

CHILD CARE CHRONICLE

June/July 2010

Ahh, summer is just about here... the days of air conditioners, swimming pools, and lots of fun outside in the sun! All members of the office staff are looking forward to picnics and cookouts.

Don't forget to come to our Outgrown Sale on Saturday, June 5. The event is from 8 a.m. until noon; we have so many nice items for sale that you absolutely must check it out! We'll also be having a chicken barbecue that day; a limited number of meals will be available for purchase during the event.

Donuts with Dad and Other Special Men will be held on Wednesday, June 9 in the fellowship hall. This is a drop-in event from 7 – 8:30 a.m. Sign up forms will be distributed soon.

Be sure to let the office know about any dates your child will not be here this summer. Knowing these dates early helps us to plan appropriate staffing. Please let Marianne know when you are using free days. Include a note or write the free days in the memo section of your check. Free days may only be used when your child is absent or the center is closed.

Please apply sunscreen to your children before bringing them to the center in the morning. If you supply a bottle of it, we will reapply it in the afternoons and other times when necessary.

Don't forget to wash your child's hands when they arrive in the morning. This helps to cut down on the spread of germs.

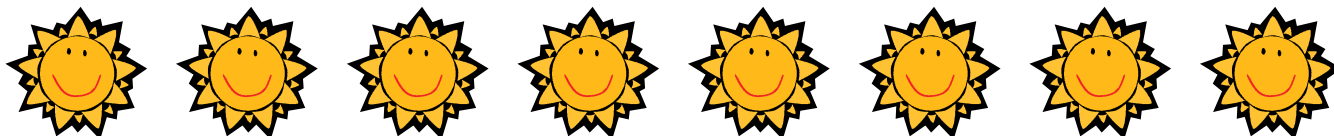
Be sure to check out your child's classroom newsletter and daily sheets. This will help you to know of any special activities that your child's class will be doing or any special items that can be brought in. If your child is moving to a new class, you will receive a June/July newsletter for both classrooms.

We'll be holding a cell phone recycling fundraiser in June. More information will come soon.

Looking ahead... ECCC will be closed on Monday, July 5 for the holiday. Also, we're having an ECCC Night at the Lancaster Barnstormers on Saturday, August 14. It's a fireworks night, and the Phillie Phanatic will be there!

Here are some tips for safe summer outdoor play:

1. Make adult supervision a crucial element of play. Children should never be left alone near water, not even for a moment. Water toys should be kept out of sight or out of reach when not being used so children are not tempted to play in or near the water alone.
2. Buckle children up with helmets, knee pads and other protective gear when playing with ride-on toys, including tricycles, scooters, and skates.
3. Keep children protected from the sun and heat. They should wear hats, sunglasses, and a broad spectrum sunscreen. It is important that they drink plenty of fluids during and after play, even when they do not feel thirsty.



Inchworms Newsletter

June/July 2010

As the summer months are approaching we have to say good-bye to one of our Inchworm friends. Sophie will be leaving our room to spend time with Mom and Dad at home. She will be returning in the fall to become a Wee Bear. We will miss her, but we will always be checking up on her and looking for her great big smile. She also will be turning one on June 3. Happy Birthday, Sophie!

June is fish month. Our room will be decorated in different kinds of fish and we will talk about water and the ocean they swim and splash in. "Fish" will be our new word, and we will make fish faces and learn to sign "fish". We will also focus on Bubbles this month.

The Inchworms would like to welcome a new friend to our room. Garrett will be joining our fun and learning with lots of laughs and love.

The beginning of July will be our patriotic theme. The colors red, white, and blue will be displayed throughout our room. We will talk about the flag, fireworks, and parades.

