



CHILD CARE CHRONICLE

July - August 2010

Hopefully, you are all finding good ways to stay cool this summer. The library is always great for not only staying cool, but it is also a great place to find entertainment, educational or cultural enrichment, or valuable information.

Top 9 reasons to go visit (other than the AC)

1. **Free programs and activities:** From author visits to puppet shows to family films, libraries offer programs with kid appeal after school, on the weekends, and during the summer. Ask the librarian for the schedule of upcoming events.
2. **Story times:** There's nothing like hearing a good story read by someone who loves to read aloud. Libraries are terrific settings for story times which often include finger plays, games, songs, and crafts that can be learned and enjoyed again at home.
3. **Workshops:** Many libraries offer workshops that can help enrich life as an adult and as a parent. At many libraries, it is possible to learn to knit, prepare taxes, update a resume, gain computer skills, or improve parenting skills.
4. **Books:** Librarians are happy to make recommendations and most public libraries have a special section just for children's books.
5. **Audiobooks:** Listened to a good book lately? Most libraries have a collection of popular adult and children's titles available for checkout on tape or CD.
6. **Movies:** The public library is a great source for free access to the latest blockbusters, family movie classics, documentaries, or favorite TV shows.
7. **Music:** Want to introduce children to Beethoven or the Beatles or new children's songs? Check to see if the library has a collection of music on CD.
8. **Magazines and newspapers:** Introduce children to some of the magazines designed just for children. With bold photographs, poems and a joke or two, magazines are another reading choice for beginning readers. Or catch up on the news in the community and share a smile over the comics.
9. **Computers:** Most public libraries offer free Internet access, computers with educational games for kids, and valuable online resources for teenagers.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes out to all of those who participated in the 3rd annual Outgrown Sale. Like past years, it was a huge success. The chicken barbeque was also a big hit. A special thank you goes out to the PTO who put in countless hours making the consignment sale and chicken barbeque the success that it was! We made over \$1000 on the event!

It's been a long day at work. You're tired and have no idea what to make for dinner. You're in luck! ECCC is having a sub and sandwich sale. Orders are due on Tuesday, July 20. You'll have the subs for dinner on Wednesday, July 28. Yum!

If your plans change concerning your child's attendance for this fall, please let the office know ASAP. Remember, you must provide 2 weeks' notice if your child will be leaving the center. Our fall session begins on Monday, August 30.

Remember to check your child's extra clothes to make sure they still fit and are season appropriate. Please also make sure extra clothes (and anything brought from home) are labeled with your child's name.

ECCC Night at the Barnstormers will be on Saturday, Aug 14th. Buy your tickets now at www.lancasterbarnstormers.com. If you order tickets for this particular game and use the code "eccc", we will receive a portion of each ticket purchased. Hope to see you there!



Inchworm News
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The summer is quickly passing us by. We will continue enjoying the warm sunshine by playing outside on the grass, and sightseeing on our walks around the neighborhood and to the college lake. The children are having a great time together and are learning more from each other as the months go by.

Madalynn will be turning one in August and is ready to cruise around our room with confidence. We are so proud of her.

Isabella is crawling and exploring with the biggest smile on her face.

Elysia is very verbal and would like to follow her friends around the room. We are encouraging her and cheering her on.

Brock is sitting by himself and likes the beach balls and shaking the bottles to music.

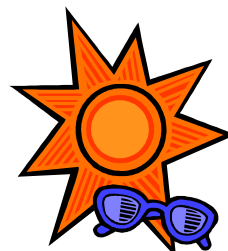
Barrett is also sitting by himself and likes to play by the busy boxes and "talk" to the zoo animals.

Garrett has adjusted very well and loves jumping in the bouncing chair. He is also pulling and inching himself around the room. Watch out, girls 😊

The Inchworms will be busy talking about the beach and the bright yellow sun. We will have a splash day and enjoy some art activities involving fish and boats.

Your children are wonderful. Please feel free to visit anytime. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay cool.

Working together,
Kathy and Lynn



Wee Bear News

July/August 2010



Themes this Month

July 19th – 23rd: Bugs

July 26th – 30th: Dinosaurs

August 2nd – 6th: Outer Space

August 9th – 13th: Shapes and Colors

August 16th – 20th: Beach Week

August 23rd – 27th: Back to School

We are learning so many fun and exciting things this summer! We are learning how to play nicely together, share toys, and use our words.

Bailey is our class song leader, Mya loves to lend a helping hand, Daniel is the class artist and loves to paint, Linwood loves building towers, Carter is learning lots about sharing, Alex also shows enthusiasm, Abram loves splash day, and Joseph just loves our book corner!

Dates to Remember

July 22nd and July 23rd Ms. Becky will be on vacation and will not be here ☹

Important Information

Just remember we are still doing splash day every Tuesday till the end of summer! So please remember to bring appropriate water clothes and towels!

