

# All Saints' Day School

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# NEW Kindergarten Offering!

Beginning this fall, All Saints' Day School is offering a full kindergarten program! It will be taught by our own Cathy Cronquist who has a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and is a retired kindergarten teacher. The program will be melded with our Kindergarten Enrichment Program, but will run until noon. Those students zoned for John B. Dey will still have the option to ride the late morning bus to their home school for the afternoon session of Kindergarten there. Regardless of your school zone or post ASDS schooling choices, by opting in to our full kindergarten your child will have the opportunity to experience a full kindergarten program from 8:30 – 12:00; a day that is longer than the public school half-day kindergarten. Please share this opportunity with your friends at Thoroughgood Elementary School since the construction of their new school means they will not be experiencing their kindergarten year on the Thoroughgood campus anyway. All children participating in our Full Kindergarten/Kindergarten Enrichment Program must be age-eligible: five by September 30,

2018.

The cost for the Full Kindergarten Program is as follows:

Registration: \$165 Tuition: \$400

The usual 3% discounts for military and siblings apply to the family's child with the lowest tuition rate.

## 2018-2019 Registration



Registration is coming along nicely for the fall of 2018. A couple of classes are full, so now is the time to lock in! Please email allsaintsdayschool@gmail.c om if you have any questions or

need a new form.

#### Rising Kindergarteners zoned for John B. Dey:

Alanton Elementary is the only local Virginia Beach Public School moving to full-day Kindergarten in the fall of 2018, so remember to register your John B. Dey-zoned kindergartener for our Kindergarten Enrichment Program. Your child can attend here in the morning and ride the bus to John B. Dey for the afternoon session; netting him/her a stronger foundation for first grade through a full day of kindergarten schooling. Dev students are also eligible for our "Full Kindergarten"; explained in the opening article for this newsletter.

## Our May Field Trip!



On May 15th we traveled to the Rural Heritage Center at the Farmers' Market on Princess Anne Road for our second annual



field trip to this remarkable place. After breaking into groups we embarked on

experiences and instruction in vermiculture (the cultivation of



earthworms; especially to use them in order to convert organic waste into

fertilizer), planting seeds, visiting the garden, and doing chores in the Rural Heritage Center. Following our adventures in learning and working, we gathered for a picnic on the

grounds! Many thanks to all of our parents who provided transportation and joined us on our adventure.

## CHKD Trike-A-Thon



What a perfect day for the CHKD trike a thon! A huge thank you to Laura Smith

who organized this event as well as the people who helped her: Jamie Ducharme, Claire





Montagna, Jen Cosgrove, and Lindsey Ballard. ASDS is also appreciative of all the friends and family who donated to this worthy

cause. We raised \$1260! It is through activities and events like this that we teach our children to give back to their communities.



#### Splash Day Fun!



Despite some serious weather stress, Splash Day turned out to be awesome! I know that many of you agree that this year's was the best one yet! Having the Blue Bunny ice cream truck visit was a very welcome addition. The absolute pure excitement that the children and (maybe some adults, too (2)

showed when it arrived was priceless! Thank you, Katie Davenport and all of the rest of the committee for making the fun happen: Katie LeGrande, Jenni Suhr, Liz Flowers, Christina Zepf, Becky Gordon, Julie Shields, and Laura Smith.



# Jr. Kindergarten Promotion Night

This year's Jr. Kindergarten Promotion Night was the very best ever! The Sea Otters chose a "Sock Hop" theme and performed several classics from the 20th Century complete with dance moves, props and hand motions! They have become pros at being on stage, and have



gained the confidence, self-awareness, and skills necessary for their next level of education. We are so very proud of them, and look forward to following their journeys, as they move through their respective schools: continuing to develop into contributing members of society. Whether they began their ASDS experience at age two, three, or four, know that we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of their growth and development, and will always hold a special place in our hearts for each and every one of your children. We are also grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and energy offered by Teachers Marianne and Teresa this year. We're certain you will agree that they are a magical team!

