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CPC WNS&K Date Reminders:

May 10th Happy Mother's Day

May 25th Memorial Day

June 11th Last Day of School

Director's Corner:



At the four-week point of the "stay at home" order, I spoke to you in front of these, then purple, bushes. The purple flowers are now gone. My favorite tree where the buds were closed at that time are now in full bloom. A little past its peak and with the rain and winds of today, most of the blossoms will be gone and the green leaves will remain through the summer. A colorful sign of the passage of time!

Time has certainly ticked away, and I know none of us imagined schools would have remained closed for this length of time. I am so proud, pleased and appreciative of the dedication and work that our teachers have done to keep plans coming to you daily and finding ways to keep the connection with you and the children. No matter how hard we try it leaves us all wishing we could just be back in the building, back in the classrooms, back in person with all your precious children. If you have been fortunate enough not to have had any of your family or friends ill during this time, it is easy to forget why it has been necessary. It only takes knowing one person who either has dealt personally with the Coronavirus, or sadly is one of the staggering statistics who has lost the battle against this deadly disease, that the "why" becomes clear. The challenges each of us face, the sacrifices that are made are important to each and every one of us!

We are all anxious to know what the next steps will be. Planning is still impossible as there remains much uncertainty. Governor Murphy of NJ has said the decision for the schools will be made at some point prior to May 15th. We will be following what is mandated by State Licensing of NJ for Preschools as our issues will be somewhat different from the Elementary schools. When we know more, we will be sure to communicate that information with you. At this point, the two decisions that we can make is are extending our school year to June 11th, whether that be in the building or if we are to remain at home, with lessons continuing through that date. The other decision made is if our school were to re-open, we would not re-open the Drop-in for the remainder of this school year.

During this time home, I know it has been difficult emotionally for children. Scholastics has put together a pamphlet that is attached to this email. I encourage you to look through it and see what might be helpful in having any conversation with your child.

As we begin the month of May, I want to express my gratitude for the love and support of all our families. We especially want to thank all of you who are working in the medical fields and helping so many during this difficult time! And not to forget one of our most important strengths during this time...

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MOTHER'S
— *day* —