

# Fun & Friends Child Development Center

1609 Great Falls Street, Mclean va 22101

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2008

Hip Hip Hooray, summer is here! Our center is pleased to announce that the summer session will be put into action starting June 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Each week of summer will feature a special theme. Magic with Dean Alan, Puppet shows with the Blue Sky Theatre and Live Animals are just a few of the highlights your child will enjoy. Many learning concepts are presented to the children through books, arts & crafts, music, dramatic play, cooking, water play and outdoor activities.

### FEATURED WEEKS:

WEEK 1: Summer Fun (watermelon, lemonade & ice cream)

WEEK 2: Red, White & Blue (4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade)

WEEK 3: Enchanted Magic (Magic Show)

WEEK 4: Beach & Ocean (Jammin Beach Fun Musical)

WEEK 5: Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! (Bug Box-live insects)

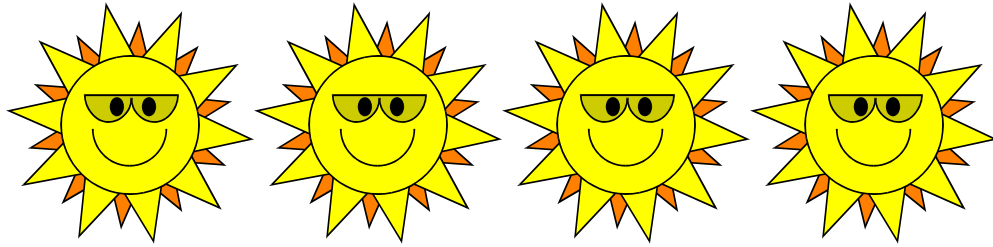
WEEK 6: Jungle & Rainforest (TBA)

WEEK 7: Nursery Rhymes (Puppet Show)

WEEK 8: At the Zoo (Squeals on Wheels)

WEEK 9: Olympics (Fun & Friends vs YWCA)

WEEK 10: Mixed up Wacky Week (Carnival)



In addition to the activities planned for the summer the children will continue to participate with music w/Ms. Shirley on Tuesdays, The Big Red Bus on Thursdays as well as Water Play fun and Bike days on each classes designated day.

### CLASSROOM SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The Infant rooms are ready to begin their summer program with daily activities such as bouncing & kicking beach balls, catching bubbles, exploring the outdoors with nature walks, finger painting and much, much more. Infant Summer Program brochures are ready for distribution. Dreamers will have water play every Thursday beginning June 26<sup>th</sup>. Lambs will splish & splash every Friday beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> both will start @10:30am.

BBB's will enjoy the summer themes and attend the planned shows and activities. They have scheduled their water fun day for Tuesdays with the first day being June 24<sup>th</sup> @10:30am. They will be enjoying the water tables, sprinklers, pails and all sorts of water toys as they splash every Tuesday.

Cubs will splash into the summer program with their first water play day on Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, and every

Wednesday thereafter starting @11:00am water day will include sprinklers & water tables. Bike day will be every Friday beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> @11:00am.

**Butterflies** have been busy practicing for graduation which will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm after that they will jump into the summer activities having their first bike day Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> and water day Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

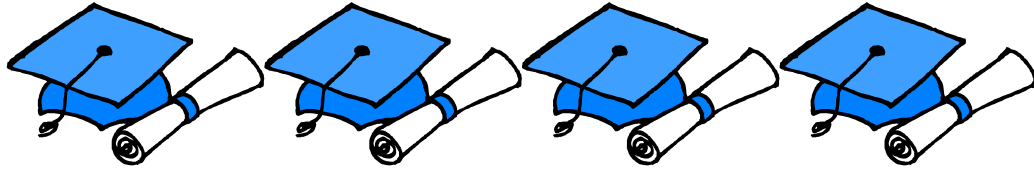
REMEMBER! REMEMBER! REMEMBER!

- **ON WATER PLAY DAYS** bring a towel, swimwear (for babies swim diaper), water shoes and a hat (optional).
- **STAFF WILL NOT** apply sunscreen lotion or insect repellent, this must be applied before bringing your child or when the child arrives at the center **by parents.**
- **ON BIKE DAYS** children **MUST** have a helmet. They will not ride without it.

*\*ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME*

### Staff Congrats!

In September we had 10 staff that began a class to obtain their Child Development Associates Credential (CDA), in April they all completed 120 hours of class time and are ready for the second stage- we congratulate **Veronica Velera, Ana Ayala, Elizabeth Rada, Soila Arriaza, Elizabeth Sejas, Marina Fernandez, Louise Brown, Kristin Ellis, Yelisa Cueto and Shamiaka Hodges** on their efforts and the time they have put into achieving this goal. Great Job!



Congratulations to Fun & Friends Child Development Center  
class of 2008

RYAN ALLCOCK  
RUBA GARI  
AMELIA GEE  
RICHARD GENDRON  
THOMAS HANUSIK  
KEVIN LARKIN  
BRITTANY PENG  
NEEMA PORAN  
DOMINIQUE ROZBICKI  
SOPHIA SHARMA  
ZOE WINSTON

#### General Reminders:

- ✓ Don't forget to sign in/out daily (please do not allow children to write on the sign in/out form).
- ✓ Check extra clothes for season appropriateness and fit.
- ✓ Be mindful of the 5 mph speed limit in the driveway and adhere to the "no parking" signs. **NO PARKING IN THE "BUSES ONLY" AREAS, IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING, AND ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY. Please pay attention to this, as the police department will issue tickets to violators.**
- ✓ Remember that ALL tuition payments are due on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> (and 15<sup>th</sup> for bimonthly payers). Any payments received **AFTER** these dates are considered late and are subject to the

late charge fee. We wish to avoid passing these charges on to you, but to do so; we need your prompt and timely payments. Thank you.

**Emergency Closing:** The recent heat wave and violent weather pattern has reminded all of us that Emergency Closings are not just during the winter months. When the facility loses power and it is expected to be out for some time, we are required by licensing to call parents to come pick up their children early. In addition, we will continue to announce any delayed opening, early closing or cancellation on our main phone line (703-356-4691). Also we will now begin to put an announcement on the home page of our website ([www.funandfriends.com](http://www.funandfriends.com)). We apologize for any inconvenience that this recent bout of weather has caused, but we are very thankful that all our children, their families and the staff have remained safe throughout the events. We greatly appreciate everyone's support and understanding.

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER**

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