



May 2018

Parents and Faculty,

On behalf of the entire Day One Christian Academy Faculty, I would like to express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the school year. We are so gracious of your time, energy and support that you continue to provide to DOCA.

Please watch for your email for Acceptance Letters for the 2018-2019 during the next week. Once you receive your Acceptance Letter your Registration fee will be due on or before May 18, 2018. If you would prefer to have your Registration fee drafted from Simply Giving, please let Kelly Money or myself know. Specific classroom assignments are being made from the enrollments that have been secured. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the status of your child's enrollment, please feel free to inquire at kwalker@gdlc.org. Registration fees that have not been received by May 21st, will automatically place your child's registration request into the Waiting Pool and forfeit your child's secured placement in the classroom. May 21st positions will be opened up to any children currently in the Waiting Pool.

- Now that the weather is improving, the children will spend more time outside and should come to school with sunscreen and insect repellent already applied (if necessary).
- Each Wednesday is "**School Spirit Day**", all children and staff are encouraged to wear their **BLUE** Day One T-shirts. Let's rally together and have some fun!!
- Join us at the flag pole Thursday, May 3 at 11 AM for National Day of Prayer as we acknowledge this great nation and ask that God continue to bless those that serve, guide and protect us each day.

- **SCRIP Orders** have been placed in the student's cubbies just in time for your Spring and Summer needs. Gift cards are available for gift giving (Mother's Day, graduations, birthdays ...), summer travel (hotels, restaurants, gas...), entertainment (movies, dinner...) and everyday needs (grocery store, department stores, mall and/or specialty stores...). Orders will be **due by May 4**. If you're not sure what SCRIP is, contact Kelly Money at kmoney@gdlc.org or 281.333.3323 with any questions.
- You are invited to join us for our last **Parent Chapel** of this school year at 11 AM on May 9 and stay for lunch afterwards at 11:30 AM. The Family Ministry Team will share how God goes with us and won't leave us in a special Bible lesson and super cool experiment!!
- Parents are invited to participate in the Clear Lake Business and Wellness will be open from 11 AM to 6 PM on Thursday, May 10.
- May 7-11 is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. This is an opportune time to let your child's teachers know that you have recognized the endless giving of their time and energy, resources and efforts to your child's developmental needs and school experience.
- The children in the Toddler through the PK classes will participate in **"Water Discovery Days"** Monday, May 14 through Friday, May 18. Please watch for a schedule to be posted for your child's assigned day and time. We will have sprinklers and water tables set up in the play yard and will be serving popsicles for an outdoor refreshment. Please send your child to school in their swimsuits AND with sunscreen applied liberally. Please provide a towel and a complete set of dry clothing to change into and label all belongings! Check with your child's teacher for scheduled day and times.
- Families are invited to participate in a **Family Movie and Devotion Night** from 5-7:30 PM on Sunday, May 20. The evening will begin with a dinner. Bring your blankets/lawn chairs to enjoy the movie. There is no charge for this event.
- **Thursday, May 24** is the **Day One Year End Program**. Families, friends and neighbors are invited to attend an evening of fun! The evening will begin with dinner served at 5:30 PM in the Life Center and continue until 6:15 PM. Parents and children will move to the Worship Center at 6:15. Teachers will gather the children outside the Worship Center and parents and family members may be seated inside. We hope to begin the program by **6:30 PM**. A slide show of the year's activities will follow the children singing and the evening will end in the children's classrooms where they will receive their Memory Books.

Now that the weather is much nicer, many of the children and classrooms are visiting the Outdoor Chapel. The children are taught in their classrooms that the Outdoor Chapel is a place of God (as is the indoor worship areas) and needs to be treated with respect and reverence. Running through the gardens; climbing all over the wall and cross; jumping off of the bench; pulling up the hoses; throwing the stones; leaving trash; and treating the Outdoor Chapel area as a playground are not appropriate behaviors. Please help to reinforce this with your children whether they are with their class, enjoying the outdoors with their friends, after program hours and/or during parent pick up.

With many children on vacation during the summer months or graduating from our program altogether, please remember to collect your child's belongings (i.e. clothing, medications and backpack) and return any Day One items (i.e. classroom materials, nap mat covers and spare clothing) prior to the end of the school year. Throughout the summer months, you will receive communication and information regarding the program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

I pray that you are able to cherish the special moments you have with each other during the summer months ahead.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 NIV

In His Name,
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