



PITSCH

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ★ **May 9 - ABC Countdown** See the last page of newsletter
- ★ **May 15 - Matt's Farm Day**
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- ★ **May 16 - Field Trip**
Robinson Park all 4K
(Rain Date May 17)
Popsicles on the Playground 3:45-5:45 pm
- ★ **May 23**
4K End-of-Year Celebration
10:15 Morning Classes
2:00 Afternoon Classes
- ★ **May 27 - NO SCHOOL**
- ★ **May 28 - Library Books Due**
- ★ **May 29 - Splash Pad Field Trip**
All 4K classes
- ★ **June 3 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 4k**

CONTACT US

715.424.6779

Attendance Line

715.424.6765

Press 2 for elementary schools

Option 8 for Pitsch Early Learning Center

Please call the attendance line if your student will not be in school. (see below)

If your pick up plans change, please notify the office at least **30 minutes** prior to dismissal to ensure the message is delivered promptly.

Hello Pitsch Families,

It is hard to believe that it is May, as it seems like not long ago we were just beginning our school year! We notice that the students are growing in so many ways - physically, socially, and academically. We hope that you are taking a moment to pause, look at your child, and celebrate **ALL** of the ways that they have grown over the course of this school year. Please join us in celebrating everything that they have accomplished during this year. We are proud of them!!

At Pitsch Early Learning Center we use our "Panda Pal Guidelines" to talk with students about our behavior expectations. Our third guideline is **BE HELPFUL**. We encourage our students to **BE HELPFUL** in their classrooms. This is evident in their classroom jobs or by simply helping a friend pick-up toys. We encourage you to think about how your child can **BE HELPFUL** at home. Consider some age appropriate chores such as picking up toys, helping with the dishes, setting the table, and helping put away their laundry.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND will be Thursday, May 16 from 3:45 - 5:45 pm. Please plan to join the Pitsch staff for a fun evening of treats, outdoor play, raffle baskets and classroom visits. More information is on page 3 of this newsletter.

THE END OF YEAR PROGRAM will be on May 23. Families are welcome to attend at 10:15 (AM Classes) or 2:00 (PM classes). It will be a great way to celebrate our school year.

We hope that you have a wonderful end of the school year with your child. It has been a pleasure partnering with you.

Kelly Schaeffer, Principal

Teri Thomas, 4K Coordinator

Tracy Weiss, Secretary

715-424-6779



CREATIVE CORNER

Activities to do at home to support your child's learning.



A Little Seed

A little seed for me to sow
 A little soil to make it grow
 A little hole, a little pat
 A little wish, and that is that.
 A little sun, a little shower.
 A little while –
 And then, a flower!

Backyard Scavenger Hunt

How many can you spot?
 Color in as you find them

	Butterfly		Cloud		Worm
	Flower		Twig		Grass
	Leaf (bonus point for one that's been munched on!)		Bee	Listen! Can you hear a bird singing?	
	Ant		Stone		
	Snail	Bonus Hunt Find something: Soft Hard Spiky Shiny Round Smelly			
	Flowerpot				
	Ladybug				
	Watering Can				



Flower Pot Snack

Place a square cracker (saltine or graham) on a paper plate to be the pot. Use stalks of celery or string cheese sticks to make the stems of the flowers. Get creative with the flowers! Use grapes for the center and strawberries for petals, roll ham or turkey slices to look like roses, use a flower cookie cutter to cut a sandwich out, banana slices and oranges make great flowers too! Just use your imagination and have fun!

Grow a Crazy Hair Buddy

- ★ Use a plastic cup, a water bottle cut in half, a jar, tin can, or even the bottom half of an eggshell!
- ★ Use markers to add a face to the container, add stickers, pom poms, pipe cleaners or google eyes if you want.
- ★ Fill the container with potting soil and sprinkle grass seeds or chia seeds into the soil.
- ★ Use a spray bottle to water each day and in a couple weeks you should have hair long enough to trim!





NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Happy May! It is hard to believe there is just one month left of school.

May is national mental health awareness month. Social and emotional learning can help students reinforce prosocial behavior, increase problem solving skills and good conflict resolution skills. Good mental health awareness can create a sense of safety, promote resilience, regulation of emotions and responding to other's emotions. WRPS continues its partnership with Care Solace to coordinate mental health care and assistance with substance use treatment. We are committed to the well-being of our students, staff and families to create a safe and healthy learning environment. Care Solace is a free service available to the community. Care Solace has a Care Companion team available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to help you connect to providers and care. There are two ways to connect with Care Solace: calling (888)515-0595 or online at www.caresolace.com/wrps

As we near the end of the school year, we would like to remind parents/guardians that any over the counter medications, epi pens and inhalers that your student has at school will be sent home with them at the end of the school year. Any controlled medication will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian or other adult. If any extra medication is not picked up by the end of the year, it will be properly disposed of. Summer school is right around the corner, if your child needs to take medication during summer school hours please be sure they have a new doctor's order; the order used during the school year will not be sufficient as it expires at the end of the school year.

