



Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

May 2023

Upcoming Dates

- May 8th-12th** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12th** Mother's Day party
9:00 – 11:00
- May 14th** Happy Mother's Day
- May 9th** Scholastic Book orders due.
- May 26th** Rangers Pre-K/Frontier's Pre-K Graduation 10:00 with light luncheon to follow.
- May 29th** NSEC Closed for Memorial Day
- June 5th** Start of our Summer session.

****New rates take effect.
(see attached for new rates)***

Reminders

- With the cool mornings and warmer days, please provide layers of clothing so we can teach the children to self-regulate their temperature when outdoors? Thanks
- Summer packets will be sent home soon. Read it in its entirety! Fun times to come! Activity fees are being charged May 8th week and due by June 2nd.
- All children should have their own bottle of sunscreen/bug lotion in their classroom. No sprays or aerosols please. Make sure that they do not have expired dates as well.
- Watch for our garden to start taking shape. Classrooms will be planting their selection at the end of the month. If you have any leftover flower/vegetable plants needing a home keep us in mind.
- If your child is joining us for summer or have a sibling starting for our summer session, please make sure to have your paperwork in for that child ASAP.

Technology

With summer approaching and our older students to be attending full time, no bringing phones, or smart watches please. If you are insisting that your child has one, they need to be in their backpack until they leave. They can become a distraction and we cannot be responsible for them. We as a nature center try to use as little technology as possible in the classrooms.





The scholastic order is due on **May 9th**. This will be the last younger age order until next September. School age classrooms will receive one in June for summer camp books! If you are planning on getting some summer or Kindergarten books, this is the time. The number one thing you can do for your children is read to them. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. There are also a lot more books available on the scholastic website to choose from.



Please join us for a

Mother's Day Ice Cream Social

Sign up outside your child's classroom.
One guest per child due to space.



Friday,
May 12th

NSEC

9:00AM-11:00AM

Join us for some ice cream, refreshments and activities provided by each classroom.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 8th- May 12th is Teacher Appreciation week. Ms. Renee, Ms. Mary, Ms. Kristin, Ms. Katy and Ms. Danni would like to thank all our teachers for their hard work and dedication they put forth every day for the children of Nature's Scholars. You're all **AWESOME!**



Pre-K Graduation

Our Pre-K Graduations is on Friday May 26th. The theme is year is **Over the River & Through the Woods**. Parents, please have your child here no later than 8:30am that morning to practice before hand. The program will start at 10:30am outdoors, weather permitting, followed by a light lunch. Please bring your own blanket to sit on. There is a 2 person per child limit due to space.

Father's Day SAVE THE DATE!!!



When: Friday, June 16th, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: NSEC!

From the Kitchen

Did you know that both red and white clovers that you find in your yard are edible? Some folks use the flowers to make a clover jelly or steep them in water to make tea! The leaves of the red clover can also be dried and used as a vanilla extract substitute. All above-ground (aerial) parts of white and red clover plants are edible: Flower, leaves, stem, and seeds. Clover flowers are the tastiest part of the plant with a bit of sweetness to them. The flavor is reminiscent of fresh green beans or snap peas.

* Warning! Do not eat any plants that have been sprayed with any type of weed killer! **

Look up some of these yummy recipes!



- Clover syrup
- Sauteed Clover
- White Clover tea
- Strawberry clover cookies
- White clover pudding
- Clover Jelly

