

BELMONT WEEKDAY SCHOOL

PRE-K GRADUATION

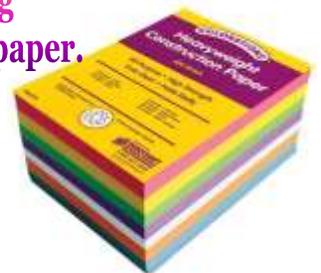
The Pre-K 4's and Pre-K 5's graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 18th at 10:00am. When children move on from pre-school, it is a sad time for us but a wonderful time in a child's life. The Weekday School staff is proud to have been a part of your child's early childhood learning and growing experience. We appreciate the trust and support you have bestowed on us in allowing your child to attend the WDS. Stay in touch! We always like to hear about the progress of our alumni.

Congratulations to the following graduates:

Naomi Allen	Zara Jones	Cyrus Daniels
Ellen Anthony	Parker Manning	Kitty Eaves
Lily Barnes	John Mason	John Fleming
Anna Bergman	Levi Martinez	Emalyn Head
Thatcher Boling	Clara Sprague	Roman Lockwood
Gideon Byl	Stephen Sprague	Annie Mitchell
Asher Carder	Nicholas Roper	Claudia Sesi
Tess Clement	Rosalee Wright	Oz Vanhook
Benjamin Cropsey	Winston Apthorp	Lyla Yang
Hazel Harding	Isaiah Collins	

NEED OF THE MONTH

The Pre-K 5s class is collecting glue sticks and 9x12 construction paper.



Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why we launched Crayola ColorCycle.

Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers.

The Weekday School is excited to begin partnering with Crayola in this unique initiative. A box has been placed in the hall outside EnaShea's office to collect used/dried out markers. Please join us in this unique experience by dropping off any used markers that you may have rather than throwing them in the trash.



SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Weekday School is currently accepting scholarship applications for the summer session.

The deadline for turning in the application is

May 7th.

In addition to your application, financial and work history information is necessary. If you currently receive a scholarship and would like to be considered for

the summer, please let Jean know. You will need to fill out another application. Please see Jean or EnaShea for the necessary paperwork, or if you have questions regarding scholarships and their availability.

If you are taking the summer off and are contemplating applying for assistance in the fall, please let the office know. This helps the scholarship committee in the planning process. The WDS prides itself on being one of the

few preschools in Nashville that offers partial assistance for our families who qualify. This is made possible from continued donations and fundraising events.

Thank you.



TUITION INCREASE



Please note:

An increase in tuition will be effective June 1st.

Calendar of Events

MAY

5/10 & 5/11: Mother's Day Coffee and Treats - WDS Hallways

5/18: Pre-K 4's and Pre-K 5's Graduation - Sanctuary

5/21: End of the Year Celebration Picnic

5/21: Last Day of Spring Session

5/22-5/25: Teacher in-Service **WDS CLOSED**

5/28: Memorial Day **WDS CLOSED**

5/29: First Day of Summer Session 2018

JUNE

6/14 & 6/15: Father's Day Donuts and Coffee-WDS Hallways

JULY

7/4: Independence Day Holiday **WDS CLOSED**

7/30: Last Day of Summer Session 2018

7/31-8/3: Teacher In-Service **WDS CLOSED**

AUGUST

7/31-8/3: Teacher In-Service **WDS CLOSED**

8/6: First Day of Fall Session 2018



CLASSROOM NEWS

INFANTS

May is here and that means our Infants are now walking, talking, and very active toddlers that will be moving up to the next class at the end of this month. The Infants have come a long way and have hit many milestones during their time in our class. We will miss their smiling faces and hope we don't become strangers to them once they leave. During the month of May we will travel across the world to explore a few countries and try different food, clothes, and songs. We will also celebrate our mothers and have an end of the year celebration. Please be watching

for more information to come about that day. We would like to thank you all for trusting us with your precious little ones and we hope that you all had a great experience being in our class this year.



Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Rachel

TODDLERS

The Toddlers have had an amazing year, and we are about to begin our last month with this sweet class. We have enjoyed so many "spring things" in the month of April, especially talking about the weather. We used watercolors to paint the weather, enjoyed eating our lunches outside with a picnic on one of the warmest days of the month, made sensory rainclouds in a jar, and explored worms in dirt (the dessert kind).

In May, we will be wrapping up our year by celebrating with our annual end of the year picnic on May 21st, which will be a potluck! Please look for a sign-up sheet in May to bring a dish for our lunch.



Thank you all for participating and supporting us this year! We couldn't have done all the fun lunches, pumpkin patch, and holiday parties without you! We are truly going to miss each and every one of you.

"We are a box of crayons, each of us is unique, but when we get together the picture is complete."

