

# Children's House Newsletter

## July/August 2024

### July Themes

Summer  
Seasonal  
Changes



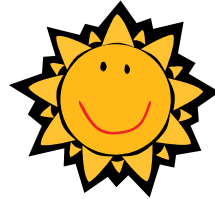
Picnicking

Summer Outings

At the Beach

Ocean Animals

Nursery Rhymes/Fairy Tales



*Please know parents are always welcome to assist with a project, read a story or just spend time with your child's group if you have some free time in your schedule!*

### 7/24 Sports Day

Children can wear their favorite sport or team attire. Children can bring anything sports related (and safe to touch!) to school to "Show and Tell" about.



### 8/1 Pajama / Drive-In Movie Day

Children can come to school in their PJs and enjoy a movie together along with a treat.



### August Themes

Dinosaurs (P2 –Pre-K)

Wild/Unusual

Animals

Zoo/Jungle

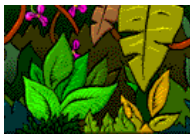


Transportation

Rainforest

Ecology

Week



All About Art

Artists

Forms of Art



Famous

Illustrators of

Popular

Children's Literature

*We welcome your input on the themes presented throughout the summer.*

### Upcoming Events

#### 7/3 Luau Fun!

Children of all ages can wear bright colors or Hawaiian shirts with leis and/or grass skirts!



Teachers will plan fun activities for the day!

#### 7/4 Children's House CLOSED in observance of Independence Day



**7/12 Favorite or Silly Hat Day** Children can wear their favorite or silliest hat to school.



#### 7/16 Fun with Bubbles!

How many things can we use to make bubbles? What games can we play with bubbles? *Creativity Abounds!*



#### 8/9 Mud Day

Children will enjoy the squishy, cold texture of mud and learn the ways in which mud is useful!



#### 8/13 Mismatch Day

All can enjoy the fun of mixing up favorite outfits and appreciating different colors, textures and creative or silly styles.

#### 8/21 Crazy Hair Day

Have fun with colors, accessories and styles. Express yourself in a unique way! *Note: Infants and Toddlers need to avoid accessories that could be chokeable.*



#### 8/29 Spirit Day & Carnival Games

Children are encouraged to wear our logo colors of orange, blue and green and will have fun participating in games with a Children's House theme or fun carnival-like activities!



Friday, 8/30

**CENTER CLOSED  
for Staff Professional  
Workshop Day**



**Summer**

**Swimsuits, Towels,  
Sunglasses and  
Sunscreen**

“Summer Fun” is now in full swing! We have hooked up the sprinklers; we’ll be bringing out water tables for water play and having lots of outdoor fun in general! Children should bring a bathing suit and towel daily. PLEASE label all items brought to the center.

Staff will apply AFTERNOON sunscreen on sunny summer days if a labeled bottle is provided by the parent along with a current, signed permission form. Please label your child’s sunscreen bottle with his/her first AND last name and be sure staff are informed it is on site. Please note that some sunscreens are flammable. We cannot have sunscreen that is labeled “flammable” on site – please check before sending in.

Labeled hats and sunglasses are fine to leave at school. Please understand though, that they are hard to keep track of and might be lost – even if labeled. We’ll do our best to keep everything together.

## Bug Repellants

In order to apply bug repellants at the center, we need a physician’s note indicating the need for application and permission to use a **specific brand**.



Just as with sunscreen, if the product label indicates it is “flammable”, it cannot be used at the center and parent would need to apply in the morning. Staff would apply away from other children in the afternoon if necessary.

## IN AN EMERGENCY...

Upon enrollment, we ask parents to supply us with a list of emergency numbers. ***If those numbers change or if your extension changes at work, please notify us in writing right away.***

It would be helpful too if parents would please notify us if they will not be at work or if they’ll be reachable only by cell.

## Staff Vacations

Our staff have already begun taking their well-deserved vacation time. We will post substitute coverage on the doors. If a classroom is shut down for any reason, the location of each child assigned to the group will be posted on the door. Sometimes this will happen if the enrollment during any given week is low.

We always do our best to have at least one of the two staff assigned to a room available to the children. In P1 and P2, we will **always** have a familiar staff person sub – since there is only

one teacher. If numbers allow, we will combine P1 or P2 with P3.

## Parking Lot Issues

Parents need to be aware that some of our families are very upset about getting blocked in by “triple parkers”, having drivers exit the wrong way into oncoming traffic entering the lot, and trying to maneuver



around or wait behind vehicles parked by the sidewalk waiting for a person to drop off or pick up. **Please inform anyone who will be dropping off or picking up your child (or even Uber drivers) that they must park in a space while waiting.** It is unacceptable to hold up others who are trying to park or exit the lot.

If there is a driver still in the vehicle who can slowly circle the driveway while another person takes care of drop off or pick up, that would be great. If you are alone, please circle the driveway until a regular spot becomes available. Please use the correct traffic pattern to exit the parking lot. A couple extra minutes can be all the time needed to prevent a terrible accident or worse yet - injury.

Staff have been instructed to make drop off and pick up as quick as possible to assist in getting parents back to their vehicles in a timely way.

We recognize that convenience is a big factor, but **safety** and courtesy toward others is the higher priority. Thank you!

**Enjoy your summer!**