

Children's Center Chronicle

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, July 1

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

Monday, July 4

- Independence Day - School is CLOSED

Tuesday, July 19

- Soccer and Smiles Clinic - 10:00-12:00

Saturday, July 30

- Work Day - 9:00 -12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 2

- Family Orientation Night - 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, August 3

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

Thursday & Friday, August 4 & 5

- Staff Development - School is CLOSED

Monday-Friday, August 8-12

- Summer Break - School is CLOSED

Monday, August 15

- Traditional Session Begins

Sunday, August 28, AGUMCC Serve

Coffee Hour - Wendell Curry Financial Aid

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 four special announcements:

First is our intern from the University of La Vern, Ms. Leticia. She has been in the classroom for two weeks working with Ms. Rebecca on Wednesday from 7:30 -4:30 and will continue to be here for two more weeks. She is completing her hours of practicum for her bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education.

Second, there will be a special activity on Tuesday, July 19. "Soccer and Smiles" will come to our school to give a soccer lesson to each class. If your child is not scheduled to come on this special day, you are welcome to come with your child to attend the lesson. Time for both toddler groups will be at 10:00, preschool at 10:30, and the Pre K at 11:30.

Third, we are having a **WORK DAY** on Saturday, July 30, from 9:00 - 12:00, to help spruce up the back yard. We need to re-paint the road and add more sand and wood chips to the backyard play spaces. There will be a sign up for volunteers at the Sign In /Out table.

Fourth is our annual **FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT** on Tuesday, August 2, from 7:00 -8:30 PM. Everyone will meet in Criswell Hall to hear an overview of our program and this year's up-coming events. Then, you will follow your child's teacher/caregiver to their classroom to hear what they have planned for the year ahead.



"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.

The Pre-K Promotion and Acknowledgement Program event was fun and inspirational!

We had 15 students sing beautifully and accept their certificates of completion. We also acknowledged over 60 wonderful volunteers who have given of their time, talents, and support over the 2010-2011 school year. **Check out the WONDERFUL Pre-K Promotion and Acknowledgement Program Photos on our website!**

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Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Wow! June is over and we had a great time studying about oceans, beaches and the creatures that live there. I hope everyone starts off the month with a great Fourth of July. For the month of July, in the classroom, we will be going on "An Adventure In The Rainforest". We will be learning about the animals, plants, insects, and people who live in the rainforest. Along with the rainforest theme, we will continue to prepare for kindergarten by reviewing our letters, numbers, words and practicing our social and problem solving skills.

~ Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Wasinii and Prue's Preschool Class

How time flies. It is so hard to believe that June is already over and July is here. We had a great time visiting the beach in our dramatic play corner, even though it was hard to find the warmth outside for most of the month. The children especially enjoyed sitting in a beach chair, relaxing in the "sun" and eating chicken and drinking orange juice from the cooler. Our theme this month is "Going to the Zoo". We will be busy learning about many different animals, reading animal books and singing animal songs. We will continue to review our numbers, letters and shapes to prepare us for the Pre-K classroom. Last month, we began visiting the Pre-K classroom. We really enjoyed having lunch with the soon to be kindergarteners and Ms. Rebecca. We will continue to visit the Pre-K classroom frequently, this month, so that the children's transition to the new room will be as smooth as possible.

~ Miss Wasinii

Ms. Kristel's Transitioning Toddler Class

In June, my primary group of children and I moved from Cindy Bo's classroom to our new classroom.

The theme for June was camping! We focused on painting with natural elements such as dirt, sticks, leaves and rocks. We also had a tent in our room, that the kids just loved! Our sensory tub was filled with wonderful opportunities for the children to explore with their hands. (For example, water, sand and rocks). July we will be "Going To The Beach".

The children will learn about sea life, the ocean, tide pools and other fun ways to spend time at the

beach. It will be an exciting month! I will also be introducing a "Surprise Box". The children will be able to bring in something to put into the box and then have the opportunity to describe it, to help the other children guess what is in the box!!! This should be a challenging and fun experience for our little group.

~Ms. Kristel

Cindy Bo's Toddlers

As it turned out, we had only one new child join us for the summer. Therefore, I will be the solo teacher in room 2 and Prue will be working as a float teacher for the rest of the summer session. It has been great having Abby Wighton join us. We welcome Abby and her family, as they become part of our toddler class family. Our continuing toddlers have been very helpful in showing Abby "the ropes". She has quickly made herself at home and has become familiar with the routines of the classroom. All of the children in our class have been engaging in many interactions with each other and increasing their language skills in the process. This past month we had fun exploring zoo animals. The children classified and grouped them, created our own Giraffe and Zebra paintings and, of course, practiced lots of animal sounds and movements. The children even took pretend train rides to the Zoo. This month, our travels will take us "Camping" where we will explore things of nature such as rocks, trees, flowers and more wild life animals. We will pretend to sleep in a tent, look at the stars and sing "Cumbayah" around the campfire. Happy summer months!

~ Cindy Bo

A GREAT BIG THANKS!

To all those who helped feed the homeless, by providing Chicken Casseroles in June: Greta Robbins, Mary Thronson, Maddy Quagliano, Kim Allen, Pam Campbell, Cindy Bo, Judy Leonard, and Kristel Kardashian.

Also, thank you to Adeline Bottorff for helping with the weekly laundry. If you would like to help with the laundry see Maddy.