



# Newsletter 2009



At the start of every school year children experience many new situations and emotions. They may feel afraid or intimidated by all the other children and all the noise! They may lack confidence or social skills, or they may be spending time away from home for the first time.

Whatever the case may be our teachers and staff is prepared to provide your child with experiences that are fun, creative, and educational. The activities will encourage the children's creative energy and develop their social skills.

So as we enter into this new season of fall we look forward to busy classrooms full of children having fun, happy faces, busy hands, and active minds.

Happy Fall!  
Program Director-Inell Ellis





## Professional Development



As Child Development Professionals we understand what childcare providers need to foster a child's successful development. We are constantly searching for information, strategies, and solutions that enhance our program and inspire our staff to come to work more excited, with more confidence and filled with the necessary tools and strategies to make their job easier.

During this fall season our staff will be participating in training offered by The Appelbaum Training Institute, George Mason University Child Development Center and the Child Care Network. Some of the topics offered will be:

- Social Emotional Development in Infants, Toddlers, and their families.
- Dealing with Challenging Behavior.
- Children Literacy Development.
- Winter Activities.

We will also be offering parent workshops this fall and spring. Topics, as well as the date and time will be announced.

--Elizabeth Garcia  
Director of Operations





# Classroom News!

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## *DREAMERS & LAMBS (Infants)*

It has been a great summer, time went by very fast. We can hardly believe fall is just around the corner and the beginning of another school year is here. We had a summer program full of fun, from keeping cool on water play days to finger painting activities and spending time outdoors.

It is with sad faces that we said goodbye to Evan Roundy, Naomi Leiser, John & Benjamin Shankroff as they have moved to the Lambs Room. The Dreamers staff welcomed Everett Synder, Charlotte Chien, Sebastian Sanness, Ella Humphreys, Adam Levy, Brooks Levy, Calvin Lee, Evangeline Klett, Sarah Winston and Ian Everette to Fun & Friends.

The Lambs class transitioned Audrey Coleman, Kyle Li, Bay Briceno, Reid Moneymaker, Zoe Adams-Christian, Katherine Kostrna, Tyler Bernhardt, Eric Shelsta, Leo Nolan and Georgia Barton to the BBB's class. We wish them the best and hope they are enjoying their new room. The Lambs welcomed to their room Evan Roundy and Naomi Leiser, both are doing very well.

We have already begun our **1.2.3 Read! Curriculum** ([www.123read.cdr.org](http://www.123read.cdr.org)) and are looking forward to the many fun activities that are being planned.

Welcome to fall!

Ms. Liza, Ms. Elsi, Ms. Luisa, Ms. Vanessa, Ms. Yari, Ms. Nelly, Ms. Elizabeth, Ms. Soila, Ms. Veronica, Ms. Rosi, Ms. Jacqueline



### **BBB'S**

We had a great summer especially during water play time on Wednesday; the children had fun splashing, squirting each other, and playing with the water toys.

We have started back with the **1.2.3 Read! Curriculum** ([www.123read.cdr.org](http://www.123read.cdr.org)) and looking forward to the activities we will plan and use from the program. Since we had a new group of children who have transitioned from the Lambs class we began the first week of the new school session getting to know each other, the class, and becoming familiar with the routine.

Looking ahead we will have fun with activities through book themes like Little Mouse & Red Strawberry; Choo Choo Train; Brown Bear; Vegetable Soup and more. We will expand on these ideas and do many, many great activities to enhance the children's physical, emotional, social and overall development.

We welcomed to our class from the Lambs room Leo Nolan, Georgia Barton, Audrey Coleman, Katherine Kostrna, Bay Biceno, Zoe Adams-Christian, Tyler Bernhardt, Reid Moneymaker, Eric Shelsta and Kyle Li. They have been doing well and enjoying the classroom. Goodbyes went out to Arman Badipour, Zachary Speroni, Jonah Cline, Avery Asner, Kate Vergano, Justin Stewart, Noah Shea, Aidan Bannon and Parker Borek who transitioned to the Cubs class. We miss them!

Fall is here! Enjoy,  
Ms. Marina, Ms. Louise, Ms. Samia, Ms. Lourdes



## CUBS

Another summer has passed and as we enter into fall, Cubs anticipate new beginnings and fun activities. We began the session with new faces and a fresh look in our classroom. The children are enjoying every area of the room and having fun getting know each other.

We've begun with our **Read Together, Talk Together** program which is our literacy curriculum designed to help us teach children new words and story content using children's books. The children's language and developing literacy skills are enriched and expanded through this curriculum and it helps us to have book conversations with the children. We've already read several books to the children, who listened well and participated in the activities.

