full-time 4-year-olds for next year can qualify immediately for 15 hours a week as long as they attend a minimum of 2 full days a week.  Please select the extended care option if you will be enrolling in Ms. Gina's class for the fall. Our full-time program M-F for kids who sign up for UPK will be $190/week for fall. Our rate sheet is attached to this email. Please refer to it for regular rate tuition which will begin in June and for UPK rates which will begin in August.

Ms. Satin's 4-year-olds for next year can qualify for 10 hours a week as our part time program will run from 8:45-12:15 next year. Please select the part time option if you are enrolling for her class. The tuition for our part-time class next year will be free for those who signed up through UPK.

I do know that if you want your child to attend FirstArt this fall, you can put in a request for the preschool of your choice on the portal page. However, from what I have heard, the state may not guarantee you a spot at the preschool of your choice and you may be assigned elsewhere.

If you have questions about this, please feel free to ask. If I do not know the answer I can reach out and help you find assistance.

**Enrichment**

Dear Pre-k Graduates, this one's for you!

“You’re off to new places!

  Today is your day!

  Your mountain is waiting,

  So…. Get on your way!”

              Dr Seuss

“ For I know the plans

 I have for you,

 Declares the Lord

 Plans to prosper you

 Give you hope

 And a future”

 ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Have a blessed weekend,

Ms. Ashley

**Little Monets**

Happy Friday!

 Did you know….

The Friday before Memorial Day is “Don’t Fry Day”? This awareness campaign is sponsored by the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention. Here are some easy reminders from the campaign that apply to both children and adults:

·         Slip on a shirt,

·         Slap on broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher at least every 2 hours.

·         Slap on a wide-brimmed hat.

·         Wear sunglasses

·         Avoid the sun during midday when rays can cause the most damage.

·         Infants under 6 months of age should be kept out of the sun.

This week we celebrated the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We welcomed Myles to our class, meanwhile wishing Kip a fun summer and Everett a long farewell. As I finished up assessments, we did some fun- cool crafts. We created ice cream cones with the letters of our names and decorated popsicles.

Field Day was a blast! Ms. Ashley and I took plenty of photos, which is too much to share on the app so please check in and we can email you.

Please check out the wall display as we remade “My favorite part of me” looking at pictures from Sept. and then now in May.

Assessments copies will be in cubbies Friday by the end of day!

Summer begins next week

HAVE A GREAT 3 DAY WEEKEND,

Mrs. Stephanie & Ms. Sandi

**Mozarts**

Happy Friday!

This week our theme was bugs. We made caterpillars out of egg cartons. We colored a bug book that had many different types of bugs in it. We also made insects out of Play-dough. For our last day of school, we had an Ice Cream party! Thank you, Daisy! We had so many yummy toppings to choose from.

I had an amazing year with you all! To all my soon-to-be Kindergarteners, I hope you guys have the best time at your new school! Have an awesome summer everyone.

Love Ms. Satin

**Little Earharts**

We had a lot of fun celebrating our last week of school together and we are excited for our summer fun to begin!

Monday, we did a scavenger hunt for sticks to put in our beehives. We also did the butterfly ink blot.

Tuesday, we did moving caterpillars.

Wednesday, we made paper plate ladybugs and worked on assessments.

Thursday, we made fish handprints for outdoor decorations.

Friday, we are finishing assessments and our fish hand prints.

We hope you all have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! We will see you next week for the start of Summer Camp!

Ms. Adriana, Ms. Lachelle and Ms. Serenity

**Little Shakespeareans**

Kindergarten here we come!

Field Day was a super blast! Thank you to Ms. Ashley for all your hard work! The kids loved their end of the year fun.

Assessments are almost completed. So far, I think I have the smartest class ever! Kindergarten teachers will love our FirstArt kiddos!

This week along with Field Day we talked about Memorial Day. Thank you to all our very brave and true heros who gave everything to keep us safe and free!

Wishing our friend, a very Happy 5th Birthday! Lillian will be turning 5 this weekend.

Many blessings,

Ms. Gina and Ms. Shannon

Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts and kind words. I can't tell you how much I love my job and all the students. I am so blessed to teach! I will keep each and every student in my prayers forever!

**Schoolage**

Hello Summer!

We are looking forward to the start of our Summer Camp program next week! We've got lots of amazing activities planned and some new friends joining us! Keep an eye out on the clipboard and in the newsletters for the week's activities.

Each child will need to bring in their lunch with an afternoon snack inside. Please also make sure that your child brings a water bottle every day. Everything they bring needs to be labeled with their name.

We look forward to kicking off the Summer!

Ms. Satin, Ms. Ciera and Mr. Andrew