With Love,

Ms. Jen, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Tori

TWOS

After returning from Spring Break, the Twos had an amazingly adventurous April! We have learned about baby animals, rain/spring weather, Earth Day/recycling, and have experienced so many new things. Our sensory bins this past month have been a huge hit and provided great learning experiences. During baby animal week we enjoyed a water bin filled with ducklings to help us learn shapes and numbers and a "bird nest" filled with hay and realistic speckled eggs. For spring weather week, we had a blast working in the blue rice bin with glass "raindrops" and test tubes for collecting them and a rainwater bin with perforated sponges and cups help us create rain.



During Earth Day week, we explored different habitats in our ocean water bin filled with sea creatures and our desert bin filled with sand, rocks, and desert creepy crawlies. We loved learning about all types of baby animals, especially baby birds hatching from eggs. We changed a white cloud into a grey rain cloud and spent outside time searching the sky for clouds to see if they were rain clouds. We also learned about the Earth and its different habitats and had a great time building and creating art with recyclable materials. We especially loved watching a volcano erupt. We are ending April and beginning May studying insects and spiders and will move on to bees, butterflies, and moths before finishing out the year with our year end celebration. We are looking forward to ending this year with a great deal of laughter and wonderful experiences!

Ms. Karina, Ms. Amy Kathryn and Ms. Tahnee

NEARLY THREES



It's hard to believe that we are only three short weeks away from the end of the school year. We have learned so much this year, from letters and numbers to being able to communicate with our friends. In April, we talked about spring, lifecycles, and zoo animals. We have planted flowers, talked about the weather in spring, and created butterfly lifecycles out of noodles and beans. We even used noodles to make a mane on our paper plate lions. In May, we will be learning about dinosaurs, Mother's Day, and have a "bon voyage" week where we will learn about things that fly while sending our sweet ones off on their next adventure. We will also be completing our alphabet books so that the children will have a special gift to keep from their time in the Nearly Threes.
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Maria

THREES—ROOM 114

April is over and May is here! Where oh where has spring time gone, oh where oh where can it be? We began April learning about the four seasons. We were inspired by the beauty of birds and painted different birds that we see flying around WDS. They were so cool! We also went looking for birds with our "binoculars". The children had a blast and it was very entertaining for us. During "Earth Day" week, we learned about ways we can help the Earth by recycling and turning off unused lights, etc. We planted grass seeds to be able to watch them grow. Every five minutes someone is looking into their cup to see if anything has changed! We will begin May by learning about Cinco de Mayo. We are getting close to the end of our school year and are working to prepare the children for the next class. Thank you so much for

sharing your little ones with us. We have had a great year!

Ms. Diane and Ms. Susan



THREES—ROOM 116

It's hard to believe we are winding down to the last few weeks of the school year! Every class has its own personality and things that they especially like and dislike. This year our group of Threes loves Play-Doh, the block center, and the sensory bin. Our art center is another story, it's always open but the children rarely choose it on their own. We usually have to coax them over. In April we learned about birds, Earth Day, spring, and flowers. One of our favorite activities was going birdwatching on the playground. The first day we did this, we looked for real birds. We managed to see (and hear) a few. The second day, we placed stuffed toy birds in trees and bushes and found them while we wore our "binoculars." They had an amazing time!

We had fun snacks in April too, birds nests, worms in dirt, and birthday cupcakes galore!

In May, we will be learning about Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day. Our last week will be "Kids' Favorites" and the children will get to choose our activities!



Ms. Liz and Ms. Melissa

PRE-K FOURS

The time has come, the year is up...and we're almost done! What a fantastic year it's been! From fine tuning our motor skills, to exploring the outskirts of our imagination-there was rarely a dull moment in the Pre-K 4s. We couldn't have asked for a better year or class. Being teachers to this awesome and amazing group of students has left us feeling like superheroes. We adored every moment we spent with them and cannot be any prouder of what each child has accomplished.

While we find ourselves in such a bittersweet moment, we want to thank you, our wonderful parents, for a grand and successful year. We are sad to see our class go, move on, and continue growing up; but we cannot deny our warm hearts when thinking of our silly memories, joyous days, and the smiling faces.

We have no doubt these children are going to spread love and share their awesomeness everywhere they go. They have given us so many great reminders of being present, having fun, and rolling with the punches. Another final concept we want to practice and share is all about self-love.

Without further ado, the Pre-K 4s took a look inside and answered:

“What’s the greatest thing about being you?”

Anna: “That I can build things with my sister.”

Thatcher: “That I have self control.”

Clara: “I’m a superhero.”

Duke: “Being happy.”

Ellen: “That I can give my mom hugs.”

Asher: “Being kind.”