For September we will venture into the themes: "Welcome Week"; "All About Me"; "Leaves"; and "Apples". October brings the themes: "Trees"; "Pumpkins"; "Fall" and "Halloween" and in November we will go into "Farm Animals"; "Fruits & Vegetables"; "Native Americans"; and "Thanksgiving". Cubs look forward to all the playing & learning we will do.

Just like a new season we welcomed some new Cubs into our room: Kate Vergano, Aidan Bannon, Arman Badipour, Justin Stewart, Jonah Cline, Noah Shea, Zachary Speroni, Avery Asner, and Varshan Chenthil all transitioned from the BBB's. We said goodbye to Jack Lucas, William Gotts, Madeleine Stigall, Aidan Drucker, and Alex Haag who transitioned to the Butterflies. We give a warm welcome to Bridget Lancaster, new to Fun & Friends. Bridget has adjusted very well and interacting with her new friends and teachers.

Cubs are "falling" for fall!

Ms. Kristin & Ms. Noemi



## *BUTTERFLIES*

Butterflies had a great summer with lots of outside play, water activities, bike days and a cool competition with the YWCA during Olympic Week.

The teachers spent a day sprucing up the room and getting things ready to begin a new season. We welcome to Fun & Friends and to the Butterflies class Aditya & Artharva Bendre. We had four Cubs that transitioned during the month of August.

These first few weeks of the new season we are talking about and doing activities on getting acquainted with each other, the classroom and the routine, we will begin with our Owl curriculum in October. In the afternoon we have been doing a second circle time and some really fun games along with learning Spanish.



Moving into fall!

Ms. Pam, Ms. Ana A., Ms. Nicole & Ms. Ana V.



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### SOMETHING NEW!

The GOL Enrichment Program is here! This program offers activities that allow every child to be engaged in physical activity once a week. For the older children (Cubs & Butterflies) soccer, dance and yoga will be offered throughout the year. The **Cubs** and **Butterflies** started with soccer on September 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the month of October and again in March, April and May. Starting November they will move into Dance through December and again in June & July. January, February and August they will have yoga. Many of the children are already enjoying the soccer and are really getting in their gross motor activity. The **BBB's** will participate in the "Toddler Program" where they will have FUN engaging in large motor skills promoting physical development and cooperation using balls, balance beams, and tunnels(plus more). They began their first session on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Their program will run the entire year.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- ✓ "Back to School Night" is an event not to be missed. This is an opportunity to meet with the teachers, other parents, and get better acquainted with the classroom, curriculum and activities.
  - ✓ Picture day will be October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. The Infants and BBB's will have their portraits done on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Cubs and Butterflies on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Each day the photographer will begin at 8:30am.
  - ✓ Costume Parade with the Senior Center will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Classroom parties will be later in the day. Parents are welcome to come and participate.
  - ✓ Inter-Active Children's Theatre "Rainbow Company" will render a performance called *"The Turkey's Tale"* on November 20<sup>th</sup>; curtain time is 10:00am.
  - ✓ Family Thanksgiving Lunch date TBD
- Keep watching for specific dates and other events.



As we get ready for this new season it may be useful to point out some important reminders:

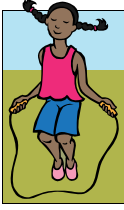
\*Make sure we have at least one (1) complete set of clothes (appropriate to season) in your child's cubby for emergencies (for the younger children it may require more than one).

\*Please inform us of any changes in address or telephone numbers as soon as possible. Make sure the office is aware so it may be included in your child's file.

\*As the weather begins to change make sure you provide proper outerwear as the children will go outside daily, weather permitting.

\*We are always sad to say goodbye to our families. Keep in mind that when withdrawing from any of our programs, make sure you give *30 days* notice in writing to ensure that your deposit will be refunded.

\*Tuition is due on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month or the 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Late fees apply after these dates.



Get, ready set play!

Playful activities are more important to a child's complete development than most of us realize. Think about this the next time you toss a ball to a toddler. Play is for everyone. The best social, intellectual and emotional results occur when adults and children play together. The essence of play is exploring what is possible. Encourage your child to experience these different kinds of play:

- Pretend and imagination
- Social play
- Playful exploration
- Games—including those made up by children
- Storytelling
- "Rough and tumble"
- Aesthetic play— including music, art, poetry, drama and story-writing

For information about play and its benefits go to <http://nifplay.org/>.

*Entering a new season we continue to strive to meet our goal "to provide a challenging environment, comprehensive curriculum and qualified staff to motivate and teach our children to want to learn"*