

# Wonder Years Academy

## May 2020 newsletter

**THERE'S A LOT TO SAY AND IMPORTANT INFO TO SHARE**, so this last newsletter of the school year is a bit longer than usual. It has really been a year like no other, *literally* one for the history books! We are experiencing such an assortment of feelings! Of course we continue to be frustrated that due to the quarantine we have been unable to present our lessons in their usual format, with expanded discussion, games, experiments, music, and field trips; we grieve that we will not get to end the year seeing your kiddos giggling and wiggling with their friends at least one more time; we are sad that so many of our most fun activities which usually happen near the end of the year can't happen; but mostly what we are feeling is **EXTREME GRATITUDE!** Grateful first and foremost that (as far as we know) all of our students and their families have remained healthy! But also so very grateful for the support we have felt from you parents - for us as individuals, as well as that of a local small business. Our preschool community this year has been amazing! You've been patient with us as we've navigated distance classes, you've stayed engaged with your preschooler and encouraged continued learning, and you've supported us through your ongoing tuition payments. **THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts from all of us at Wonder Years Academy!**

The really **GOOD NEWS** is that we WILL be having a **graduation/moving up ceremony!** It will be different than in the past (due to continued restrictions) but one that we think will still be fun – yet safe - for your preschooler and family.

This year's graduation ceremony will be on **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a drive-up ceremony. Here's how that will work: You and approx. 3-4 other families will be assigned a time as a group to drive up to school. The driveway area will be decorated, allowing for the opportunity to still get some cute pictures of this important milestone. You will remain in your car until your child's name is called, at which time

your child can "walk" to receive their diploma from their teachers (who will remain at a safe distance). Those in the other cars will clap and cheer for your student, who will then return to your car and remain nearby to cheer for the 3-4 other students in the group. Then your group will be done and drive away, making room for the next group of student families. This entire process should take only about 20 mins per group. Please watch your email for further details as to exactly what time your group is scheduled for (and other details). Our goal is for each child to have no doubt that we think They. Are. A. Big. Deal. and to make sure that all their hard work and new skills are acknowledged!

Depending on what have proven to be unpredictable future circumstances, we may be doing Summer Camp(s) in July or August, and that would be an opportunity for your child to be able to socialize again with their preschool friends. We will send out further information about that as we see how things unfold. At that point we would also be happy to pass along invites (and contact info with permission) if there is a particular friend with whom your child would like to organize a playdate.

Whew! With all that being said, here's what else is coming up at preschool:

**THIS MONTH** we finish the unit we started during the last week of April – **Z is for Zoo**, and then segue into the tamer part of the animal kingdom as we begin **C is for Cat**, our Pets unit. We will also throw in a little mini unit on **Moms**, including a craft meant to show a little extra love and appreciation for you amazing women, even if this year you may have to help your child complete it – haha! (Can this year get any weirder?)

Then we will end the year with an **Academic Review**. The last day of school (meaning the last day we will film a video to post) will be August 18<sup>th</sup>. These last few weeks include two ZOOM sessions so be sure to mark your calendars and be watching your emails about that.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 1 – Tuition due**

**May 8 – Zoom Class – Pets!**

**May 15 – Zoom class – Music!**

**May 18 – Last Day School**

**May 20 – GRADUATION!**

Obviously we have not been able to send out SCHOLASTIC book flyers, but you are still able to order books off the scholastic website any time (even over the summer).

Please just use our class code at checkout and you will be helping us earn free books to build up our school library! Code is N9GGD.

## **REGISTRATION FALL 2020**

When the virus hit and everything shut down, so did the registration process, so we still have a few spots left for fall. We appreciate you referring us to your friends and neighbors - those of you continuing on with us will still qualify for the discount on fall tuition if your referral registers over the summer.

Thank you!

We LOVE our students!