# Wishing Them Well



It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to two of our teachers this year. Teacher Emily is moving onward and upward as she continues to follow her love of working with children. We are excited for her future and we cope with our loss. She has done a wonderful job with the Stingrays and the Dolphins these

last two years. She will be missed, but promises to stay in touch. Teacher Tiffany's family has been transferred to

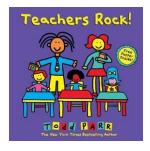


New Hampshire. They hope to return to the Beach once this tour of duty is over. When they return, they will have a new family member who is ageeligible for ASDS! We look forward to a future that includes the Hanson family! Thank you to both women for their devotion

to our school and its mission!



#### May Chapel



It is so hard to believe that the school year is over! I've enjoyed our Chapel time together on Monday mornings; especially having Teacher Tiffany here to assist with the music portion! She will be greatly missed next year, but we wish her and her

family well as they spend the next two years in the Maine/New Hampshire area. This month in chapel I did all Todd Parr books: <u>The Mommy Book</u>, <u>It's Okay to Be Different</u>, and <u>Teachers Rock!</u> His colorful illustrations with simple, yet impactful, text are some of my favorites to share.

Thank you to everyone who made small change donations this yea. I will tally it all up and let you know in September how much we raised for the SPCA. These kinds of special traditions are the sort of thing that make ASDS such wonderful place to be. I'm proud to say that through the efforts of our staff and families we have again been awarded Pearl School status through Lynnhaven River Now. I take pride in the fact that we are teaching children at a very young age how important they are to our community. I hope all of you know how important you are to our school family. For those of you that are moving on, I wish you all well and hope that you stay in touch! I hope, as well, that ASDS remains a fond memory for you. For those of you who will be back in the fall, I look forward to another exciting year together! We have a lot of Summer Birthdays at ASDS! Happy birthday to William G, Walter, Blake, Blakely, Izzy, Hudson, Gunter, Torin, Jackson, Declan, Summer Grace, Waylon, Channing, William D., Kinsley, Henry (Hank), Christian, Griffin, Jake, Ginny, Elyse, Riley W, Kenna, Riley Wilke, Teacher Emily, Teacher Sandra, Teacher JoJo, and Maestra Kate.

> Enjoy the summer! Dianne





#### Teacher Emily

What a month and a year it has been in the Dolphin room! I cannot believe they will be first graders next year! We ended our year with a ten



day balloon countdown, which got everyone so excited for each morning. Inside the balloon, we popped at circle time, was a note which told us what would be our treat of the day. It was a great way to end the school year! Since the Dolphins are now reading so much, we added a reading chart for the last month to see how many books they could read each week! We loved to keep track of how many books they were reading and who was reading what!

With summer almost upon, I decided to do an 'Under the Sea' unit towards the end of the year. We learned all about dolphins, whales, octopi, jelly fish, and more! Be sure to check out our jelly fish in the hall way which we made from recycled water bottles; a project that is helping us maintain our status as a Pearl School!

The Dolphin's love socializing with other classes at the school, so we did one more activity with our reading buddies; The Sea Otter class! For our final reading buddy project we read the book Only One You which is an awesome story about finding your own way in this world! Since some of our Sea Otters and all of our Dolphins will be at different schools next year, this was a perfect end of the school year activity. After the story, they painted their own fish rock to leave in the garden so



their mark will always be left at All Saints' Day School! We ended the year with an awesome splash day hosted by PATTCH! The car wash station, water slide, pirate boat,

and of course the onsite ice cream truck, were all a huge hit!

I will miss All Saints' Day School and all of the friends I have made during my time here. I have learned so much in my two short years. I wouldn't have wanted to begin my teaching career anywhere else. I would like to thank my co-workers, our Director, and all the great families at this school for the support, warm welcomes, guidance, and smiles you have shared with me! I will always remember this awesome school.