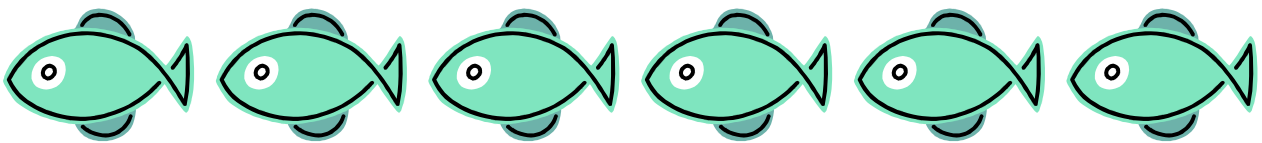
The center will be closed on Monday, July 5. Happy Fourth of July!

We always welcome your ideas and concerns. To all parents old and new, thanks for your continued support. You make our job so much easier and enjoyable.

Have a fun-filled summer with your children!

Working together,

Kathy, Lynn, and Lois



Wee Bear News

June/July 2010



Themes this Month

June 7th-11th: Exploration Week
June 14th-18th: Get to Know You Week
June 21st-25th: Bear Week
June 28th-July 1st: The Sun and Yellow
July 5th-July 9th: Stars and Stripes
July 12th-July 15th: Fish and Water



Bailey, Carter, Daniel, Linwood, and Abram would like to welcome the new Wee Bears to the room. Myasia, Alexander, and Joseph will be joining us on June 14th! We would also like to say goodbye to our friends Paige, Elise, and Emily who will become Butterflies on June 14th.

Dates to Remember

June 9th: Stay Late Day - Ms. Becky will be staying late to meet and greet any parents who wish to attend!
June 10th: Transition Day
June 20th: Happy Father's/Grandfather's Day!
June 22nd: Happy Birthday, Carter!

Important Information

Every Tuesday starting June 29th will be Splash Day. Also, since the weather is getting warmer and we would love to be outside every chance we get, please remember to put sunscreen on your Wee Bear in the morning before coming to school. We will reapply it after nap before we go outside to enjoy the weather in the afternoon.



Butterfly Newsletter

First Half of Summer 2010

It's already summer and I have just a few reminders. Please apply sunscreen to your child before you bring them to school. If you would like us to reapply it in the afternoons, please bring in a bottle of sunscreen so we can do this.

Splash Days will be on Thursdays. Your child will need a swimsuit, a towel, and shoes that can get wet. If you would like, you can bring any water toys that may be fun for us to use; please remember that guns are not appropriate. Be sure to label all items brought in to our program.

Units of study

Men in the family
Butterflies
Camping
Red, White and Blue
Community helpers
Mercer Mayer week



Last month we...

Greyson liked singing and dancing for all of us.

Garrison enjoyed the Clifford books.

Calleigh and Makayla became great friends while playing with the babies.

Xavier and Landon played football together, throwing the ball back and forth (maybe future pros!).

Deven and Sam have been building tall and wide towers with the blocks.

Jacob really enjoyed watching the mother duck and ducklings (check out our book about the ducks when you have a chance).



Chipmunk Chatter First Half of Summer 2010

June 1 - Eric Carle Author Appreciation (rescheduled from May... our "Doctor project was so much fun that we extended it.)

June 7 - Kids' planning theme

June 11 - End of "this class" party

June 14 - Welcome to the Chipmunks' summer program! Our first unit of study will be a celebration of men in our families. A song we will be learning is:

"DAD" ("Jingle Bells")
D-A-D, D-A-D
Dad is my best friend.
We play games, we go to the park,
The fun just never ends!
D-A-D, D-A-D
I love to hold your hand.
It feels so good, it feels so safe,
You're the best Dad in this land.

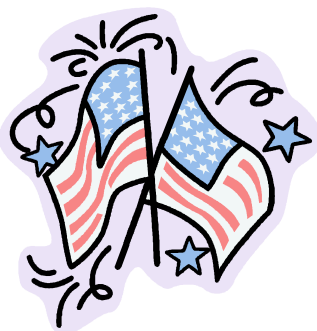


June 21 - Summer Sun will be our topic of study. We will discuss the importance of the sun, how to protect yourself from the sun, and we'll have fun with shadow play. We'll learn the song "Mr. Sun":



Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Hiding behind the tree.
These little children are asking you
To please come out so we can play with you.
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on, please shine down on,
Please shine down on me.

