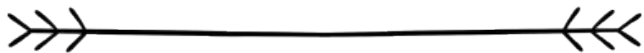


Kindergarten Transition Night: May 13 @ 6:00pm --Zoom
Is your child going to kindergarten next year? Please join us Thursday, May 13 for a *virtual field trip* to see Beckemeyer and meet some of the Kindergarten teachers! Parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions they may have.

This will be held online via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on each classroom's private Facebook group during the day May 13, and will be emailed to the email address that we have on file for all K-bound students. If your email address has changed in the past several months, find the Zoom link on Facebook, or email Miss Sarah to update your email address. svanmiddendorp@hillsboroschools.net



Summer News:


Students currently enrolled in PreK do not need to do anything at this time for next year, they will already be on next year's roster for pre-k or kindergarten.

ALL students (new, returning, kindergarten, etc.) will need to REGISTER **online** with the school district between **July 26-August 2nd**. Go to hillsboroschools.net, and then click on "Skyward". Login information is the same for all children in one family, and will be the same user/pass as previous school years.

Letters about beginning of year dates will be mailed to preschoolers mid-July. You can also watch our district website and PreK Facebook page for important beginning of year dates!

Save The Date: The first day of PreK next school year will be Wednesday, August 25.

May News



Discovery/Science

The discovery/science area is a place where children can **explore and investigate**. They observe, experiment, measure, solve problems, take things apart and explore the materials and living things around them. They guess what will happen as a result. In the discovery area children do what scientists do, they ask questions, plan and conduct investigations, gather information, construct an explanation and communicate findings. They also learn important concepts in science as they study plants, animals, magnets, properties of materials, light, shadows, our body, our senses, how things move and change and much more. In addition to learning science content, they learn how to solve problems together and how to communicate with others.

What you can do at home...

Young children are curious and love to investigate. You don't need to be an expert to help your child learn about science. Science is all around us- from making bubbles in the bathtub to boiling water in the stove. Your enthusiasm and positive attitude about science will be contagious. Get in the habit of wondering out loud, "I wonder how that ant can carry that big piece of food?" or "I wonder why your shadow is sometimes small and sometimes big?" Look for opportunities to develop your child's scientific thinking during everyday activities: while playing with toys, taking a bath, helping to bake cookies, or playing in the backyard.

What Your Child Learns in the Discovery/Science Area:

- Use senses to gain information about the environment.
- Use vocabulary to compare objects.
- Sort objects from the environment.
- Observe color, texture, size and shape of objects.
- Observe cause and effect of materials.
- Observe systems, cycles, interactions, and diversity in the environment.
- Make predictions.
- Observe relationships between objects.
- Use measurement skills to gain information.
- Match, sort and classify objects.