Gideon: “That I can do what I do.”

Harry: “Being a kid.”

Naomi: “Being strong.”

Zara: “Having love.”

Benjamin: “Having bones.”

Lily: “My painting.”

Levi: “Is being able to go to school.”

Nicholas: “Being awesome.”

John: “My new baby sister.”

Parker: “Being happy.”

Hazel: “My hair.”

Rosalee: “Having fun.”

Stephen: “Playing like crazy.”

Tess: “Having my family.”

Thank you!!

Ms. Karina and Ms. Ann Walker



PRE-K FIVES

Hello from the Pre-K Fives!

We had an exciting April full of learning. Last month we:

- Learned about the water cycle
- Discussed spring weather
- Practiced recycling
- Learned the dangers of pollution
- Discussed ways to help our Earth
- Had a flower shop in our classroom
- Made a flower window display
- Did a flower color experiment

In May we will be wrapping up our school year and gearing up for graduation, which will be at 10:00am on May 18th.

In May we will:

- Finish our handwriting books
- Discuss Kindergarten expectations
- Prepare for graduation
- Learn about natural disasters

We have enjoyed teaching your children this year and wish them the best of luck in Kindergarten!

Mrs. Elizabeth and Mrs. Lauren



BWDS Farewell

Dear BWDS Families,

As I prepare to graduate from Belmont University and begin Graduate School and student teaching, it has sadly come time for me to say goodbye to BWDS. The past two and half years at BWDS have been immensely enjoyable and rewarding, and I have so enjoyed getting to know both you and your children during that time. Your children have taught me so much about what it means to be a great teacher, and they have continuously brightened my days with their laughter, infectious smiles, and warm hugs. There wasn't a day that I couldn't wait to walk through those classroom doors and be greeted by the smiling faces of your sweet kiddos.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to get to learn and grow alongside your children these past few years. Each and every family at BWDS has been such a blessing in my life, and the memories and experiences that I've had at BWDS will forever be cherished. While I will no longer be substitute teaching and working in aftercare, I hope to still see many of you when I come back to visit BWDS. Hopefully I will see some familiar faces during my student teaching at Waverly-Belmont Elementary this fall. and I would love to possibly have some of your kiddos in a future classroom of mine!

With many thanks and a grateful heart,

Ms. Elizabeth M.





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Follow us on:



Swim & Play and the Nashville Diaper Dash

Swim & Play is partnering with the Nashville Diaper Connection and the Music City Doulas to put on the third annual Nashville Diaper Dash 5K + Diaper Drive. The event is on Saturday, May 19th at Shelby Park this year. Before the event they are distributing collection boxes to local schools, neighborhoods and offices in a effort to collect diapers for Nashville families that can't afford to diaper their children. They accept closed and open boxes/bags of diapers of any kind.

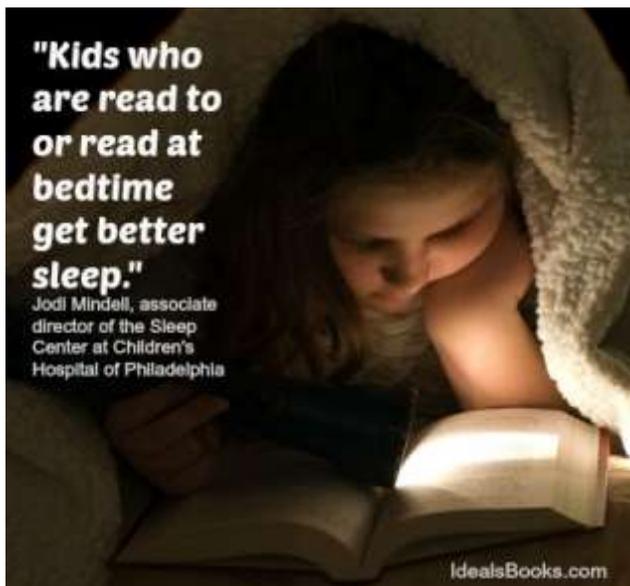
BWDS is proud to be partnering with this initiative and a collection box will be located at the school in front of EnaShea's Office. Please join us in collecting diapers for this worthy cause.

Please see the link below for more info on the 5K + Diaper Drive.

<http://www.musiccitydoulas.com/nashville-diaper-dash/>



Nashville Diaper Dash



The Scholastic Books website is a great place to order age appropriate books for your child(ren). By going to their website, you will find a wider variety of additional books than in the flyer that goes home each month. When you place an order, the Weekday School earns free books for our library and classrooms.

Ordering is easy!

Simply go to www.scholastic.com/readingclub.

OUR CLASS CODE IS PJG6V

AND THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS

May 2nd.