

# 2010



# Summer Newsletter

## Directors' Corner

### Dates to remember

Flag Day	6/14
Butterflies Graduation	6/17
Dads & Donuts	6/18
Father's Day	6/20
Summer Begins	6/21
Fourth of July	7/4
1st Day of Ramadan	8/11

*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken"*

*James Dent*

Clear sunny days are celebration days, even in the heat of summer. The outdoors, with its sparkling light, contrasting shadows, and caressing warmth, becomes the primary learning environment.

WOW! Summer is almost here, and what great times we will be having. We are really looking forward to water play, bike days, and special shows. Our outside time will be a time for the children to learn and explore. The summer brochures have been

sent home, take some time to browse them and see all the wonderful activities that are planned.

The spring activities kept the children busy. They looked for goodie filled Easter eggs outside with the seniors and then went into the Adult Day Care for more. The seniors loved it just as much as the children. The classrooms received 82 books as a result of our participation in the Westgate book fair, this is 22 more books than we received last year. Thank you

parents for your donations to the classrooms.

There was a great turnout of moms for our Mother's Day Breakfast, there were even a few dads who came "filling in" for mom. We hope you enjoyed your breakfast. We have something special planned for you too Dad!

### Healthy Child Development

A child's developmental outcome is a combination of the genes he/she was born with and environmental influences (i.e., home, school, peers). Parents have one of the largest roles in shaping the environment their child grows up in. One of the most crucial components in creating a positive growth environment is time spent with children in positive activities. It is through the experiences of reading books together or participating in community activities/events (visiting parks, museums, attending plays, etc.) with their parents that children develop strong bonds which give them the strength to withstand stress and pressure. Here are some ways parents can support their children's healthy development:

**\*Listen to your child**

**\*Encourage communication**

**\*Spend time with your child**

**\*Provide structure**

**\*Be objective**

**\*Be a role model**

## *Infants (Dreamers & Lambs)*



Fun & Friends Memories  
"Pajama Day"  
-Atharva Bendre

As summer approaches we in the Infant Program look forward to all the fun activities outdoors. We can't wait to start our water play days every Friday starting mid June.

We will also be enjoying stroller rides and picnics.

The Infants would like to extend a big congratulations to Grace Gibbens

and her family for the arrival of her new baby sister Clara Gibbens; and also to Ms. Veronica on the arrival of her baby girl Samantha Morales.

A special Thank You goes out to the Sanness Family (Sebastian) for their gift to the Dreamers class.

Parents please remember to apply sunscreen lotion prior to drop off as we cannot do so. Also leave a hat in your child's cubby.

Have a great Summer!

Liza, Elsi, Luisa, Jessy, Helia, Megan, Soila, Jacki, Nellie, Cassie, Rosalia, & Sarah

## *BBB's*

As we say goodbye to this beautiful spring we are having, we say hello to summer. Spring was great, our BBB's have been busy. We participated in an Easter Egg Hunt; made beautiful Mother's Day cards for our moms; planted seeds; we talked about flowers, insects, bugs and zoo animals. We are ready to begin our Summer Program. It will be filled with a lot of activities such as water day, playing in the sandbox, popping bubbles and taking nature hikes. BBB's will have water day every Wednesday at 10am beginning June 23rd thru August 25th.

We said goodbye to Skylar Thomas and Daniel Lee who went to the Cubs class. A warm welcome to Emma Greenberg and Michael Babalitis to our classroom. Both are doing great!

Enjoy your Summer!

Miss Marina, Miss Vanessa, Miss Samia, Miss Tara and Miss Lourdes

## *Cubs*

Summer is nearly here and we are very excited in the Cubs classroom. We will be having water day and bike day as well as many other fun activities.

Last Friday we went on our very first nature walk.

The children really enjoyed exploring the spring flowers and talking about the insects that we saw. We have also worked on learning to spell our names and the structure of a book (ex. Author, illustrator, back cover,

and front cover).

We welcome Skylar and Daniel to our classroom and Ms. Kim is very happy to be here as well!

Happy Summer!

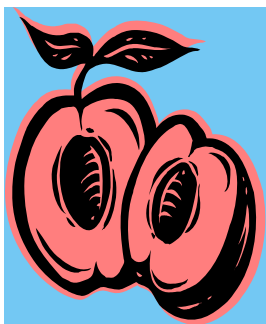
Ms. Ana A., Ms. Rossi, Ms. Kim & Ms. Ana V.



