

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

We are looking forward to a great new school year. Our traditional school year started Monday, August 15. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. This season we have 36 children enrolled. Both our Pre K and Toddler program are full but we still have openings in our preschool class. If you know of someone in need of childcare, who has a preschool age child (3 by Oct. 1), please let them know about our program.

Parent Orientation Night was an informative evening and well attended. If you missed it, and would like your orientation packet, see your child's teacher. If you have any other questions regarding our program, please see me, Ms. Maddy.

"Back to School Night and an Ice Cream Social" will be Thursday September 8, 7:00 -8:00 PM, in Criswell Hall. The ice cream will be provided by the school and families are asked to bring a topping to share. If you would like to help with this event, please see the "Ice Cream Social Sign-Up" sheet at the sign in/out area. At this event, we will share how shopping at Vons, Spencer's Market, and Macys can help out our school through the "E-Scrip" program. Also, we will have information available on how you can get involved with the upcoming activities we have planned. *Parent participation is the key to our school's success!!*

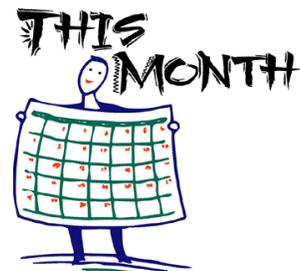
"Family Fun Day" will be coming up on Oct. 22, with a Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and an Old Fashioned Carnival. **Please come to the planning meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:00 PM.** Also, talk with your child's teacher about the booths your child's class has planned for the carnival and see how you can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this BIG EVENT: sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival and/or get pledges and participate in the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in pledges, you receive 10 free carnival game tickets and if you collect \$100 in pledges, your child will receive a **PLAY FREE CARNIVAL BRACELET**. The money raised from this event will help us purchase teacher "Wish List" materials for their classrooms.



Theme for The Month "I Am Special"

Help us to get to know your family better by completing your child's family collage. This is a wonderful activity that bridges the relationship between school and home. Please let your teacher know if you have not received your collage poster.

- ★ Monday, Sept. 5
School is Closed
- ★ Thursday, Sept. 8th
Welcome Night and Ice Cream Social @ 7:00 PM
- ★ Wed. Sept. 14 & Thurs. Sept. 15
Pony Pictures @ 9:30-10:30



- ★ Thursday Sept. 22
Family Fun Day planning meeting @ 7:00PM
- ★ Thursday, Sept. 30
Scholastic book orders due!
- ★ Saturday, Oct. 22
Family Fun Day Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and Carnival from 11:00 AM to 1:30PM

Fruit of The Spirit * Kindness *

"The LORD is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness". Psalm 145:17



Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Our school year is off to a great start! We have had a great time getting to know about each other, as well as ourselves, during the month of August. We explored how we are the same and how we are different and that this is what makes our world exciting.

For the month of September we will start meeting our Zoo-Phonics friends, 'A', 'B', and 'C' and we will be looking at the numbers '1', '2' and '3'. We will also be discussing "fall", and the changes that occur in the environment during this time. We will be learning about harvesting apples and other benefits of the season.

Be on the lookout for the "Book Bag" and the "Guessing Can". We will start sending them home in the weeks to come.

We are looking forward to a great month!
Thanks,

-Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Kristel's Preschool Class

August has been filled with appreciating each child. The theme for the month has been "I am Special".

As a class, we are focusing on "Share Time". The children love to come in each morning with something to share. I give them each a chance to share the item they have brought in for the day. I feel that this enhances their communication abilities amongst each other and helps develop their turn taking abilities.

As a teacher, I believe that our daily jobs are another great way for the children to feel appreciated. Each day, during our first circle time, the children get to choose which job they want for the day. For example, Snack Helper, Timer Helper, Art Helper and, last but not least, Line Leader.

For September the theme will change to "All

About Me". I will focus on getting to know each child and the uniqueness they bring to their school. I would like to ask my families to write down some family traditions you may have, that may be different than other families. I would like to expose the children to different cultures, and traditions. This gives the children the opportunity to see their differences and to be celebrated for them.



Thank you, Truly,

- Miss Kristel

Cindy Bo and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers

We are excited about welcoming two new children to our classroom. Asher Greenberg and Tripp Toepfer will be part of my group, which will make our toddler room full! Welcome to Asher, Tripp and their families!

September will be a time for getting to know each other better, helping the children learn that each one of them is special and helping to develop their sense of belonging and significance as part of the group. For our new ones, as well as for those simply adjusting to being at school for the first time, we will work to provide predictability in their day and help them to develop a sense of security by establishing consistent and familiar routines. Building a strong primary care relationship will also provide the sense of security they will need during this time of adjustment.

We will also be exploring apples and will soon be sending home a little white "Apple Bag" for your child to bring in an apple to share. We look forward to getting to know you, our toddler families, better.



Welcome and blessings to all!

-Miss Wasinii

Please remember to **DRIVE SLOW** through the parking lot. The speed limit for everyone's safety is
15 mph. Thank you

