# Stepping Stone School News

#### From the Director...

Illness season has arrived! It is VERY, VERY important that children who are not feeling well REMAIN AT HOME!!! Having sick children is a bummer; missing work, finding babysitters...etc. However, bringing your child to school ill, exposes several of the children and staff members and puts them at risk

for being infected, causing a long chain of illnesses, time missed from work and so



on. The three main indicators of an illness are diarrhea, vomiting and/or fever! Children who have diarrhea, need to remain at home until they have been 24 hours symptom free without medication. Children who have a fever, cannot attend childcare until they have been fever free without medication for 24hrs; children who have thrown up, need to remain out of care for at least 24 hrs. Children who are just not themselves, or not feeling well in general are usually at the very beginning of an illness sending them to schoolexposes everyone. Please do NOT medicate your child and send them to school...they are still contagious and can infect other children. Stepping Stone does our best to disinfect and keep our center germ free but with hundreds of little hands and noses it is impossible to stop the spread of illness without the



help of our parents in keeping sick kiddos home. If you are called to pick up your child due to illness, you have 30 minutes to pick up

your child. If you are not able to make it within 30 minutes, please contact someone who can. Stepping Stone is not licensed for sick care! Parents may be called to have children picked up any time an illness is suspected, this may include rashes, blisters, etc...if you have already taken your child to the doctor please provide us with a notice from the doctor stating that the child is not considered contagious and may return to school. Putting Families First! -Ms. Monica Director



The week of May 7th - May 11th is Teacher Appreciation Week. This week is dedicated to honoring the women who come every day to care for our children, These women are more than just teachers who teach our kids how to count, color or sing their ABC's....teachers are people who make our children feel safe, they wipe tears, noses and bottoms. They teach children how to follow the rules while allowing them the freedom to express themselves. They teach them how to apologize for their mistakes and that its okay to make mistakes. Most importantly, they show the children love, compassion, respect and empathy.

This week we will be honoring our teachers with a special treat each day.

We want them to know that they are appreciated, loved and that we are amazed by their dedication in improving the lives of young children!!!!



Emery A., Mckenzie G., Caroline S., Sebastian O., Aryan C., Micah F., Pearl W., Aiden H., Lonnah A., Mckenna H., Lucas J., Ezra S., Nikolaas X., David C., Caden H., Knox N., Kruz N., Anna W., Madelyn Y., Ms. Camille, Ms. Alisha, and Ms. Erica!!!!



Summer Sign Up!!!

Summer care is filling up fast! We have limited spaces left for PreK and SAC students! Please complete the Summer Application and submit your Enrichment Fee to reserve your space!!! Summer care is available on a first come first serve basis-Limited spaces available! Preschool students do not need to enroll for the Summer Semester separately!!!

## Summer fees are as follows:

PreK \$150.00 Enrichment Fee \$140.00/week SAC \$200 Enrichment Fee \$145/week Only pay for the weeks your child attends; no discounted rates for partially attended weeks!!! Swimming, Crafts & Super fun field trips!!! PreK: Build a Bear, The Villages, Bowling, Movies, Camp Tyler, Pottery Cafe and much more!!! SAC: Camp Tyler, Bowling, Gator Farm Movies, The Villages, Big

Farm, Movies, The Villages, Big Kahuna, Splash Kingdom and much more!!!



Themes for May: Infants- Ocean Fun Tod/2's- Geography: Cowboys of 5/13 - Mother's Day Texas, Life on a Texas Ranch, Cattle Drive, Rodeo 3/4's-Animal Kingdom: Zoos & Jungles!

Pre K Rainforest "A Pirates Life for Me" Under the Sea Moving on/Graduation Happy Mother's Day!!!! Take this day to let that special Mom know just how loved she is!!!



Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers! Hope you have a blessed day!

### Dates to Remember:

- 5/16 Pre-K, Ms. Marrion's and Ms. Attiya's class
- end of the year party at Bullard Park, Please bring a
- sack lunch and a drink.
- 5/25 Pre-k Graduation
  - Breakfast
- 5/28 Closed for Memorial Day
- 5/29 Pre-k Graduation and End of the Year Program
- 5/31- WISD and Cumberland Early Release. Care Available -Sign Up Required



Join us for Parents' Night Out on Saturday, May 19th, From 5-9 pm!!! Pizza, Fun and Games included. \$20.00 per child, ask us about sibling discounts! Sign up required!!!!



## Looking Ahead...

- 6/1 Summer Enrichment Fees are due
- 6/1- Stepping Stone closed for Staff'Inservice. No Care Available.
- 6/1 TISD and TCA Early Release. No Care Available-6/4-Summer program begins 6/11-Pool opens for swimming



n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri Fri	Sat
		1 Baked Popcom Chicken Peas Mac 'N' Cheese	2 Cheeseburger Salad Sliced Fruit	3 Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli	4 Hot Dogs Baked Chips Fresh Fruit	5
6 *_	7 Soft Taco Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Orange Wedges	8 BBQ Smokies Baked Beans Corn on the Cob	9 Turkey Wrap w/ Spinach Baked Chips Apple Slices	10 Chicken Spaghetti Peas Dinner Rolls	11 Individual Pizza Green Salad	12
13	14 Salisbury Steak Brown Rice Green Beans	15 Turkey Sloppy Joe Baked Potato Wedges Fruit Wedges	16 Turkey Meatloaf Mac 'N' Cheese Peas	17 Chicken Pot Pie Green Beans Dinner Roll	18 Lemon Pepper Baked Fish Rice Pilaf Steamed Carrots	19
20	21 Baked Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	22 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Broccoli Dinner Rolls	23 Beef & Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Black Beans	24 Honey Ham Sweet Potatoes Steamed Broccoli	25 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Fruit Slices	26
	28 DAY	29 Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes Honey Carrots	30 Chicken Enchiladas Black Beans Apple Slices	31 Sweet & Sour Meatballs Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli	CLOSED	

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