

Children's Center Chronicle

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Important Dates To Remember

Thursday, July 4

- **Independence Day - School is CLOSED**

Friday, July 5

- **Staff Development/Green Day**

School closes at 3:30 PM (Wear green!)

Thursday, July 25

- **Planning Meeting for Family Fun Day**
7:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, July 27

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

The Promotion & Acknowledgement Program was fun and inspirational!

All the children sang beautifully! The Pre-K children also accepted their certificates of completion of the AGUMCC program. We will miss them and wish them the best as they move on to Kindergarten. We also acknowledged over 100 wonderful volunteers who have given of their time, talents, and support during the 2012-2013 school year.

Wish List

- ◆ C and D Batteries
- ◆ Baby Wipes
- ◆ Clorox Wipes
- ◆ Sharpies
- ◆ Magic Tape

We are recycling ink cartridges for cash. Please bring your empty ink cartridges for the staff to recycle for cash at Office Max and Staples. The container for the ink cartridges is located next to the Sign-In/Out table.

Message from Ms. Maddy

Welcome to all the new families who have joined our program. Currently our program is full, with 50 students. Word of mouth is our best advertisement, so thank you for telling others about our program!

"Trips and Travels" will be our theme this July. We hope you will share your summer time fun with us by bringing in pictures or souvenirs to share from your own family 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. Summer is a busy time for many families and the staff. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be coming to school because of vacation or due to illness. Teachers need to record absences related to illness on their classroom illness log. *The staff appreciates your support in helping to keep everyone healthy.* A well balanced diet, plenty of rest and regular hand washing are **KEY** to happy and healthy children, families, and staff.



We have four special announcements:

First, is **welcoming Lisa Hall** as our new staff member. She will be working with Ms. April in the older toddler classroom. Lisa has 10 years experience as a preschool teacher. She has a passion for working with children with special needs. She has personally witnessed how early intervention can make a difference in a child's life. She believes that every child has a unique personality as well as an individual learning ability. As a teacher, she understands the importance of supporting students through learning experiences, by offering a wide variety of age appropriate activities.

Second, is our **University of La Vern Intern, Sandra Lozano**, who is completing her hours of practicum, for her bachelors degree in Child Development. Sandra will be working with Ms. Rebecca, in the morning, four days a week, for six weeks.

Third, we will have a **"Planning Meeting"** for our **Fifth Annual Family Fun Day** on Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 PM. We want this year to be the best year yet. We need help with collecting donations, contacting community members to participate, and much more.

Fourth, we are having a **WORK DAY** on Saturday, July 27, from 9:00 - 12:00. We need help repainting some areas in the backyard and courtyard. There will be a sign up for volunteers at the Sign In /Out table.



Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome To all the new and returning pre-k students and families. For our new families, a pre-k information packet is available if you have not already picked one up during Open House. I look forward to getting to know each and every child and family! For the month of July we will be learning about trips and travel. We will discuss the places we have been and the kind of transportation we take when we go on a trip. We will also be learning about different places around the world. I look forward to a fun and exciting year.

~ Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley'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 and many will make the transition from toddler class to our preschool room. As the summer continues, we will begin to travel and go on trips. We will go camping, talk about animals that we see at the zoo, and summer safety. We will start off the month with fun 4th of July activities. As you can imagine, we're starting off the new school year with a "bang".

~ Ms. Shirley

Ms. April and Ms. Lisa's Toddlers

Welcome back to school all toddlers and families and welcome to our new toddler teacher, Ms. Lisa. Welcome all new and returning children! June was a busy month as we learned about the different animals and plants that live in the ocean. The children got to see abalone shells and different kinds of starfish. We also continued to observe the growth of tadpoles to frogs. We talked about how we can help each other, as we learned



through the story of "Finny the Fish". In July we will be learning about trips and travel, with a special emphasis on going to the zoo! We will also be learning about jungle animals, especially monkeys and tigers (many of our returning toddlers have expressed great interest

in these animals). We will be learning about the different sounds that these animals make and also acting out animal movements through different songs! We look forward to building new and rewarding relationships with all of the new families and children in our classroom!

~ Ms. April

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I am very excited to begin our new school year session with our new Young Toddlers and their families. This month we are welcoming Nathan Escobedo, Kinsey Grider, Micah Johnson, Kane Marshall and Ivan Vasquez. Cohen Hall will be joining our group in August. Welcome to each of these children and their families! It was so nice to have the children visit, with parents and grandparents, during our "Week of Welcome". This gave them the chance to become familiar with our school environment and routine. Because you, their moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, took the time to be here with them, they received the message that school is a safe, secure and fun place to be. I also appreciated having the opportunity to get to know each one of them, as well as you, before their official first day of school. In order to help them develop a sense of security here, I will be working to develop my Primary Care relationship with them and to establish a consistent and familiar routine. I will also work to provide an experience for these Young Toddlers that will not only foster learning but create in them a love for school. We will begin a theme of "Trips and Travels" including a "Camping Trip" in July. The Young Toddlers will explore things of nature such as rocks, trees, flowers and wild life. We will pretend to sleep in a tent, look at the stars and sing "Cumbayah" around the campfire. I am looking forward to all the fun we will have together. Blessings to all!



~ Cindy Bo

A GREAT BIG THANKS!

To all those who helped feed the homeless, by providing Chicken Casseroles in June: Grace Forgey, Christina Cuddy, Dax Balzer, Cindy Bo, Anne Marie Woodward, and Maddy Quaglino.

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