#### Teachers Marianne & Teresa



The Sea Otter classroom was full of excitement in May as our friends prepared for their promotion ceremony and enjoyed many

end-of-the-year celebrations. One of our big classroom celebrations was our number 20 party. For our party, students were each asked to bring in 20 of the same objects. We then used these 20 objects to measure with our math sticks and compare lengths, weigh and compare how light or heavy each object was, and practice counting to 20. We also made funny hats with 20 objects on top, made necklaces out of Fruit Loops while using the different colors to also create patterns, and we played a race to 20 game.

Along with celebrating our accomplishments in math, our students also were recognized in class with a certificate that acknowledged the completion of their ABC journals and all of the hard work that went in to them. Throughout the year our class focused on a new alphabet letter each week. On Mondays, we made alphabet bracelets to promote letter recognition and initiate conversations at home about our letter of the week. Then, on Tuesdays. or class sorted capital and lowercase letters of the week's letter in different fonts. Next, on Wednesdays, our class identified pictures that began with the letter of the week's sound and colored them and pasted them in their journal. On Thursdays our class went on a letter hunt where they had to find the letter of the week in text. Lastly, on Fridays our class practiced forming the letter of the week's capital and lowercase letters.

Our class also celebrated their time at All Saints' Day School by spending a day in the garden in front of the school and planting new flowers. Then, we got together with our Dolphin reading buddies one final time and read the book Only One You by Linda Kranz. Next, we painted our own unique garden rocks to place in front of our flowers. The rocks will always be in the garden to

remind us that each student that passes through All Saints' Day School plays a vital role in our community and will always be remembered when they leave.



And last, but not least, we "rocked and rolled" into the next school year with a sock hop themed promotion ceremony. At the ceremony, the Sea Otter class sang "A Beautiful Day" by Greg and Steve, "What IAm" by

will.i.am, and for our grand

finale our class put on awesome black shades and rocked on to "Pre-K Had Me A Blast" (sung to the tune of "Greas"). The Sea Otters did a great job and were just adorable.

Our class has worked so hard this past year and had so much fun.



We are so proud of each and every child in our classroom and feel truly blessed to have had the chance to be their teachers. Thank you for a fun and memorable year!

# Teachers Susan and Cathy



The Stingray's had the best year ever!! We learned so much and had so much fun! The month of May we reviewed all our letters and letter sounds. We counted so well too! The students really know their letters and numbers. We're super proud of them! We learned

about the beach and what we can do to protect our beach. The ocean unit was a great success. We loved learning all about the ocean and what animals live in the ocean. Looking at all the different seashells with our magnifying glasses was super cool. We listened to the ocean in our gigantic Conk Shells. Learning about Bees was fun too!

We started to write last names and addresses.

Throughout our year we loved to build with blocks, play

Mommy, Daddy, Baby, and loved playing on the playground! So, during the summer practice writing your names,



review letters, letter sounds, and counting.

Teacher Cathy and I had such fun this year! We will miss you this summer! Can't wait to see ya'll in September! Have an AWESOME SAUCE summer!

# Teachers Sandra, Beth & Tiffany

What an amazing year the Starfish classroom had! We



learned about so many things and created amazing experiments in the classroom. The year went by too fast. During our last month of school, we had so many exciting events that took place. We started with our

annual Trike-A-Thon to raise money for CHKD. The students enjoyed riding their bikes, scooters, and big wheels while helping out a great charity. They really enjoyed the juice pouches at the end of a crazy ride. We explored the new plants that were planted in the Children's Garden out back. The children loved watching

the flowers on the plants turn into strawberries and tomatoes. We learned about bugs and saw them in action in the field on the way to the playground.



Beautiful vases were made for our students' mothers for Mother's Day, and tissue paper flowers were put in them to add the magic touch to a lovely present they were able to give their mothers.

We all met at the Farmer's Market to learn about what happens on a farm. The children prized planting tomato plants, playing with worms, and seeing the chickens in their coop.

