

FDS Curriculum for 2019-2020

This year First Day School will focus on the theme of Quaker Testimonies. Each month we will explore a Friends Testimony and will have a Godly Play/Faith and Play story lesson, a lesson centered around a book, and having people visiting from the meeting and beyond. Each month we will have a Biblical Quote and a small object for each child/youth that they can take home at the end of the month

The outline of the year comes from Melinda Wenner Bradley, the Youth Engagement Coordinator for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Melinda developed this outline for her meeting, West Chester Meeting in Pennsylvania.

The core teachers this year will be Beth Fuller, David Smith, Patti Conty, and Paul Dobler.

September Theme: Community

Bible Quote: Use your freedom to serve one another in love, that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. – Galatians 5:13-14 (The Message)

- 8 Intro to the FDS Year
- 15 Gifts (Faith & Play Story)
- 22 Book: *Mama Panya's Pancakes*
- 29 Activity on camping trip

October Theme: Meeting for Worship

- 6 World Quaker Day - Family Worship
- 13 Liam's Lunches of Love/Indigenous People's Recognition
- 20 Use little worship book (Raytheon Worship)
- 27 Worship (Faith & Play story)

November Theme: Simplicity

- 3 Family Worship
- 10 Care Packages for College Students
- 17 The Great Pearl (Godly Play)
- 24 Book – *In Search of Happiness*

December

- 1 Family Worship (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- 8 Christmas Pageant Practice
- 15 Christmas Pageant
- 22 Prep Coffee Hour
- 29 Intergenerational Worship in Meetinghouse

January Theme: Peace

- 5 Family Worship
- 12 Testimonies (Faith & Play Story)
- 19 Book *Old Turtle*
- 26 Meeting Visitor: Nora Sullivan from MAAP or someone from Peace & Social Justice Committee

February Theme: Equality

- 2 Family Worship
- 9 Mary Fisher Story (Faith & Play Story)
- 16 Book *Rachel & Obadiah*
- 23 Meeting Visitor or Kit Making for MAAP

March Theme: Integrity

- 1 Family Worship
- 8 Fox's Big Discovery (Faith & Play story)
- 15 Book *Obadiah*
- 23 Meeting Visitor
- 30 Special 5th Sunday Program

April Theme: Stewardship

- 5 Family Worship
- 12 Faces of Easter (Godly Play story) (Easter)
- 19 Book *Miss Rumphius*
- 26 Sandwich Making

May Theme: Stewardship

- 3 Family Worship
- 10 Mother's Day Walk for Peace
- 17 Nature Lesson
- 24 Family Retreat
- 31 Meeting Visitor

June

- 7 Family Worship
- 14 Last Sunday of FDS