

Pembroke News

May 2015

Miss Andrea

As the year draws to a close, I wonder where all the time really went! The building is buzzing with end of year planning. With less than 4 more weeks of school, we are preparing to transition our students to new adventures in the summer and fall.

Pembroke will be closed May 22 for a staff development day. We are all attending the Early Childhood Education Conference being held at Kalahari in Sandusky. It is a wonderful opportunity to attend lectures so we can stay abreast of current trends in education, meet educators from across the state, and share ideas.

This year, our preschool graduation will be held in the Wiggle Room on the morning of June 2nd at 11:00 AM. We have 30 preschool "graduates" leaving Pembroke to attend local area schools. This celebration is for parents of graduates only. Sadly, the Wiggle Room can accommodate only parents of our graduates.

Our Kindergarten Celebration will also be held on June 2nd, the last day of school. We will applaud kindergarten's accomplishments in the Wiggle Room at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

The All School Picnic will be held at Weiss Park on June 2nd from 5 to 7 PM. This is a joyous time when extended families bring picnic dinners, blankets, and chairs and have fun! The children are busy practicing songs they have learned throughout the year in "Music with Mr. Steve" and will present a little program. Weiss Park is a perfect preschool venue. There is a wonderful playground with clear sight lines from all sides and numerous tables on which to set your dinner. It is a fun, child-centered way to end the school year. I do hope you and your extended family will join us!

Steve and I have marched in Avon Lake's Memorial Day parade for many years. Last year and, unfortunately, this year, we are unable to participate in this wonderful tradition. I encourage you to attend the parade and cheer for the participants who march to acknowledge those who have bravely served our country.

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*Community
Agriculture (CSA)*

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Keep thinking spring! Our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is starting soon! This

program will run for 18 weeks and is a great way to provide your family with farm-fresh organic produce. Our tentative first delivery date is Wednesday, June 3rd.

Let Andrea know if you are interested in learning more about the program.



Miss Sue and Miss Rebecca

So much can be learned through the study of fairy tales: character study, taking turns, praising others, the difference between fantasy and reality, comparing/identifying sizes, introduction to temperature, the value of every individual, and sequencing. From set and mask design to role-playing and improvising dialogue, our children have been working together on fairy tales this month. Our class gave four performances of "Goldilocks and The Three Bears." Older friends read the book or narrated and greatly encouraged the younger-aged children to be involved. It was amazing to see students taking turns with the different roles, discussing actions, and negotiating responsibilities. We had the most fun "acting" in front of the entire school.

Muffins with Mom was a huge success and the children were proud of putting on the play for their moms or special friend. Thanks to the Goldsmith family for sharing nutrition bars with us. Students put a lot of love into their books about their moms.

April comes to an end discussing recycling and how we can care for our neighborhood. We've talked and demonstrated our knowledge of what it means to save water, reduce garbage, and reuse items.

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." – Albert Einstein

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Miss Theresa and Miss Kathy

Once upon a time, the children of Miss Theresa and Miss Kathy's class began the month laughing at the stories, *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late* and *Pigeon Takes a Bath*, by Mo Willems. They also enjoyed hearing some of his other comical Elephant and Piggy stories. Using the Elephant and Piggy characters, the children collaborated and then wrote their own wonderful stories that were later placed on the bookshelf with the other Mo Willems books.

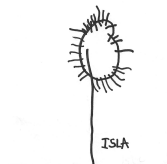
Next, the children moved on to "Hey Diddle Diddle", "Little Miss Muffet", and other nursery rhymes in which they had the opportunity to act some of them out. At one point in the week, we had a real spider visit the house-keeping area of the classroom. Needless to say, we had a few more Miss Muffets who were frightened away that day!

The best part of the month was Muffins with Mom when the children had a chance to perform "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." As the moms know, the children did an awesome job. At the end of the week, the class gathered down in the Wiggle Room to show off their acting skills again to the other children at Pembroke. Our class got to see their performances as well.

And, then . . . "they all lived happily ever after . . ."

Reminder: There are only a few weeks left for you to volunteer in the classroom or share a story. Classroom volunteers stay for about 30-45 minutes at the beginning of school to help with a craft or project. Share a story involves reading a book (maybe your child's favorite) to the whole class during the last 15 minutes of school. Please use the calendars outside the classroom to sign up. The children think it is so special when you are in their classroom!

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Miss Carrie and Miss Kelly

It's hard to believe April is almost over and May is knocking at our door. During the month of April we have been exploring nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes encourage speech and vocabulary development as well as a love for literacy. Nursery rhymes also encourage children to engage in socio-dramatic play, which allows them the opportunity to try out new roles. The children loved to act out "Jack Be Nimble" and jump over the candlesticks on the carpet. "Hickory Dickory Dock" was another favorite because they were able to run up the clock like a mouse.

We have started exploring "signs of spring" which allows the children to explore many math and science concepts. For example, the children used artificial flowers and a colander to create an arrangement. This called upon their fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and spatial skills. Students enjoyed counting, sorting and patterning bugs in our science/math center. The sensory table allowed them to combine all the learning areas at once to experience a concrete concept of what spring brings. We will continue talking about spring, but we will focus on the areas we observe the children take interest in and expand from there.

We would like to thank the all Moms who attended Muffins with Mom. Monthly events such as these allow the children to share a part of their day and show you all of the exciting things they spend their time exploring and discovering.

As always, we welcome any questions or concerns you might have by sending an email.

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Miss Molly

We are finally experiencing May flowers and spring sunshine! The children have savored every minute of the beautiful weather. Thank you to all of the Mothers and Grandmothers who attended Muffins with Mom. The students loved sharing their classroom with you.

Last month, we learned about fairy tales. The students flourished with them! Specifically, we focused on "The Three Little Pigs." We performed sequencing activities, various art mediums, and performed a play as a culminating activity. We have a talented group of individuals!