June 28 - Happy Birthday USA - Wear your red, white, and blue on Friday. We'll learn a song, "Our Nation's Birthday", to the tune of "Frere Jacques".



July Fourth, July Fourth
Is the date, is the date
Of our nation's birthday
Of our nation's birthday
Celebrate! Celebrate!

July 5 - ECCC is closed.

July 6 - Fun with Bubbles - We'll be doing experiments with bubbles, blowing bubbles, and playing with bubbles.



July 12 - We will do a "project" on the beach/ocean. We will be looking for what the children are interested in learning more about in the ocean.

Reminders:

- Sneakers are preferred footwear. Flip flops are not allowed.
- Splash Day will be every Friday beginning June 23rd. Please provide a labeled swimsuit, towel, and splash shoes. Children may also bring a water toy (no guns, please) or a fun sprinkler.
- Sunscreen reminders:

You apply it in the morning.

If you want us to apply it in the afternoon, you need to provide the sunscreen in a labeled bottle for us to keep in the room.





Bluebirds' Newsletter

June-July 2010

Welcome to the Bluebird Room

Shannon - Ruva - Alyssa - Matthew - Neveah
Emery - Trent - Dante - Lana - Isaiah

Welcome to all the new families who are joining us in the Bluebird Room for the summer. We are excited that summertime is here and excited about all the fun activities we will be experiencing inside and outside the classroom. Remember to look at our information board and read your child's "Daily Report" so you do not miss any information about what is happening.

The Bluebirds will be spending more time outside during the summer months on the playground and also exploring the world around us. **Please apply sunscreen on your child in the morning before they come to preschool** to help protect them from the sun. If you would like us to reapply sunscreen in the afternoon, please bring sunscreen (labeled with your child's name) in to the classroom. We need to keep all sunscreen in a locked cabinet. Questions - ask Cindy or Elaine.

Splash Day

Our first "Splash Day" will be on June 21st. Every Monday after that we will be having water activities outside. The children will be able to play in a water sprinkler, water table, and just play with water. Details about what to bring were sent in your Bluebird Information Pack. Questions - ask Elaine.

Water Bottle

Each child may bring a water bottle (labeled with their name) to take outside during our outside playtime. We will also take additional water outside so the children can have extra drinks during the hot summer days.

Surprise Box

Surprise Box is sent home with a different child each evening. Your child is to place an item in the box to share at Circle Time. Write down three clues that will help the other children guess what the item is in the box. We will read the clues for your child to repeat and then the class tries to guess what is in the box. This is a great language activity that all the children enjoy. (The directions are on the lid of the box.)

Bluebird Garden

The Bluebird class has a garden plot beside the playground. In May we planted flowers and vegetables. During the summer we will be watching the seeds and plants grow and then have a chance to taste the veggies that we have grown. Check it out!!!

Summer Themes:

June 14-18 Insects

June 21-25 Insects

June 28-July 2 Summer Foods

July 5-16 Construction

Summer Vacations

It is very helpful when we are planning our lessons to know when your child will not be attending. When we are doing special activities we try to plan it on a day when all the children will be attending. (Sometimes it will not work.) You can tell one of us or write us a note.

Contacting Bluebird Staff

You can contact us in several ways during the day. We will try very hard to contact you the same day.

1. E-mail the office and they will copy the message and put it in our mailbox in the office. We will then contact you.

2. Call the office and they will give us the message. The best time to talk to us on the phone is in the afternoons between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. when the children are napping.

3. Write a note (if you do not see us at drop off time) and give to the office staff. They will put it in our mailbox.





Stepping Stones' Newsletter June/July 2010

Welcome to the Stepping Stones' class. The teachers in our class are thrilled to be interacting with your children this summer. Allow us to introduce ourselves to you.

Mrs. Donahue (Mrs. D.) teaches in the "big room". She has a Bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Science and many credits in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. D. has over 20 years experience in preschool education.