Also a reminder to keep putting on that sunscreen in the mornings!



Butterfly July/August News

It's hard to believe that the summer is flying by like this. The children have settled into a good routine and are all really enjoying our outside time. Splash Day is the favorite activity, but any type of outside play is enjoyed. They're also having fun exploring inside as they learn new skills and concepts.

A few reminders...

Splash day is every Thursday. Please bring shoes that can get wet, a swimsuit, and a towel. Also remember to label everything. Remember to apply sunscreen before bringing your child every morning; the staff will reapply it in the afternoon.

Special events

- Ice cream day is August 6.
- Bike day is August 17. Please bring a bike your child can ride or a riding toy and a helmet. We will be riding on the parking lot.

What happened last month?

Emily enjoys playing with the dolls.

Landon, Sam, and Deven have been enjoying tools and fixing everything.

Makayla and Elise are having fun becoming friends and giggling together in the grass.

Paige enjoys the babies and items that go with them.

Things we'll learn about:

July 19 - 23	Zoo
July 26 - 30	Sky
August 2 - 6	Ice cream
August 9 - 13	Rivers and Lakes
August 16 - 20	Beach week
August 23 - 27	Fun week



Chipmunk Chatter

Second Half of Summer 2010

Upcoming Units and Events

July 19 – Continuing our Beach/Ocean project

July 22 – Storyteller “in house” field trip

July 26 – The Wild, Wild West

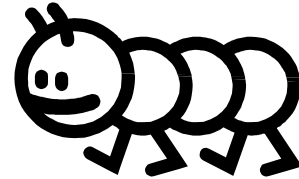
August 2 – Sticky Stuff

August 9 – 20 Butterflies and Caterpillars

August 23 – Summer Fun Week

August 25 – Reptile Show

August 27 – End of “this class” party



Reminders:

*Check out the Chipmunks having fun this summer on the bulletin board outside the office.

*Please take home bedding and wet swim items every Friday.

We've been busy this summer...

Christina really liked painting with her toes.

Khaliya and Greyson enjoy our listening center.

Emily's been drawing Max and Ruby.

Garrison likes the “Mystery Machine”, monkeys, and clowns.

Xavier enjoys mowing outside, and animals

Nicholas gets really involved in sensory table experiences.

Jordan has been busy trying all the puzzles.

Jacob and Macie get really wet at splash day.

Calleigh enjoys drawing with markers at the art center.



Bluebird Newsletter

July - August

The Bluebirds have been enjoying the warm summer temperatures and spending a lot of time outside. Splash Day on Mondays has been a lot of fun. Thank you for applying sunscreen every morning on your child; it is very helpful.

We recently learned about insects. I asked all of the children, "What is your favorite insect?" Here are their responses:

Alyssa - "I like bees because they sting."

Brody - "I like ladybugs."

Dante - "I like crickets because they chirp."

Emery - "I like lightning bugs."

Isaiah - "I like lightning bugs."

Lana - "I like lightning bugs because they light up in the night."

Matthew - "I like caterpillars and worms."

Nevaeh - "I like ladybugs."

Ruva - "I like butterflies because one time a butterfly landed on me in the pool."

Shannon - "I like butterflies because they fly."

Trent - "I like ladybugs,"

The themes for the rest of the Summer are:

July 12-23 - Dinosaurs

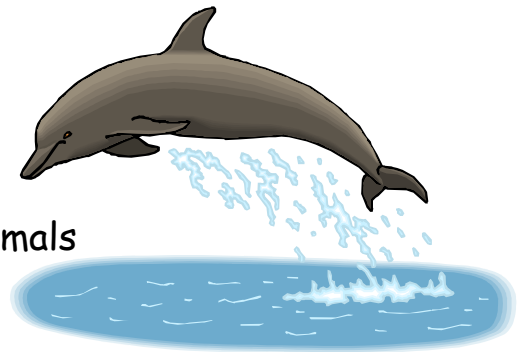
July 26-August 5 - Zoo Animals

August 9-27 - Sand, Shells, and Ocean Animals

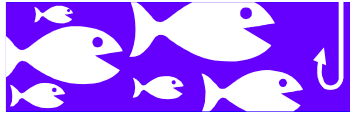
Other Special Events, In House:

July 22 - Bill Wood, Story Teller

August 25 - Bob's Critters



Enjoy the rest of the Summer! Bluebird Teachers



Notes from the Stepping Stones

July-August, 2010

The summer has been going well. We have all been having a great time playing, relaxing, and exploring. That is what summer is all about. Your children are terrific! They are so thoughtful. One child said to Miss Pat as she was serving lunch, "Miss Pat, give yourself some applesauce first before you give us more." I heard another heart touching story while the children were drawing after lunch. One of our little girls said, "God died and that's why they built a church so that we can pray for Him and always have Him in our hearts."