My favorite memories  
about Fun & Friends

"I liked making  
ladybugs"

-Hannah Everett



Favorite memories of  
Fun & Friends  
"Yoga with Miss  
Kelly"  
-Alex Haag

## *Butterflies*

The Butterflies are getting along well with each other. We see maturity developing in their willingness to help in cleaning up whatever needs to be put away. The teachers are also pleased that the class is comfortable with a more flexible daily schedule as well as changes in seating. We are learning the meaning of yesterday, today and tomorrow. There is more and more “Good News” being shared with talk of gardening, camping, baseball games and taking day trips and vacations. We’re glad that so many are learning to swim.

We made ladybugs for the hall bulletin board and we will work on a pond scene soon for a classroom bulletin board.

Some of the children are very close to being able to read. They are sometimes successful in telling Ms. Pam the title of a book!

We are excited about the graduation ceremony June 17th. Eight will go to Kindergarten in September. The whole class will perform several songs, and we hope all the parents can attend. There will be refreshments!

Layla Leo and Kieran Roundy have transitioned from Cubs. CJ Moneymaker has twin babies added to her family, and she has shared many photos with us. Congratulations times two!

Summer is on it’s way!

Ms. Gena, Ms. Pam, Ms. Nicole, and Ms. Elizabeth

## *Staff Headlines*



The ESOL students have completed

another term. After a summer break they will begin again with the fall session.

The staff are coming along with their CDA course. Most have completed half of the required work and received

their training certificates. The Director’s are meeting with the class once a month to monitor everyone’s progress and give help where needed.

We welcome Tara Tettefio to the BBB’s class and Cassie Cunningham to the Lambs. We also have several college students majoring in Psychology & Child Development who will help during the summer months they are

Megan Moore (Infants), Sarah Waiter (Infants) and Helia Zarkhosh (Butterflies), all are doing a great job working with the children.



My favorite Fun & Friends memory  
“We made Christmas stockings”  
-Sarah Foster

My favorite Fun & Friends memories  
“Halloween parade & candy at the Senior Day”  
-Lauren Gendron



Fun & Friends Memories  
“Planting seeds in the pig planters”

## Birthday Wishes!!

### Dreamers & Lambs

*Calvin-6/15, Evie-6/15, Ian E.-6/16, Hugh-6/26, Julius-7/25*

*Taggart-7/31, Jack C.-8/7, David-8/11, Grace-8/20,*

*Naomi-8/27, Julie-8/29*

*Ms. Elsi-6/19, Ms. Veronica-7/13*

### BBB's

*Ethan B.-6/02, Katherine-8/11, Maya-8/18, Michael-8/24*

*Ms. Samia-6/6, Ms. Lourdes-8/25*

### Butterflies

*Maya S.-6/19, James-6/24, Lauren-7/11, C.J.-7/16, Aidan C.-7/19, Elizabeth-7/21, Kevin-8/22*

*Ms. Nicole-8/5*

*And....Elizabeth Garcia-7/20, Ms. Shirley-7/9*

## Congratulations!

On your new bundles of Joy!

- ⇒ The Moneymaker's (twins, boy & girl)
- ⇒ The Gibben's (girl)
- ⇒ The Bernhardt's (boy)
- ⇒ Ms. Veronica (girl)

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***We appreciate your feedback. We value parents contributions which will help make us a better Center. If you have any comments or suggestions about our center then please do not hesitate to speak to either Elizabeth or Inell.***

### A few reminders for the Summer

- Please put sunscreen on your child each morning. The center **does not** apply.
- Dress your child in comfortable clothes and sneakers for outdoor play.
- Provide water play clothes, towel, and water shoes for your child with his/her name on it.
- Label and bring a change of clothes for your child's cubby.
- Semi-Annual Activity Fee of \$100.00 due July 1st.

### Thanks a lot

We look forward to a super-fantastic Summer!

### Summer Science

#### Water and Air Make Bubbles

Bubble Solution Recipe: 3/4 cup liquid soap; 1/4 cup glycerin (obtain at a drugstore); 2 quarts water.

Place mixed solution in a shallow pan and let children place the bubble makers in the solution.

Bubble makers can be successfully made from the following:

- \* Plastic six-pack holder
- \* Straws
- \* Funnels