Miss Pat is the teacher in the Diamond Mine room (the smaller room at the end of the hall). She holds a BS degree as well as a CDA in early childhood, and she has been at ECCC for over 9 years.

Miss Tamme is the invaluable assistant in our program. She has extensive experience working with young children in preschool settings and with the Girl Scouts.

We run a rather laid back program in the summer; after all, summers are for kicking back and having fun! Many of our efforts will be focused on developing social and self help skills and encouraging growth in all the other developmental areas.

The themes for June and July will be Food and Reptiles.

It is very helpful to let us know if your child will not be at the center. You may communicate this through the office, on the sign-in sheet, or by telling one of the staff.

We do a lot of walking and a lot of outdoor activities in the summer. Please be sure that your child is dressed in comfortable clothing and has safe running/walking shoes on or at the center. Sandals, jellies, shoes with heels, and flip flops are not appropriate shoes for our summer activities.

Parent participation and input is welcome and encouraged in our class. Some ways that you may want to get involved might be joining us for lunch (with one day's notice) or field trips, share talents, or spend part of the day with us. Please always feel free to ask for a time to chat if you have any concerns. We are all in this together.

Please check out our bulletin boards. There are a few in each room as well as a large one at the end of the hall outside of the Diamond Mine room. They frequently contain useful information about what is happening in our class and in the community. Our lesson plans are displayed on the bulletin boards. There is also child development information on the hallway bulletin board.

Don't forget to check out the wonderful artwork displayed in our rooms.

A monthly calendar of activities will be sent home to you. We recommend that you post it on your refrigerator. This will enable you to see at a glance all that your child will need each day.

Since summer is supposed to be a time for vacation and fun, we deviate from our school year routine. We dedicate each day to a special activity.

Mondays - Rotation of **E-town Park/College Pond/College Track**

Tuesdays - Outside Activities Day Some Tuesdays will be parking lot games such as jump rope, chalk, basketball, etc. Some Tuesdays will be scooter and bike day. Your child may bring in his/her scooter or bike on this day; helmets and pads are required. Please label them. Some Tuesdays will be toys day. Your child may bring trucks and cars to play with on the parking lot. Some Tuesdays will be messy art day.

Wednesdays - Splash Day Towels, swimsuits, and water shoes are required. You may send in special water toys if you want. This includes squirt bottles, bottles, sprayers, etc. No pretend guns, please.

Thursdays - Many Thursdays will include a field trip or a walk to the library. We may also walk to get slushies. We are also trying to start a Buddy Program with another class on Thursdays.

Fridays - In-room activities and sharing days We encourage board games. Other possibilities include an educational or theme related toy. Some activities that we will be doing on Fridays include movies, board and card games, cooking, and having slumber parties.

Items Your Child Will Need for the Summer

Comfortable play clothes and a bag of spare clothes We tend to get extra dirty in the summer!

Safe running/walking shoes We have found that sneakers are the best.

Water Bottle for your child to keep at the center. Please put your child's name on it.

Sunscreen Please apply to your child at home. We will reapply as needed.

Small pillow and blanket for nap. The children get very tired in the summer.

We hope that you have a cool, safe, and fun summer,
Joan, Pat, and Tamme

JUNE FOX NEWS UPDATE

The school year is coming to an end and I must very sadly say goodbye to some of my Foxes for the summer. BUT before I do, we still have some time left to have some more fun.

"ANIMALS! We want to talk about animals!" the kids are saying. "What animals?" I ask. "Just animals", they say. SOOO, we are going to talk, sing, and read about animals and I need your help. I would like you to help your child remember to bring in ONE animal (NOT REAL) each day next week, and I would like them to know the name of the animal and three facts about the animal. Just three simple facts, not a book report. ☺ AND I would like to give you the opportunity to read you or your child's **favorite animal book** to the class. This would be in the form of a mystery reader, so you can not tell your child you are coming in to read. I will put a sign up sheet in the hall and you can fill in a time that would suit you.

The AM class will be available from 8:45 to 11:00 and from 12:00 to 12:45. You may sign up for a book and take as little or as much time as you like. If you want to stay for lunch, just let me know.