We ended the year learning about the ocean. Sea creatures were a huge hit when learning about what lives in the ocean. They also learned about animals that live near the shore, and how some of them have shells they grow, or in some cases they inhabit shells that are cast

aside from other animals, to protect them from predators.

We did a lot of reviewing this month. We reviewed our letters, numbers 1-15, colors, and basic shapes.



The highlight of the month was Splash Day. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the pirate ship, large slide, washing the cars, and the special surprise of having the ice cream man coming!

Teachers Beth, Tiffany, and I have loved teaching our Starfish this year. It's been an incredible journey, and hope it is one your children will remember.

#### Teachers JoJo & Patsy



As I write this, I am reflecting upon the progress and growth of all the students in our class. I am so proud of each and every one! Thank you, parents, for sending your child to us

this year. We are truly blessed. For those of you that met



with me for a conference, I appreciate and thank you for taking the time to meet and discuss your child's "Glows" and "Grows"!

Thank you again for everything that you did for us for Teacher

Appreciation Week! It was a success.....you truly made us feel loved and appreciated! 
May was such an exciting and busy month with the CHKD Trike-A-Thon, the field trip to the Farmer's Market, and, of course, Splash Day!

Making such wonderful memories is

truly a meaningful experience.

Our focus this month was reviewing: letters, numbers,

colors, shapes, ten. Our song was Warning: once you your head, it stays while! We hope magnetic framed homemade for Mother's Day! Also, this month, Peter Rabbit and The students rabbits using read It's Spring



and counting to "Baby Shark". get this song in there for quite a you enjoyed the pictures and wrapping paper

we read Look! It's Bunny's Garden. enjoyed making paper plates! We and used recycled

drink lids and painted filters to make flowers. We also read On the Farm and How Zebras Got Their Stripes.



The students enjoyed making zebras out of the letter "Z". Once again, thank you for an amazing year. Your support and love for your child/children is/are evident! Whatever your journey is for next year, I wish you all the very best!

Thank you again for everything! Please have a fantastic summer and enjoy your babies.....as you already know, they grow WAY too fast!

# Music with Teacher Tiffany



What a fantastic year we had in Music Class! I am saddened that our family will be moving to Maine over the Summer, but I hope

and pray the Military will bring us back soon. I will miss teaching at All Saints' Day School immensely.

The month of May was a review of everything we learned from the previous months. I was very impressed with all the musical terminology/vocabulary the children remembered!

We started the month off with "spring time dance" and used shakers as we danced around and mimicked different animals that come out during the summer. We sang "The Green Grass Grows All Around" and used our imaginations to pretend we were planting a seed and watching the tree grow. The children loved the song

"Icky Sticky Gooey Bubblegum" because they had to pull the gum off different parts of our bodies. Then at the end of the song it got stuck to the roof of our mouth! Of course, we had to



bring back the famous song "Going on a Lion Hunt". The children loved playing pretend as we went into a cave and looked for the lion. We also sang "Herman the Worm" and worked on our comprehension of the story. Some other favorites were "Dinosaur Stomp" and "Wiggle It". We used tambourines to mimic the stomps of a dinosaur. We sang "Roller Coaster Ride" while pretending we were on a roller coaster and going through all the fun parts like the drops, the loop, and the photo at the end. We loved the song "Hungry Caterpillar" because we used a gummy worm as a prop and then we got to eat one at the end of the song. We used my bubble machine to create an ocean of sharks and sang "Baby Shark". We also used the parachute and sang "Parachute's Song". The children love throwing the parachute up like a volcano and running underneath it! This year has flown by and I will miss everyone!

#### Spanish with Maestra Kate

El último més del año (the last month of the year) was so much fun in Spanish! We started off by celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a sweet book called <u>Cinco de Mouse-o</u> that depicts a traditional fiesta in a Mexican town, all from the perspective of un ratón (mouse). Our fiesta also included Mexican hat dances with maracas, mariachi music, and a discussion about the similarities and differences between Mexico and the United States.

