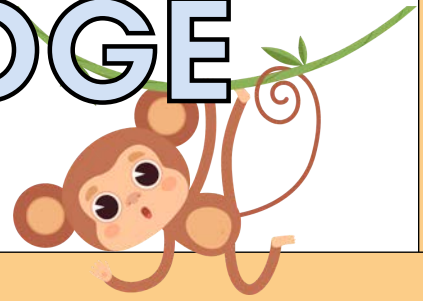


# THE DRAWBRIDGE

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## MONTHLY THEME:

**Theme:** Circus/ Zoo

**Character Builder:** Responsibility

**Bible Story:** Noah's Ark (26)

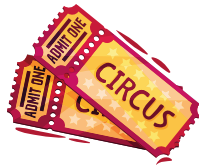
**Scripture:** Genesis Ch. 6,7,8,9

**Letter:** Jj, Mm, Kk

**Shape:** Square, Cube

**Color:** Yellow

**Numbers:** 22-25



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 4-8<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8<sup>th</sup> - VPK Mother's Day Tea

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Yellow Day!

May 18-22<sup>nd</sup> - Senior Spirit Week

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - VPK Graduation

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

**We Are Closed**

May 29<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Public School

June 8<sup>th</sup> - First Week of Water Days



**IT'S TIME FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES! PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM DOOR FOR A SIGNUP SHEET.**

As we head into the sunny summer months, we are excited to continue enjoying lots of outdoor play! All of our classes go outside twice a day, so please be sure your child is dressed comfortably for the weather. We recommend sending in items such as spray sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses to help keep your child cool, protected, and ready for fun in the sun!



# ZOO THE DRAWBRIDGE

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## A NOTE FROM MRS. JACKIE

One of the most important (and sometimes most challenging!) parts of parenting is helping our children learn to listen and follow directions the first time. This month, I want to encourage all of our families to focus on clear, confident communication at home.

When you give a direction, try to say it calmly and confidently. Children thrive on consistency, and they quickly learn what we truly expect from them. If we go back and forth or repeat ourselves multiple times, it can send the message that listening isn't necessary right away. It's also important to avoid making "empty threats." If we tell a child that a toy will be taken away or that a privilege will be lost, you need to be prepared to follow through. When children see that our words match our actions, it builds trust and helps them understand boundaries.

This doesn't mean being harsh; it simply means being consistent. You can always pair firm expectations with warmth and understanding: "I hear that you're upset, but it's time to clean up now." With patience, consistency, and follow through, you'll be amazed at how quickly children begin to respond more positively. As always, we're here to support you every step of the way.



## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026!

It is truly a special time of year as we celebrate our amazing VPK graduates! Watching these children grow from curious little learners into confident, students has been one of the greatest joys. Each child has left a lasting mark on our hearts, and we are so incredibly proud of all they have accomplished. They are more than ready to take on their next big adventure! To our wonderful families, thank you for trusting us with your children during these important early years. It has been an absolute privilege to be a part of their journey. While our graduates may be moving on, they will always be a part of our school family

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

### MS. MARIAH- 3RD

SAMAR J.- 8 <sup>TH</sup>	EMMA H.- 10 <sup>TH</sup>
DAISY B.- 14 <sup>TH</sup>	RYAN D.- 14 <sup>TH</sup>
ELLE C.- 15 <sup>TH</sup>	GAIA S.- 16 <sup>TH</sup>
LEILA W.- 19 <sup>TH</sup>	JOSIAH C.- 22 <sup>ND</sup>
CALLAN C.- 24 <sup>TH</sup>	CAMERIE C.- 24 <sup>TH</sup>
MAKENZIE G.- 24 <sup>TH</sup>	ROMAN O.- 26 <sup>TH</sup>
RIVER H.- 29 <sup>TH</sup>	BRIELLE F.- 30 <sup>TH</sup>