The PM class will be available from 1:00 to 3:00. You may come for lunch also, but we do not want your child to know that you are the mystery reader afterwards. Sign up to read for as much time as you think you will need.

If you have questions about a book or want suggestions, just ask me. We will do this next week and into the following week if needed.

As many of you know, my Fox room moves lock-stock and barrel to a larger nursery school room for the summer to accommodate the larger number of children. We will be "moving" throughout the week of June 7th so some of our time may be spent in the "big room" each day. We may also be spending more time outdoors doing fun things like lemonade and animal cracker walks or going for slushies. Be sure to check our door for our location if you do not find us in our room.

I want to say what a wonderful group of parents you have all been this year. It has been a real joy getting to know you. Thank you for your support, your suggestions, your help, and your willingness to bring in and sign up for all the things we needed this year. I now know why I had such a great bunch of kids in my classes. I will see most of you over the summer, but to those that will be leaving the center for the summer; be safe, have fun and above all...make memories.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Welcome to the Explorer Kingdom, Summer 2010

Summer is here! We will begin the summer program with the Explorers and Investigators joining together as one team. Therefore for the summer we will be known as the Explorers.

Each month you will receive a calendar to help you and your child to be ready for each day's adventure. We review this calendar in class every day. We stress that it is the Explorer's responsibility to be prepared for each day.

This year the teachers for the summer class will be Miss Tina and Mrs. Anderson. The week of June 21st Miss Tina will be on vacation. Mrs. Anderson will be on vacation the weeks of June 28th and July 12th.

Helpful tips for the summer:

Water bottles: Please label a water bottle with your child's name. It will be kept in the room and used outside on the playground and in the classroom.

Extra clothing: Please keep an extra set of clothes in your child's basket. These really come in handy over the summer as back up for when items are forgotten. Right now most baskets do not have extra clothes in them and if they do they may not fit anymore.

Suntan lotion should be applied at home in the morning. However on splash day it is helpful to have a second coat applied before going out in the afternoon. Please label your bottle!

Splash day: Your child will need a swim suit or change of clothes/towel/some kind of foot wear (water shoes or old shoes). This is so we don't step on any bees with our bare feet.

Bike or scooter day: Your child may bring their bike or scooter on the appropriate day. For scooters, you must have knee pads and helmets. For bikes, helmets are required by state law

Swimming at Masonic Village: It is helpful if the children wear their swim suits under their clothes - boys may just wear a shirt with their swim suits to school those days. Be sure to provide clothes to change into when we return to the center.

Quiet time: Light blanket/pillow. This is not a nap time but a time to cool off and do some reading and writing.

If you have any day trips or vacations planned please let us know. It helps us to plan activities and lunches for trips that we take.

LITTLE RASCALS' JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Little Rascals to our 2010 summer program! We have planned a fun and exciting program based on the children's interests! During the weeks of May 31 - June 11 the children will be planning the activities, and we will end the school year with an ice cream party! June 14 is the first day of the summer session. This week will consist of hodge-podge activities as well as getting to know each other. The children will be divided into two groups: Older/Younger. PLEASE, check the attached list so you will know which group your child will participate in. Also, check your child's basket for a month-to-month calendar. PLEASE place this calendar where your child can refer to it DAILY. There is a great deal of information on the calendar that will be helpful for your child in preparing for his/her day. We stress often that it is the child's responsibility to bring what is needed for the day...not the parent's.

Thank you for taking the time to read over all of this information. Have a great summer because the Little Rascals sure will! And don't forget to let us know when your child will be on vacation or just away for the day...it really helps us in our planning.