We really appreciate so many of you telling us when your child will not be attending. It's so helpful for planning purposes.

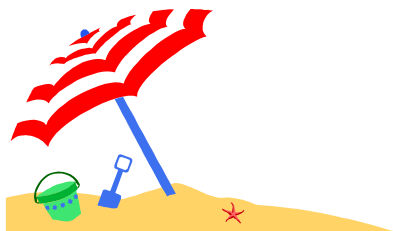
We welcomed Nicholas M. this month.

Some important dates:

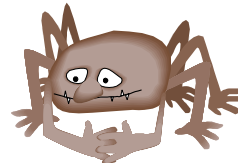
- July 22 In-house storyteller at 9:30
- July 27 Bike/Scooter day - Your child must have knee & elbow pads and a helmet in order to ride.
- July 30 Slumber Party - Bring your child's jammies, please.
- August 13 That Fish Place field trip - We will leave here at 9:15 sharp!
- August 27 Walk to the Library and stop at Subway for lunch ☺
What a great way to end our summer program!

Happy Birthday

Nick M. 7/10	Ty 7/17	Braden 7/29
Olivia 8/12	Sydney 8/21	Ella 8/30



FOX NEWS
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Field trips, splash day, cooking , walks to explore, search and investigate, bikes, swings, toys from the shed, stories in the shade, cool treats, bubbles, chalk, marching bands to patriotic music... summertime and the livin' is easy (our favorite song). Welcome to our past few weeks. We have settled into a routine, made some new friends, located our favorite toys, learned some new games and figured out how to make rest time pass quickly. Kelsey and I rub sunscreen into 18 little arms, legs and faces, watch over as many as 72 handwashings; and fill up water bottles 36 times each day. Summer is passing very quickly and the Foxes come through the door each morning, eager to see what the day will bring.

Miss Kelsey has been working with the Foxes in planning a project, which is a requirement for her practicum. She has included the following information to fill you in on how the project is progressing:

In the Foxes classroom, we are beginning a project on spiders and a mini-project on spider webs. A project is an in-depth study and investigation of a certain topic. We chose to study spiders because the children became very interested in spiders when they found spiders and spider webs on the playground. For the rest of the month we will be investigating spider webs and then spiders and engaging in hands-on active experiences to teach the children more about spiders. We have already collected some materials and books related to spiders and webs but if you have any at home that you would be willing to bring in for our spider and web project they would be greatly appreciated. The children are very excited about learning and we will keep you updated on what the children are learning each day.

After the spider project wraps up we will explore the ocean and beach, another popular subject that the children talk about a lot. Be thinking about what your child may have to share in this area also. Keep your calendars handy so that your child will not be left out of any of our fun. The times for our activities are posted on the calendar, and there is no alternate care if you arrive while we are off-site on a walking trip. Be sure to apply sunscreen in the morning and don't forget a water bottle for your child. Thank you for your help and cooperation in all of our activities so far.

July's Short News

We like splash day
when we get Miss
Tina and Mrs.
Anderson wet.

- Jessica and Dylan

We like playing with
friends.

- Kylie and Elizabeth

Kendall liked the
Harrisburg Soccer
activity.

Allison and Paige
enjoyed working
with the
school-agers on our
fashion show.

We like special days
like Park Day, and
Library Day when
we pick out books.

- Madison, Ashton,
and AnJalina

Max enjoyed our
name word search.

Kayla liked splatter
painting outside.

Avery had fun
making and eating
popsicles.

Explorers' busy
summer...

Thanks for making it great!

Little Rascals' News

July/August 2010

Wow! Can you believe that the summer is halfway over? It won't be long before it will be time to buy new school clothes, school supplies, and backpacks. Until then, we plan to enjoy these wonderful hot sunny days.

Please remember to check the calendar daily for upcoming events so that your child/children will be prepared each and every day. It is also best if your child keeps a complete change of clothes in his or her basket.

Also, **please encourage and remind your child/children to bring a water bottle.** During these hot days the children need plenty of water.

I asked the children what their favorite things to do so far here at ECCC were. Here are some of their responses:

Kaitlyn - Well, I think making arts and crafts. At home, I can swim. I swim underwater

and I am starting to learn to do a hand-stand with only one hand.

Hannah Z. - I like doing all the activities.

Karly - Bowling

Jade - Making lizards

Olivia S. - Hanging out with my friends

Alena and Katrina - Going to the park

Dayne - Playing sports

Jacob B. and Tristan - Bionicles

Blake - Playing video games

The Little Rascals would like to thank the Cavenders for the Transformers and Bionicles. The boys are very excited about the newest addition to our manipulatives.

As always, if you have any ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Little Rascals' staff.

