

# Pineapple Press...

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VPK Edition

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## Important May

### Dates:

- Wed May 2nd– Peppy Pineapples Group Photo
- Thurs May 3rd– VPK 4, 5 & 6 Visits Westside Elementary
- Mon May 7th– Starts Teacher Appreciation Week
- Thurs May 10th– Tea with Mommy
- Fri May 11th– Mother's Day Plant Sale
- Tues May 15th– Last day of Kinderdance
- Wed May 23rd– VPK Graduation Practice
- Fri May 25th– VPK Graduation
- Mon May 28th– PCA Closed for the Holiday!

## PCA News

*Hooray, Hooray*

*Can you believe it's already May!*

*Our end of the year luau was full of colorful skirts & leis.*

*All of the caps and gowns are measured and hung, the songs have been practiced and beautifully sung.*

*Graduation ceremonies will be magical and an inspiration to all, Can you believe our preschoolers will start kindergarten this Fall!*

Thank you to all of our parents who helped with PCA's annual Easter Egg Hunts and the end of the year Luau! What an amazing time here at PCA. We are glad that all of our parents, staff, and children got to relax and enjoy all of the end of the year events together. Many memories were made watching the children race around searching for colorful filled eggs! Let's not forget our authentic PCA Luau with Caribbean music, traditional luau food, games, and arts & crafts! Also during the month of April Cox Farms visited with all of their ponies and furry animals for all of the children to enjoy. All of our VPK students especially liked visiting local elementary schools for a kindergarten tour. We hope some of the anxiety about starting a "Big kid" school was eased.

## Coming Up in May

May is a beautiful and loving month we enjoy here at Pineapple Cove Academy. Preparation for graduation is always a fun and exciting time. All of the VPK students will share the kindness of giving and remembering our mothers and teachers this month. A fun filled month to end the school year will feel bittersweet. Our Mother's Day Tea is a memorable time for moms and their children to enjoy a tea and a snack together. The students will get to decorate their very own Mother's Day cake and also get to purchase a plant at our annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Also recognizing our dedicated teachers for Teacher Appreciation week and last but definitely not least will be our VPK GRADUATION! This will be an exciting and magical ceremony. We wish all of the VPK families the best of luck and will miss all of you! Please feel free to stop by the Little School House to say hi anytime. We are confident that all of our students are ready for their journey in kindergarten.

***"Whatever they grow up to be, they are still our children and the one most important of all the things we can give them is unconditional love. Not a love that depends on anything at all except that they are our children."***

**Rosalee Dickson**



## May Vocabulary List

*Please familiarize your child with these words. We will be introducing them in our daily lessons for the month of May. This is a combination of prior vocabulary words used throughout the year.*

read	bunch	steadily	blossom	protect	leaped	huddle
recognize	grandpa	celebrate	melting	roared	dreadful	jungle
thinking	struggle	puffing	sister	tiptoe	idea	escape
special	invisible	love	change	jar	cheer	wild
everybody	neighbor-	apple pie	ship	troll	peeked	honey
friend	hood	breezes	moods	stall	race	community
duck	rest	safe	cave	impatient	snail	snore
swans	glad	sprinkle	cloudy	nibbles	agreeing	tiny
love	break	brother	lambs	pasture	wobbly	grumbling

## VPK Sight Word List

*Below is a list of sight words or commonly used words your child will need to know by the end of the year. Memorizing these words will help your child to read at a faster pace. Our sight words for this month are:*

*a, the, and, in, on, is, see, at, I, have, can  
go, she, you, was, with, up, down, he, had*

*Please review the monthly sight words with your child on a daily basis. The complete list is below. You may want to make flashcards to use at home for review.*

## **Summer Fun!**

Summer should be fun and relaxing, but a child should still be challenged to help retain everything he/she learned in VPK for the start of their Kindergarten school year. Here are just a few fun tips for you to try with your child over the summer. Continue daily reading routines. Try and play "I Spy" with letters & numbers. Using water and a paint brush have your child paint their name and letters outside on the sidewalk. Flash cards and dominoes are a great way to practice math. Use billboards while driving for your child to point out capital letters and lowercase letters. These are just a few fun simple things you can do with your child over the summer. The Little School House will be offering an Enhancement program for our graduating VPK students this summer. The children will continue to receive their VPK curriculum as well as arts & crafts and fun filled field trips. The cost of this program is \$150.00 for full time. Part time is also available. This includes all meals and most field trips.

Limited space available.

Have a wonderful summer and an amazing Kindergarten school year!

## Great Links for Parents:

[planetturtle.com](http://planetturtle.com)

[morestarfall.com](http://morestarfall.com)

[www.kidslovetoknow.com](http://www.kidslovetoknow.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.education.com](http://www.education.com)

[www.life123.com](http://www.life123.com)

[www.learn-with-math-games.com](http://www.learn-with-math-games.com)

[www.apple4theteacher.com](http://www.apple4theteacher.com)

[www.kyrene/math.org](http://www.kyrene/math.org)