

# Calvary Weekday School

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**Friendships**— One of the greatest pleasures I have is observing the children in our program develop those close friendships with their classmates and hearing the conversations generated. Some of which I can say are truly priceless.

Children today are beginning earlier in social situations, and they are spending more time with peers than they used to. With more mothers of preschool-age children joining the work force, more children are in child care settings.

Recent studies have found that some friendships formed in the early years of childhood are second only to family relationships in importance. From such findings comes a heightened awareness of the so-

cial and emotional importance of friendships in the early years.

Enrollment in an early childhood program offers children social experiences that might not be available to them in relationships with adults or siblings.

With many friends of his or her own age, a child encounters lots of opportunities to negotiate and compromise. Children are encouraged to express opinions and ideas, as well as to respect others.

Interaction with and acceptance by peers have long-term effects on a child's life. Preschoolers develop social competence in three main areas: initiating interactions, maintaining ongoing relationships, and solving conflicts with other children.

While some children easily join a group at play, others have difficulty. As adults, we can help young children learn social strategies for entering play groups or for talking to other children about what they want.

We do not need to be too concerned when children frequently change best friends. A friendships may last only for an afternoon of play.

However, if a child does not seem to have any special friendships at school, he may benefit from one-on-one time with one of the other children outside of the early childhood setting. Playing together a few times outside of school often gives two children a level of comfort with each other that carries over to their time at school.

## Returning Key Fobs

Parents will be returning the key fobs starting on May 19th. Colleen and Laura will be collecting these from all parents, even those that will be returning next school year. Please have these with you for easy

returning. If anyone has unfortunately lost a key fob there is a \$25.00 charge.

Parents will be able to enter the building even without the key fobs. If a family has two key fobs both must be returned. Day care provid-

ers, Grandparents, etc. also must have these readily available for returning.

**DON'T FORGET!**

## Important Dates

May 3—Staff—In Service  
School Closed

May 11-12— Mr. Brown  
The Clown

May 14—School In  
Session/Make-  
Up Day

May 19—Start returning  
Key Fobs

May 27— Kindergarten  
Graduation &  
Last Day of  
Classes for All  
Students

## Special points of interest:

- Parking Permits may also be returned to the office. This is very much appreciated so we may reuse as many as possible.
- Parents should pick-up any unused medical supplies given to teachers in Sept.

# Ladybug, Ladybug



Ladybugs are a garden's best friends. They help keep it healthy by eating pesky bugs, such as aphids, that can be harmful to plants.

Most children are familiar with ladybugs, although they may be more apt to recognize a ladybug

from a cartoon or manmade designs seen on clothing, toys, and furniture. Get your kids outdoors and into a garden in search of real ladybugs! They're hard to miss, with their bright red wing coverings and black polka dots. The bright red color serves as a warning to birds and other animals looking for food. Ladybugs are not poisonous, but they may leave a very bad taste in the mouth of an animal that eats them.

As you search for ladybugs, check out these things:

- Do all ladybugs look the same? How are they alike? How are they different?

- Do all ladybugs have the same number of dots?
- How does a ladybug move from one place to another?

The ladybug uses its antennae to seek out meals, such as aphids. When you find a ladybug, handle it gently, and always place it back where you found it.

## Help Me Understand

Q: Are all ladybugs ladies?

A: No. Ladybugs can be boys or girls.  
Even boy ladybugs are called ladybugs.

## Appreciation to Calvary Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of another school year. Where does the time go? And why do we always wish we had more of it? It is at this time however, that we want to thank all of our parents for choosing Calvary, and for participating in so many ways from driving on field trips, to volunteering in the classrooms, assisting with special holiday occasions and supporting the fundraisers.

The staff greatly appreciates the families who just this past Monday honored the teachers and assistants with a special luncheon in observance of Teacher Appreciation Week. The food was delicious and a great opportunity for fellowship among the staff.

Parents everywhere are a vital part of the success of a school's program and Calvary truly values each of our families and commends each of you for your involvement in your child's early childhood learning years.

Thank you very,  
very much!



Have a great  
summer !

