

Children's House Newsletter

July/August 2021

July Themes

Summer
Seasonal
Changes



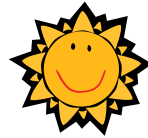
Teddy Bear
Picnic

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!

Upcoming Events



7/5 Children's House
CLOSED in observance of
Independence Day

7/8 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!



7/13 Favorite or Silly Hat Day Children can wear their favorite or silliest hat to school.



7/21 Fun with Bubbles!
How many things can we use to make bubbles? What games can we play with bubbles? *Creativity Abounds!*



7/29 Stuffed Animal Day
Children will be learning about dinosaurs, wild animals, zoo animals and jungle animals in August. Bring your favorite stuffed buddy.



8/6 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.



8/10 Crazy Hair Day



8/18 International MUD Day



8/27 Pajama / Drive-In Movie Day

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



9/2 Carnival Day Children will participate in fun carnival activities and have fun bouncing in the bounce house throughout the day.

- Ring the Duckie
- Bean Bag Toss
- Sweet Treat
- Making
- Big Pretzels



Friday, 9/3

CENTER CLOSED
for Staff Professional
Workshop Day



Teacher Training

August Themes

Dinosaurs (P2 –Pre-K)

Wild/Unusual

Animals

Zoo/Jungle

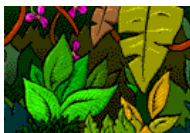


Transportation

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.



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/he 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.

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 P2, we will **always** have a familiar staff person sub – since there is only the one teacher. If numbers allow, we will combine P2 and 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 vehicles parked by the sidewalk without



endangering those stepping off the sidewalk into the driveway. Those individuals

stepping into the driveway aren’t easily visible past the parked vehicles.

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 lots. A couple extra minutes can be all the time needed to prevent a terrible 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!

Family Surveys

We have now received about 10 Family Surveys back. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the forms if you were one of those who responded!

We are off to a good start but still need to ask that more surveys be returned in order to meet the *challenging* minimum response requirement for NAEYC (our National Accreditation agency) of 60%.

All the information we’re getting is valuable to us in establishing goals for the coming year.

Additional copies are available from your child’s teacher. Thank you!



Enjoy your summer!