Nurse Mandy

Popsicles on the Playground



Open House

Thursday, May 16

3:45-5:45 pm

Join the Pitsch staff for a fun evening of treats, raffle baskets, outdoor play, and classroom visits.

Every family will receive a complimentary raffle basket ticket for attending.



4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

Registration is Open

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2024.



Questions about 4K?

Contact:
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Tracy Weiss, 4K Administrative Assistant
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ENROLL NOW

WRPS Enrollment Center
311 Lincoln Street



Visit WRPS.org - Families -Registration/Enrollment to pre-print your registration paperwork.



May 23

4K Graduation Celebrations

10:15 Morning Classes

2:00 Afternoon Classes

Mark Your Calendar for the Great Book Giveaway!

United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties is dedicated to preventing the summer slide & giving kids the tools they need to succeed—which is why every year, free books are available through the Great Book Giveaway!

At these events, volunteers read aloud, then each child picks books to keep. Reading with young children helps brain development, boosts literacy skills, and improves school readiness. Join us at this year's events listed below!

For more information contact Ben at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwsvac.org.

Monday, June 10th—10:30am @Building Blocks

Tuesday, June 11th—10:30am @THINK Academy

Tuesday, June 11th—1:30pm @Wisconsin Rapids Zoo

Wednesday, June 12th—10:30am @Port Edwards Elementary

Wednesday, June 12th—6:30pm @McMillan Library

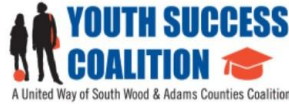
Thursday, June 13th—10:30am @YMCA (Wisconsin Rapids)

Thursday, June 13th—1:30pm @Nekoosa Library

Friday, June 14th—10:30am @Adams County Library

Friday, June 14th—1:30pm @Rome Library

Tuesday, June 18th—12:30pm @Vesper Library



ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK BY MAY 28

ABC Countdown

ABC Countdown is a fun way to review learning while counting down to the end of the school year!

Beginning Thursday, May 9, Pitsch's 4K students will have a special activity each day. A letter of the alphabet is assigned each day, beginning with Letter A, and continuing to the letter Z. Weekends and Memorial Day are included with simple ideas to do at home. What a fun way to end the year!

May 9	A	Art Day: We'll do an art project together.
May 10	B	Bubble Day: We'll blow bubbles at recess!
May 11	C	Color Day: Wear your favorite color.
May 12	D	Drawing Day: Make a picture for someone special.
May 13	E	Exercise Day: We'll go outside and move.
May 14	F	Furry Friend Day: Bring a stuffed animal to school.
May 15	G	Games Day: We'll play games together.
May 16	H	Hat Day: Wear a hat to school.
May 17	I	Ice Pop Day
May 18	J	Joyfulness: Do something that makes you happy.
May 19	K	Kindness Day: Be kind to others.
May 20	L	Learn about our loves! Bring an item that you love.
May 21	M	Mismatch your clothes today
May 22	N	Numbers Day: We'll do math games and practice numbers.
May 23	O	Our special program is today!
May 24	P	Pitsch Pride & Picnic Outside: Wear red and white or Pitsch clothing and we'll eat outside today.

May 25	Q	Quiet Reading Day: Find a quiet spot to read!
May 26	R	Rock Day: Look for rocks outside.
May 27	S	Salute those who served: Wear red, white, or blue.
May 28	T	Team Day: Wear something from your favorite team
May 29	U	Under the Sun - Splash Pad Fun!
May 30	V	Vacation Day--Dress like you're going on vacation
May 31	W	Welcome to Kindergarten: Get ready to move up!
June 1	X	X Marks the Spot: Go on a scavenger hunt in your yard.
June 2	Y	Play Yard games with family and friends
June 3	Z	Zip up your backpack and have a good summer.

Have a great summer!
Good luck in
kindergarten!

Love, the Pitsch Staff



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Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

In compliance with the federal Title IX statutes and regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. Title IX's requirement not to discriminate in any education program or activity extends to cover, but is not limited to, District students, certain admissions processes, and District employment. Inquiries regarding how Title IX and the federal Title IX regulations apply to the District may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator (as designated below), to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, or to both. Please refer to [Board Policy 411.11](#) for additional information.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators (510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494)

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