

Children's Center Chronicle

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Have a safe and happy
Independence Day!
Happy Birthday USA!

Important Dates To Remember

Friday, July 2

- Staff Development/Green Day-School closes at 3:30 PM (Wear green!)

Monday, July 5

- School is CLOSED- Independence Day

Monday-Friday, July 19-23

- Vacation Bible School- Dinner at 5:30 and "Adventure to Egypt" from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Tuesday, August 3

- Family Orientation Night- 7-8:00 PM

Wednesday, August 4

- "End of Summer Potluck and Picnic"- School is out at noon.

Thursday & Friday, August 5 & 6

- Staff Development-School closed

Monday-Friday, August 9-13



"Trips and Travels" will continue to be our theme throughout the summer. Each class will rotate themes: *Going to the Beach, Going to the Zoo, and Going Camping*. We hope you will share your summer time fun with us by bringing in any pictures or souvenirs you'd like to share from your own family travels.

Message from Ms. Maddy

Summer time has been very busy, with many new families joining our program and all the wonderful activities that are happening in the classrooms. Much more is sure to take place as we continue our summer theme of *Trips and Travels*. I look forward to hearing all about the fun adventures the children will have as they travel to their imaginary destinations in their classrooms.



We have three special announcements:

First is **Vacation Bible School, July 19-23**. This VBS is for all ages. The adventure begins, each night, at 6:00 with the journey ending at 8:00. We will be taking a journey back to ancient EGYPT.....without ever leaving the church. Also, dinner will be served for the whole family, at 5:30, before each night's journey begins. There will be games, crafts, songs, and stories. You will meet Joseph and hear of his journey from prison to the palace. Contact Sarah Barber at the church office to sign up.

Second is our **Intern from the University of La Vern, Ms. Tracy**. She has been in the classroom for two weeks, working with Ms. Nichole, Monday through Thursdays, from 8- 12 and will continue working with Ms. Nichole for two more weeks.

Tracy is completing her hours of practicum for her bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education.

Third is **Family Orientation Night on Tuesday, August 3, at 7:00 PM**. We will meet in Criswell Hall to hear an overview of our program and this year's up coming events. Then, everyone will join the teachers in their classrooms to hear what they have planned for the year.

Check out the great Pre-K Promotion and Acknowledgement Program Photos on our website! www.worshipweekly.com



A GREAT BIG THANKS!

To all those who helped feed the homeless by providing Chicken Casseroles in June: Kyla Huckerby, Margaret Kensinger-Klopfner, Penny Sandman, Annie Stieger, Greta Robbins, and Pam Campbell.

Ms. Nichole's Pre-K Class

July is a fun time of year for our pre K class. We are enjoying the warm sun and being outside. As the summer continues, we will begin to explore the great outdoors with our theme for July "Camping in the Rain Forest". We will be looking at different animals that live in the woods and rain forest. We really enjoyed our trip to the beach and learned incredible things about the animals that live in the ocean. Thank you to all the families that helped make graduation a great success.

-Ms. Nichole

Ms. Rebecca's Preschool Class

I cannot believe that June is already over and July is here. This month we will be getting to know each other better and start the transition from preschool to pre-K. We will be visiting and working in room 4 along with our current pre -K children to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Along with all that, we will be learning about Tropical Rainforests, where they are located and what lives there. I wish everyone a happy fourth of July and hope you are enjoying the summer.

-Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Lori and Ms. Tierra's Toddler Class

Dear Families, In July our theme is "Ocean". This will include both water and skin safety. Please bring your child with sunscreen and lip protection every day. Room 1 welcomes Brooklyn, Daniel, Madison, and Brooklyn to our group (No that is not a typo. We have two Brooklyns now) . Also, remember to check cubbies for appropriate summer wear. Thanks for your cooperation.

An Appropriate Attitude is an important skill

Attitude is very important for your child's future success . Attitude changes with challenges and disappointments. How a child reacts to adversity is an essential part of normal development. Tierra and I will support each child toward having an appropriate attitude. By providing logical consequences to inappropriate behaviors, children will learn skills to become accountable for their own actions. In addition, a positive attitude will be the goal. Attitude development is a part of social- emotional growth. For example: When a child is whining or crying when they don't get their own way, you can say "I will listen when you are calm and use a clear voice." It is important to be clear and have a non-negotiable expectation. In the beginning, you may need to restate the acceptable behavior one more time, then walk away. When the child is able to respond in a calm and clear manner, no matter how long it takes, thank them and listen without interruption. Next, together, brainstorm solutions and

select one you both can live with. How a child handles disappointments is supported through collaboration and is the beginning of skills needed for team building.

Collaboration and Team Skills.

Even now, much of the work at schools is done in small groups or teams so, the ability to work collaboratively with others is very important. People who cannot work productively with others may not be successful in a group. Effective communication skills are at the heart of successful collaboration efforts. For schools, this implies moving beyond some of the basic competencies in the language arts area to a higher level of mastery and the use of writing, speaking and listening skills. In Room 1, we practice this every day. First, we learn to tell people we need space or to say "It is my turn. You can have a turn when I am done", respecting everyone's space. Acquiring these new skills, expanding one's ability to be a team player and giving up control with a positive attitude, will take lots of modeling, practice, and patience. These will become the building blocks to a lifetime of learning. They learn how we can be out of our comfort zone for the good of the team and how to be flexible. As we learn about ocean life this month, we will see how being part of a team improves the quality of life in a story about a shark and his friend Remy. We will do some fun activities including " firefighter drills" (passing water to fill a bucket) and relay races.

-Ms. Lori

Cindy Bo's Younger Toddlers

It has been so sweet to watch the developing relationships between our Room 2 "Old Timers" and the newer children in our group, Callie, Malia, Payton and Fiona. They are engaging in many interactions with each other and increasing their language skills in the process. This past month the young toddlers have had great fun exploring the play zoo animals, classifying or grouping them with animals found in books from the "Cozy Space" , with animal puppets and with animal puzzle pieces used at the manipulative table. We have also heard some loud roaring, monkey screeching and elephant trumpeting in our classroom. The children took pretend train rides , on the chair train, to the Zoo, where they also "saw" many different animals. This month our travels will take us to the beach where we will explore and learn about sea life and having fun in the sand and waves. "Let's go surfing now. Everybody's learning how". Happy summer months!

-Ms. Cindy Bo

Room 2 Wish List:

- A Child Safety Gate
- A small tent to borrow for the month of August