For the rest of the month, we talked about summer and practiced Spanish vocabulary for everyone's favorite



season of the year! We read a book called <u>Hola</u>, <u>Mar</u> (<u>Hello</u>, <u>Ocean</u>) that talked about how we use our cinco sentidos (five senses) when we visit the beach. We then did beach yoga and practiced

poses like estrella del mar (sea star) and concha (seashell). For our last meeting of the year, we read a

book called <u>Veo el</u>
<u>Verano</u> (<u>I See Summer</u>)
that featured many of our
favorite summer foods,
drinks and activities. We
then played a game of
life-size "Memoría"
("Memory") with pictures
and vocabulary from our
book, including trajes del



baño (bathing suits), veleros (sailboats), limonada (lemonade) and luciérnagas (fireflies).

I wish you and your amazing children a wonderful verano (summer)!

#### Palabras del mes (words of the month)

playa (plahy-ah) - beach gaviota (ha-bee-oh-tah) - seagull olas (oh-lahs) - waves sandîa (sahn-dee-ah) - watermelon

# Library with Teacher Sandra

This school year has flown by, so we took the opportunity during the month of May to read books about the beach since we will probably spend a lot of time there this summer. Some of the books we read were, <u>Usborne Under the Sea</u>, <u>On the Beach</u>, and <u>On the Seashore</u>. Summer is a great time to continue reading with your children. Long days at the beach, picnics in the park, and exhausting road trips are a perfect time to pack a bag of

books to keep your little ones entertained. Just a few ideas:

- Read aloud with your child every day.
- Set a good example.
   Read while your child
   reads. Set a special reading time during the day for both of you to read.
- Take your child to the public library to check out books. The Virginia Beach Public Libraries offer awesome summer reading programs that encourage reading with prizes. The program starts June 11, 2018. The more books they read, the more prizes they earn.
- Participate in a reading scavenger hunt or a summer reading bucket list. For example, read while the lightning bugs are flying, read a book ar



- are flying, read a book around a campfire, read on a float in a pool, and the list could go on.
- Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines. They love to see their name on the magazine cover. A few that are suitable for preschoolers and rising K students are. Click, Ladybug



students are, <u>Click</u>, <u>Ladybug</u>, <u>Highlights</u>, and Ranger Rick.

We had a great time reading books and singing songs during the school year. Enjoy your summer and Happy Reading!

# 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 29th @ 6:00 p.m.	Parent Information Night
Thursday, August 30th @ 10-11 a.m.	Meet the Teacher for Students
Wednesday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	PATTCH Coffees after morning drop off
Monday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inservice Day: ASDS closed to students
Wednesday October 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Hall Fall Pictures: E.B Hall Studios
Friday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Festival
Tuesday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day: ASDS closed as we are a polling site
Monday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day: ASDS closed
Friday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Family Feast
November 21st -23rd	Thanksgiving Holiday: ASDS closed
Monday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	ASDS reopens
Wednesday December. 12th & Thursday, December. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Gift Shop during the school day for students
Wednesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Program: 11:15 am followed by Classroom Parties & Last Day of Classes
Thursday, December 20th - Tuesday January 1st	Christmas Holiday: ASDS closed
Wednesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ASDS reopens
Thursday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	PATTCH Coffees after morning drop off
Monday, January 21st	Martin Luther King Day: ASDS closed
Monday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inservice Day: ASDS closed for students
Monday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Presidents' Day: ASDS closed
Thursday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	ASDS Auction Night
March 18th-22 <sup>nd</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spirit Week
Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday: ASDS closed
April 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break: ASDS closed
Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School reopens
Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Art Show
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CHKD Trike-A-Thon
Monday, May 6th- Friday, May 10th	Teacher Appreciation Week
Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Year Celebration: NO RAIN DATE
Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jr. K Promotion Celebration @ 6pm
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School
Tuesday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Optional June DAZE Camp