From the Principal's Desk
Amelia L. Hunt

Congratulations, students AND parents! We certainly have had a wonderful school year and look very much forward to a bright future for our children. This year has been a busy, eventful one. Our teachers have engaged students in units of study that have allowed them to begin to develop perspective about themselves and the world in which we live. The children have participated in small-group lessons designed to strengthen reading readiness and early literacy and math skills. They have also learned to view themselves as authors who use writing to express their feelings and share stories. As importantly, our students have begun to develop important life skills related to problem-solving, critical thinking, cooperation, and conflict resolution. I know that you are as proud of your child's progress as we are.

We extend congratulations and bid a fond farewell to Lisette Frierson (Rm. 8) who will relocate to California for graduate school. Best wishes to her for much success in her future endeavors! ~ Ms. Hunt

ATTENTION
☆ Lunch times will be moved up 20 minutes on the last 3 days of school due to early dismissal.

DADS’ Day @DECC: June 7th!
We invite our students’ fathers and father-figures to join us at DECC for DADS DAY on Friday, June 7th. Come out from 8:45-10 AM to help us welcome your sons and daughters to school. You’ll serve as drop-off/bus greeters and hall monitors.

We ❤ Daddy!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:
June 2019

Tuesday, June 4th
DECC Garden Festival
4:30-5:30 PM

Wednesday, June 5th
BLUE DAY - Wear BLUE!!

Friday, June 7th
All Pro Dads’ Day
Dads (Granddads, Uncles and/or Big Brothers): Come out to help us welcome our boys & girls! We would like to have our DECC Dads come for morning arrival.
8:45-10 AM
9:25 - All Pro Dads Breakfast
8:45 - Drop off/Bus greeters & hall monitors

Rms. 26, 28, 29, 31 & 32 Celebration
10:30 AM
PEEP: AM - 11:30; PM - 2:30
Rms. 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 Celebration - 1:30 PM

Monday, June 10th
Rms. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Celebration - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, June 11th
Rms. 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22 & 23
Celebration - 10:30 AM
Rms. 33, 34, & 36 Celebration - 12:00 PM

Thursday, June 13th
All lunch times 20 mins. early.

DISMISSAL 2:25 PM

Wednesday, June 12th
GREEN DAY - Wear GREEN!!
All lunch times 20 mins. early.

DISMISSAL 2:25 PM
**Classroom/School News**

Check out what has been going on around our school!

**ROOM 3 MRS. HELLMUTH / MRS. L. CRAWFORD**

We have been busy students in Room 3. In April, we learned about making ice cream, where milk comes from, and even got to take a tour (thanks to google hangout and Ms. Griffin) of the Ben and Jerry's factory in Burlington, VT. What we really wanted was to take a bus to Vermont so we could taste the ice cream, but I am sure what we made on our expo day was far better. Now we are busy preparing for our end of the year celebration on June 10 at 2 pm. Be sure to mark your calendar!

**ROOM 6 MS. WEATHERLESS / MRS. LATTIMORE**

Wow, this year has flown by! I know you have seen the terrific progress your child has made this school year. We are so proud of all of them. This last nine weeks, we have worked hard on our class project that was on sharks. The students learned so many interesting facts about sharks; I hope they told you all about them. We hope you can join us June 7th for our End-of-Year celebration and Field Day.

**ROOM 9 MRS. VINSON / MRS. KRUSE**

Thank you to all who supported and came out to our Racing expo. We had so much fun learning about racing. As the year ends, we will be reviewing all we have learned this year. We will also continue our ABC’s to summer. Please plan to join us on Friday June 7th at 1:30 for our end-of-year performance, awards and fun filled afternoon of outside activities.

**ROOM 20 MRS. DINENNA / MR. MORRIS**

Room 20 has had such a wonderful school year learning about so many different things. We have learned everything from the alphabet, counting, creating patterns to exploring space for our big classroom project. Our Project Based Learning Expo was a big hit and the students enjoyed demonstrating their knowledge of all things space!!! The students have made such tremendous strides this year and I am so excited to see what big things they accomplish in Kindergarten!!!

**ROOM 23 MRS. NEAL / MS. D. JOHNSON**

The students of room 23 have been busy reading and learning about caterpillars, cocoons, and butterflies. During math the class has been learning how to graph favorite colors, shapes, insects, foods and animals as well as use tablets to create pictures using pattern blocks. In content, the class has been excited about their project based learning experiences. They have been exploring gemstones and how they are formed, discovering gemstones hidden in sandstone, and also making different types of jewelry to wear.

**ROOM 26 MRS. DEMPSEY / MRS. D. CLARK**

As this school year begins to wind down, the students and the teachers in room 26 look at their work from the beginning at DECC to the present. The children see how much they have grown in numerous ways. Some barely knew a single letter, but now name them all without hesitation AND can write them. Pictures in September that were barely a circle with a smile now have great detail with fancy hairstyles.

In just a few weeks, they will each fly forward to the next adventure awaiting them. The world will seem a little bigger and the expectations higher. We refer to the summer as their “brain break” in preparation for kindergarten. We reflect on our relationships with each and every student in order to continue to grow as teachers from what they have taught us.