As the year comes to an end, we will focus on spring and the outlook to summer! We will learn about insects, caterpillars, beginning sounds of spring words, and many more learning experiences based on the children's interests.

Miss Molly, Miss Cecilia, and Miss Gayle, would like to thank you for an amazing school year. We are pleased with the growth and development each student has made and have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of them. We look forward to the end-of-the-year picnic, summer break, and summer camp!

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*Miss Molly and Miss Carrie -
Pre-K*

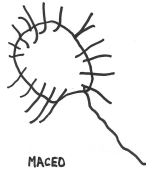
It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over and summer is just a few weeks away. The children in Miss Molly and Miss Carrie's class have been busy exploring 3-dimensional shapes during the month of April. This has given the children the opportunity to take previous knowledge about basic shapes and use abstract conventions to build upon. The children were given concrete daily activities that challenged them to explore their immediate environment and discover how many of these shapes are present in everyday use.

We were so encouraged with the children's enthusiasm and their ability to grasp this concept that we gave them different mediums to create with. For example, the children used toothpicks and small marshmallows to explore the added dimensions to each shape. The children also enjoyed exploring and tasting snack foods that were found to be in different 3-D shapes.

The remaining weeks in Pre-K we will review materials from throughout the school year. The children have been encouraged to make suggestions in regard to what concepts they would like to re-visit.

We feel it is important that we express how pleased we are with the amount of growth we have observed as well as the amount of enthusiasm each child has brought into our classroom daily.

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Miss Stefanie

What a blessing it has been to spend this school year with your children! I cannot believe this year is drawing to a close. Your children have come so far and have grown up so much. It has truly been an honor to teach them and watch them grow. Thank you for entrusting them to me.

Heading into the last few weeks of school we will be waiting and hoping for our ducklings to hatch. We are also waiting to see when our caterpillars grow into butterflies. We will be doing a unit on living/non-living things. Each student will also be growing their own flower/plant garden.

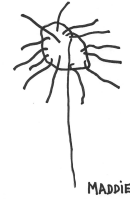
We will be reading more non-fiction books to learn about animals, the farm and living/non-living things. We will be working on our fluency, comprehension and writing to go along with these topics.

In math, we will continue to work on 3D shapes, addition and subtraction facts, and story problems. These are all things that you can work on at home as well.

The last week of school, we are going to have a special "Field Day" for the kindergarten class. More information will come home as soon as I work out all the details.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable summer filled with family, laughter and plenty of sunshine! Thank you again for an amazing school year!

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*Sign Up for Summer Camp at
Pembroke!*

Summer Camp registration is well underway and our classes are filling up quickly.

Pembroke's Summer Camp is an opportunity for your child to kick back, meet new friends, and enjoy the summer. Each week is a new theme and, this year, we have invited a special visitor each week – Jungle Terry, Mr. Bubbles, and a magician – to name a few.

We have weekly sessions for preschool children ages 3 to 5 and school-age children entering 1st grade through sixth grade in the fall. Our camp is open to the public, so tell your friends! Registration takes place on a first-come-first-served basis. Before and after care is available.

Don't get shut out of the session you want! Sign up right away!

Check out our schedule at www.pembrokekids.com.

*Preschool Spring Conferences
- May 19th and 20th*

Preschool progress reports will be available through the parent portal of TS Gold on Friday, May 15th. Our preschool spring conferences are optional. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's progress, you may arrange for a conference before or after school on Tuesday, May 19th, or Wednesday, May 20th. Please see your teacher to schedule a time.

Kindergarten report cards will be sent home May 21st.

Pembroke will be closed - May 22nd and May 25th

Pembroke will be closed on Friday, May 22nd for a teacher in-service day. The staff will be attending the OAEYC Early Education Conference.

We will also be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 26th.

11th Annual All-School Picnic - June 2nd

Our annual All-School Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd, from 5-7 PM. It will be held at Weiss Park on Webber Road in Avon Lake. Bring your picnic dinner, chairs, and your whole family! Following dinner, our students will present a medley of songs they have been preparing for you.

More information to follow.

Pembroke Tutoring

Pembroke offers one-to-one and group tutoring for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Each student's program is built around his/her personal needs. If you know of a friend or neighbor that could benefit from our services, please tell them about us. We offer tutoring focused on new legislation relating to the "Third Grade Reading Guarantee."

Before and After School Care

Do you have to leave for work before the school day begins or do you need a safe place for your child after school? Consider Pembroke's Before & After Care Program. Designed for students in kindergarten through 6th grade, we provide a safe, supportive environment guided by experienced teachers. Call the office for more information.

Summer is a perfect time to schedule tutoring to prevent "summer slide."

School Absences

We appreciate a phone call when your child is absent due to illness or other reasons. Please call the office as soon as you know your child will not be attending school - 440-933-3782.

Dates to Remember

- May 15 Progress Reports – View on TSGold
- May 19-20 Optional Spring Conferences
- May 21 K Report Cards
- May 22 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service - (OAEYC)
- May 25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- May 26 Classes Resume
- May 29 Kindergarten Field Day (rain date: June 1)
- June 2 Last Day of School
- June 2 Preschool Graduation – 11 AM
- June 2 Kindergarten Celebration – 2 PM
- June 2 All School Picnic – 5-7 PM (Weiss Park)
- June 15 Summer Camp Begins (8 weeks)
- Aug. 7 Summer Camp Ends
- Aug. 24 Fall Classes Begin

Keep up to date with school activities by checking our school calendar in the Parent section of our website: www.pembrokekids.com.

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Our artwork this month was inspired by beautiful spring flowers. Thanks to artists Coco, Brooke, Isla, Gia, Maceo, and Maddie.