

May 2019



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. We were so blessed with such a spectacular and generous Easter Breakfast and pray that you will know the impact that you, your children and your family have on each and every one of us.

Please watch for your email for Acceptance Letters for the 2019-2020 this week and next week. Once you receive your Acceptance Letter, all remaining Registration fees will be due on or before May 21, 2019. If you would prefer to have your Registration fee drafted from Simply Giving, please let Kelly Money or myself know. Specific classroom assignments will be made once enrollment is secured with all required fees. 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. Please send your child in tennis shoes and with sunscreen and insect repellent already applied (if necessary).
- Each Wednesday is **"School Spirit Day"**, all children and staff are encouraged to wear their **Purple** Day One T-shirts. Let's rally together and have some fun!!
- Join us at the flag pole Thursday, May 2 at 9:30am 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 3**. If you're not sure what SCRIP is, contact Kelly Money at kmoney@gdlc.org with any questions.
- **May 6-10 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. Please refer to the emails from Jessica Walker regarding different opportunities throughout the week to recognize your child's teacher.
- **Summer Safari** Registration is due **May 15**. Camp fee(s) may be drafted from Simply Giving or paid by check. I have attached the brochure and Registration form for your convenience (forms are also on the website). We are also looking for volunteers during the week. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Benson at sbenson@dayonechristianacademy.org.

- The children in the Toddler through the PK classes will participate in some fun and adventurous **"Water Discovery Activities"** the week of **May 20-24**. 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 a yummy 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.
- You are invited to join us for our last **Parent Chapel** of this school year at 11am on **May 22** and stay for lunch afterwards at 11:30am. A huge shout out to the Family Ministry Team for sharing God's Word and presenting special Bible activities with us each month for Parent Chapel. We look forward to continuing these special Bible Activities with the children over the summer months on Sundays in KidzLand.
- Because of the level of interest in Baptism within our Day One families, there will be a special **Baptism Marker Class** for Day One Parents in KidzSpace on Sunday, **May 26** from 9:30-11. Please email Andee Hasty at ahasty@gdlc.org if you have any questions or are interested, to ensure there are enough materials for everyone. Children may attend with their parents or participate in KidzLand activities during this time.
- **May 23** is the **Day One Year End Program**. Families, friends and neighbors are invited to attend an evening of fun! The program will begin at **6:45 PM**. Please watch for more information regarding the program and the events of the evening.

Now that the weather is much nicer, many of the children and classrooms are visiting the Outdoor Chapel. The children learn 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 Day One. 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