All the very best to our Room 26 families. Have a joyful, safe summer, and don’t forget to come back and see us.
ROOM 37 MS. MILLER / MRS. PEREZ

The students in Room 37 are learning about the garden, and we have been growing peas and peppers. Our students have learned what plants need to grow: dirt, seeds, air, water and sunlight. They planted seeds and watered them every day. After several weeks we transplanted them into the school garden. Everyone enjoys working in the garden.

We have read many books this year and one of their favorite books is *Are You My Mother?* The students love to ask each other, “Are you my mother?” They respond with a different character from the book and laugh about the responses they give.

It has been our pleasure to work with your children this school year. They have made great progress. Make sure to go to the library and park, and have lots of fun this summer.

ROOM 34 MS. CARROL / MS. SHEPARD

Room 34 has been learning about dinosaurs. They have enjoyed building a cave in our blocks center. We made fossils using clay. We also had a fossil dig where the students used brushes to find the fossils in the sand. The students went on a dinosaur hunt through the jungle using VR goggles.

ROOM 31 MS. PEARSON / MS. WILLIAMS

Room 31 Superstars had an amazing time with our Project Based Learning Dance EXPO! We enjoyed sharing what we learned and dancing with all our fantastic experts that came to visit our classroom. Please check out our class blog for more photos and a special memories video of our journey with dance. We are so excited to continue learning about cultures all around the world!

ROOM 13 MS. SMITH / MS. SAUNDERS

Farewell, goodbye, audios preschool. Deep in our hearts we love you. As the year ends, we say goodbye to old friends, though we will see some next year. We have grown and learned so much this year. We are going to Kindergarten without any fear! Ms. Smith and Ms. Saunders will wish us well and hope that we will visit to tell all about what we are doing. This we won’t forget to read a book every day and play some math games. So we can make our teachers say, “WOW look what they can do.” Have a wonderful summer from us to you!!

**Fabulous Fives!**

If you have older children, you are quite familiar with the changes and challenges that come with your now or soon-to-be 5 year-old. Parents should be prepared to support their children through this stage of development. As your child progresses from being a toddler/preschooler to a “big kid,” a period filled with emotional extremes, you can expect to see that:

So as your child heads off to kindergarten, be ready for these big emotional shifts and swings. Help them balance their need to be alone/independent with their need for “cuddles and comfort.” Be loving, but firm when they insist on wearing a summer outfit in the middle of winter. Understand that their bold declaration that they don’t like you or are mad at you is a natural part of them learning to express themselves and their feelings. If you, as parent, know what to expect, the experience of watching your youngster grow up becomes far more pleasant and enjoyable.

- Exhibits more self-control
- Begins to tell how they are feeling & shows empathy
- Points out differences in others appearance and/or behavior
- Frustration or meltdowns when they make a mistake
- Critical of themselves
- Desires to be independent: may want to choose what they eat and wear
- Forms close-knit bonds with select friends
- Tests limits
Professional School Counselor’s Corner
By Mrs. Vinson-Brown

This year, our girls and boys have participated in lessons and activities with me, Denbigh ECC’s professional school counselor. For our youngest learners, school counseling focuses on learning about safety, healthy living, understanding our emotions, getting along with others at school. Our friend Kelly Bear has helped us talk more about our feelings and the safe, smart choices we should make at home and here at school.

The Kelly Bear focus for this month has been Healthy Living Habits and Refusal Skills. The student learned a finger play to help them remember important habits from Kelly Bear:

(touch pinky finger) - “Everybody feels good and bad!”
(touch ring finger) - “Everybody makes mistakes!”
(touch middle finger) - “I will take care of my body!”
(touch pointer finger) - “I will make GOOD choices!”
(touch thumb & swing hips side to side) - “I AM SOMEBODY!”
(hold out hands) - “I CARE!”

Ask your child to share what s/he has learned from Kelly Bear this year. For more information and parent resources, visit www.kellybear.com. Have a great summer!

Denbigh Early Childhood Center
3rd Annual
Spring Garden Expo
Join us as we recognize our volunteers and celebrate the 3rd season of the DECC Garden & Outdoor Classroom!

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 • 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Summer Reading!! Check out a few of these great books recommended for 3-6 year-olds by ReadingRockets.org!

A New Home by Tania de Regil • A Piglet Named Mercy by Kate DiCamillo • B Is for Baby by Antinuke • Because by Mo Willems • Bird Watch by Christie Matheson • Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins by Michelle Meadows • Community Soup by Alma Fullerton • Cyril and Pat by Emily Gravett • Gondra’s Treasure by Linda Sue Park • Grow Up, David! by David Shannon • Hello Summer! by Shelly Rotner • Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis • Home Is a Window by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard • Leila in Saffron by Rukhsanna Guidroz • Like a Lizard by April Pulley Sayre • Oink by David Elliot • One is a Piñata: A Book of Numbers by Roseanne Greenfield Thong • Sweety by Andrea Zuill • The Chickens Are Coming by Barbara Samuels • The Farmer by Ximo Abadía • When the Bees Buzzed Off by Lula Bell