



From the Director,

What a wonderful turn-out we had at the Friendship Concert last week. At the Book Fair we sold over \$900 in books and that means Diamond Street got many new books for the classrooms. Thank you so much for helping us update our libraries, (and your home libraries too!).

With the nice weather the children will be on the playground more. Parents, please help keep our children safe by **not** driving near the playground to pick-up your children. We will put out the orange cones as a reminder in the afternoon. Please park in the DSECC parking lot as usual and take a minute to walk to the playground for your child. Thank you!

Enjoy all the bursts and blooms of springtime.

June Hershberger

May Calendar	
May 1	Bookmobile
May 22	Akron/Kindergarten Early Dismissal
May 25	Memorial Day – DSECC Closed

Warbler Room (Infants)

The Warbler Room has seven infants enrolled. **Madison, Drew, Riley** and **Landen** are all mobile but not walking. It is very exciting for them to be able to pull themselves up to a standing position or move quite rapidly across the room. **Gavin** and **Caden** are walkers and can't wait for the door to open so they can toddle down the hall to the Big Room and play with lots of open space. **Arlen** is happy in the Bumbo seat watching all the activity. Several favorite activities right now are the shape sorters, the pink pigs, and the most fun of all is emptying the toy shelves.

The Warblers have enjoyed several warm days outside recently. We are looking forward to a healthy Spring and lots of time outside. Please have a jacket available every day and remember to have their articles of clothing labeled with their name.

Ms. Sharon, Ms. Leah, Ms. Starla, and Ms. Dolly

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

Welcome Spring! During the month of April the Bluebirds have been able to spend more time on the playground after the winter months inside. This has been a welcome change to enjoy the fresh air again!

Last month's theme of the *Farm* and *Planting Seeds* carries over into May's theme of *Flowers*. Besides watching our flowers grow, some of our other activities will include painting with silk flowers, decorating clay flower pots, making a flower collage, and going on a flower walk.

Also, just a reminder as the weather gets warmer, please send sunscreen if you would like it for playground time.

Happy Mother's Day!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Jean, Ms. Dolly & Ms. Kelly

Robin Room (Toddlers)

Hello from the Robin Room! What a great time of year at DSECC. We have such a beautiful playground to utilize! The children and staff are loving it on these beautiful Spring days!

Hope you all enjoyed the concert and thanks for coming! The Robins are too cute! Thank you all for supporting our fundraisers, we do appreciate it!

The Robins will be busy working on a *Mother's Day* surprise early in the month. Then we will begin our *Gardening* project. Please do not wear any really "good" clothes or shoes on

your children since we will probably be getting a bit dirty!

A light jacket will still be nice for the cool mornings. Also, please check your child's hall box for an extra set of clothes for incidents such as spills or "accidents". We are excited about all the Robins that are interested in using the potty! Let us know how we can help your child in potty training, if he or she is ready.

As always, we want to know of any concerns pertaining to your child that will help us better care for him or her.

Thanks and Happy Mother's Day!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Joanne, Ms. Dolly, Ms. Barb

Hummingbird Room

Let's hope the warm weather is here to stay—at last! The Hummingbirds have been excited to watch all the changes Spring is bringing. Our seeds have sprouted. We've collected flowers and observed the birds. What fun! Our Friendship Concert went great. Weren't all the little ones cute?!

The fun continues in May. As we enjoy the warmer weather, we'll be studying *Insects*. If you find any interesting bugs—bring them in. (in a jar, please!!)

After our *Bug* unit, we'll talk about something many of us enjoy—*Trains*! They will be a part of our unit on *Transportation*.

Please be sure to check your child's bin for a change of seasonal clothes. Thank you!

Special Dates:

Show-and-tell days are May 6th and May 21st (train show and tell).

Bike Day – May 15th – Bring your child's bike and helmet. Please park the bikes by the dumpster.

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Jessie, Ms. Pat and Ms. Marie

Cardinal Room (Pre-kindergarten)

April flew by quickly. We are finally done with hats and gloves and now we are into sunscreen. We really appreciated all the efforts that were put into the Friendship Concert. Thank you! In April, we attempted to hatch some chicks. Unfortunately, only two hatched. We also talked about Easter and bugs in April.

In May we are celebrating all the *special ladies in our lives*—mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends. We will also be exploring *Community Helpers*. Don't be surprised if a teacher taps you on the shoulder to share your occupation. We will end the month with *fairy tales*.

Important Dates to remember:

May 1 – Bookmobile

**May 5 – Cooking Project
(Cinco de Mayo)**

May 14 – Bike Day

**May 20 – Show 'n Share:
Favorite Book**

May 25 – DSECC Closed

May 27 – Roland Park

May 29 – Cooking Project

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Suzy & Ms. Wendy

Preschool

Marvelous May is upon us and with it comes a whole host of end-of-the-year activities. Let the whirlwind begin!

All of the classes will have a play day at Roland Park. The plan is to have you drop off and pick up there instead of at school. The AM 3' class will visit Lancaster County Park on May 26th for their butterfly program. It will be held rain or shine so please dress appropriately. Both of the MWF classes will be traveling to the Strasburg Railroad on May 29th to ride a train and have a picnic at the picnic grove. The AM

class will arrive later than normal and the PM class will arrive earlier that day so that we can all go together. Please be sure to read, sign, and return the permission forms if you haven't already done so. Naturally, we are depending on you to drive, so please let us know if you are able to drive. We took this trip last year and a good time was had by all.

Finally, if your child has a summer birthday, we will use their last snack day to celebrate them. Please feel free to send in a birthday treat if you would like.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Ms. Marie & Ms. Lynn

Kindergarten

Happy Hatching! We have chicks!! Check out our bulletin board in the hall this month to learn all about our "Egg'cellent Egg'venture". Since we have been studying about *Space*, the kindergarteners decided to name the chicks after planets.

May and June are very active and exciting months in Kindergarten as we finish our year. I have May 22nd scheduled to do end-of-the-year conferences with parents. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Diamond Street graciously pays for the children to go to Hands On House as their end-of-the-year field trip. We will be going on May 20. I will also post a sign up sheet for drivers and chaperones. On June 2nd, the children may bring their bikes and helmets to school for Bike Day. I like to set up a course for them to ride through. Rain date will be June 3rd. We also have an end-of-the-year program scheduled out on the patio on June 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Grandparents are welcome to attend, too.

Enjoy Spring!

Ms. Dede

Eagles

We are thrilled that the weather has warmed up and we are able to get outside more often to play. One of our favorite activities is playing kickball. Blowing bubbles is another activity that we enjoy – especially when the wind is blowing!!

A new game that we have been playing when we are inside is **Madagascar Sorry!** This game adds a few "adventures" to the original game of **Sorry!**

We have also been enjoying the hatching of the chicks. It became a daily event to see how many were in the box. Most of the children have been interested in watching them hatch. We are amazed at how quickly they grow. Two boys were overheard singing lullabies to the newborns! It has been an amazing experience! Thank you, Ms. Dede, for sharing them with us.

Now that May has arrived, we all know what that means. The school year will be coming to an end very quickly. Do you have your plans made for your child for the summer? We still have openings for Summer Care. Spread the word and if you have not registered, please be sure to get your form in soon. We are planning another fun-filled summer!

Ms. Pam, Ms. Dede, Ms. Bricanna, & Ms. Nami

HAPPY SPRING!