TEACHERS:

MRS. YVETTE	MISS DAWN
MISS NICOLE	MRS. LAUREN
MR. RYAN	MRS. HOPE

DAILY SCHEDULE:

6:00	Meet in the toddler room
6:30-9:00	Fellowship hall - free play, art activities, etc.
7:15-8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Transition - Older/Younger groups split
9:30-11:30	Outside/Inside: one group outside/one group inside (Weather permitting... if it is raining/heat advisory, we'll be inside.)
11:30-11:45	Both groups together/Play large motor game/Circle
12:00	Prepare for lunch
12:15-1:00	Lunch/Organized game
1:00-1:30	Quiet time (reading, writing, relaxing, etc.)
1:30-2:30	Choice of outside/inside planned activities
2:30-3:00	Free choice
3:00-3:30	Snack
3:30-4:30	Free play and table activities
4:30-4:45	Circle (transition)
4:45-5:30	Outdoor play (weather permitting)
5:30-5:45	Inside/fellowship hall
5:45-6:00	Toddler room

ON THE CALENDAR YOU WILL SEE:

PARK DAY: We try to go streaming on Park Day. Please bring an old pair of sneakers or water shoes and an EXTRA SET OF CLOTHES to participate in streaming.

PARKING LOT DAY: Roller blades, scooters and heeies are permitted; knee pads are required. The children are allowed to wear heeies ONLY OUTSIDE on parking lot day... NEVER INSIDE.

SPLASH DAY AND SWIMMING: SPLASH DAY 1:30-3:30. Children must have a towel, swimsuit, or an extra complete set of clothing to change into (a complete set includes underwear and shoes), and an old pair of shoes or water shoes to participate in Splash Day. WE WILL NOT ALLOW A CHILD TO RUN AROUND OUT IN THE FIELD WITHOUT SHOES. Our reason? Bees! We don't want your child to step on anything that will harm him/her.

FIELD TRIPS: Please be aware of departure times. Wear comfortable shoes. The children should not bring money when going on a field trip. No alternate program is provided at ECCC during field trip times.

LITTLE RASCALS' RULES AS COMPOSED BY THE CHILDREN

* Respect others:

No name calling

If you don't have anything nice to say... don't say anything at all

Don't hurt people's feelings

Listen to each other

Be kind to each other

* Respect the property - the church building as well as items that belong to the center

* No gum chewing

* Be polite and use your manners

* Play safely

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN ALLOWED TO BRING TO THE CENTER?

- ✓ Hand held games (ex. Gameboy/DS but no handheld DVD)... they can play their games from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.)
- ✓ Portable cd players w/headphones. If a child wishes to share a cd with the class, you must provide the lyrics to the music and the teachers will decide if it is appropriate for all the children to listen to. Some music is not appropriate for all age groups.
- ✓ Videos. Our policy states that a teacher must preview the movie before it can be shown to the group.
- ✓ Water bottles with his/her name labeled on it. Please, only water... no Gatorade or soda.
- ✓ An extra set of clothing to keep in their basket never hurts.

*** ECCC is not responsible for lost or missing items.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER!

LITTLE RASCALS' TEACHERS

LITTLE RASCALS' GROUPS - SUMMER 2010

OLDER: 31

Wilangely B.
Jacob B.
Samantha B.
Kate B.
Tyler B.
Miles B.
Tristan B.
Olivia C.
Taylor D.
Karly F.
Karisa G.
Ali G.
Jake G.
Shayne H.
Ben H.
Matthew H.
Karrah K.
Kristyn K.
Noelle K.
Katrina K.
Claudia L.
Emily L.
Nat M.
Daltyn M.
Tyler M.
Spencer R.
Sadie S.
Sami S.
Kaylee S.
Zachary T.
Ethan V.

YOUNGER: 32

Nathan B.
Erin B.
Marshall B.
Alex D.
Hailey E.
Jayden F.
Dayne F.
Eric G.
Kyler H.
Hannah K.
Crislynn L.
Alexis M.
Kalib P.
Alexander P.
Elijah Re.
Elijah Rh.
Kaitlyn R.
Megan R.
Mia R.
Carter S.
Jade S.
Macy S.
Blake S.
Seth S.
Cole S.
Mackenzie S.
Tyler S.
Hayden S.
Olivia S.
Abria W.
Garrit W.
Hannah Z.