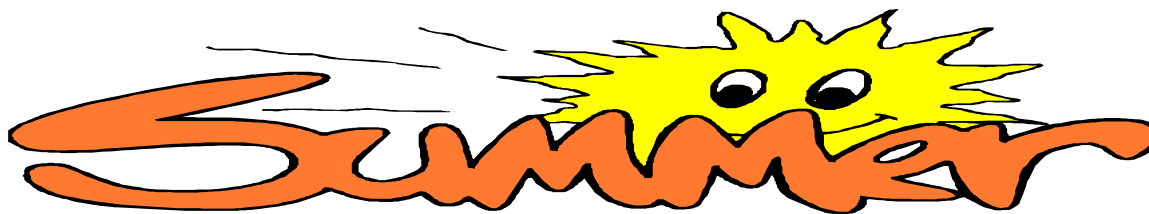


FUN & FRIENDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



NEWSLETTER 2011

As we splash into summer and the sun begins to shine bright we look forward to starting our 2011 summer session. We are very excited about the many activities and projects we have planned. The program runs from June 27th through August 31st. The themes and schedule for the summer will be as follows:

WEEK 1 Hooray for Red, White and Blue

WEEK 2 Crazy Days of Summer

WEEK 3 In the Ocean

WEEK 4 Around The World

WEEK 5 Critters and Creatures that Crawl

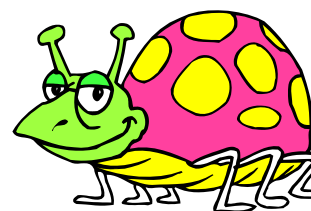
WEEK 6 Digging for Dinosaurs

WEEK 7 Let's Move It, Move It!

WEEK 8 Favorite Fairy Tales

WEEK 9 Olympic Week

WEEK 10 Sun, Sand and Water

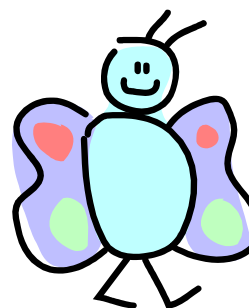


A fourth of July parade (July 1st), A Juggling Show (July 6th), A Puppet Show (July 18th), A Magic Show (August 17th), Olympic Games with the YWCA (August 23rd), and a Musical Show (August 30th) are also planned for the Toddlers, Preschool and PreK classes. In addition the children will have water play and bike day and continue to participate with the GOL program weekly.

Important Dates

June 17th: Dads & Donuts
June 19th: Father's Day
June 21st: First day of Summer
June 23rd: Pre-K Graduation
July 4th: Center Closed

September 2nd & 5th Center Closed





The classrooms received over 100 books as a result of our participation in the Westgate book fair. This amount of books has never been purchased for either center in the years of sponsoring the fair. Thank you to all parents for your donations and participation. A special thank you to a secret donation which helped us win the “friendly” book fair competition with Westgate. Some of our families also took part in carnival night. We had several winners from the games that were played. Jorden Lopez (Dreamers) won the big prize for the closest guess on how many jelly beans were in a jar.

The children really enjoyed looking for goodie filled eggs with the Easter Bunny on Easter Monday at the Senior Center. The Mother’s Day Breakfast was a great success. Moms, we hope you enjoyed everything.

Thank you to all the parents who made staff appreciation week so much fun and full of great surprises. All the fun treats were so different and that made it exciting.



Let’s Play Outside!

With the promise of warm weather approaching our summer program will include even more outdoor activities. When you think of the benefits of outdoor play, fresh air and exercise probably come to mind. But outdoor play also introduces opportunities for your child’s social and emotional growth—they develop confidence as they see their physical skills grow. This self-confidence translates into social confidence: children who feel good about their physical abilities tend to view themselves more positively. Play has often been called “child’s work,” but more than anything else, play is the primary way children express their social nature. At an early age, your child discovers that there are more possibilities that “fun” things might happen when others are around—especially outdoors. Young children go through stages in social play. Just as children get better at sports as they get older and their bodies mature, they get better at playing with others as their social skills mature.

GREAT OUTDOOR GAMES

- **Do The Ribbon Dance:** tie colored wrapping ribbon around plastic bangle bracelets. Put on music and dance with your toddler while you both move your arms to wave the ribbons.
- **Safari Hunt:** threes and fours will love this game. Take a collection of plastic animals to your local park or to your backyard and hide them. Now go on a safari to find the animals.



- **Scooping:** collect gallon milk jugs and cut one side and the bottom out to form a “scoop.” Help your child practice scooping up balls rolled to them. Use balls of different sizes and weights, and begin slowly—scooping is a real challenge to eye-hand coordination for toddlers and young preschoolers.



GRADUATION



The ceremony for the Graduating class of 2011 will take place June 23, 2011 at 3:30pm. The children have worked hard all year long and are excited to be able to share what they have learned.

This year there are 12 graduates. Six graduates from the class of 2011 began our program in infancy.* The 12 children graduating from our Pre-K program will be attending public and/or private kindergarten in the fall.

Aidan Carey*
Brienne Carkhuff
Kian Choi
Elizabeth Glace*
William Gotts*
Alex Haag
Ariel Leiser*
Trent Lopez
Ydsel Lopez*
Jack Lucas*
Kieran Roundy
Madeleine Stigall

Congratulations to all of our Graduates!

Classroom Summer Highlights

INFANTS:

Another exciting summer is just around the corner. We can't wait for our summer program to start. We are all looking forward to water play days and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. Now is a good time to check your child's cubby to make sure they have weather appropriate extra clothing. We will be going outside everyday as the weather permits so you may want to leave a hat in his/her cubby. Please note that we **do not** apply sunscreen or bug repellent, therefore you must apply it when you arrive at the



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center. For water play your child will need swim diapers, swim suit, hat and towel.

Remember to always label **all** your child's belongings. Items such as bottles, crib sheets, blankets etc. sometimes are identical, it is much easier to locate items and return them to you if they are labeled with your child's name. Licensing requires that bottles be labeled with the child's name **and** the date. Also if your child uses a Sippy cup it must be labeled with your child's name.

Let's enjoy the summer!
Ms. Liza and Staff

BBB's:

We are so happy that summer is around the corner. We have been preparing and getting ready for our summer activities which will include lots of outdoor fun and water play. BBB's water play will be every Thursday beginning June 30th until August 25th. The children will enjoy running and playing in the water with the use of sprinklers, water tables, buckets and the hose. All this fun will begin at 10:30am. Your child will need to bring swimwear, towel (in a bag), and water shoes. Don't forget to apply sunscreen lotion when you arrive at the center. Please remember to label everything.

Outdoor games and activities will be planned everyday weather permitting, so please dress your child appropriately. Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes are required.

We said goodbye to Ronin Braginsky and Jason Li who transitioned to the Cubs class, both are doing very well. A warm welcome to George Mattis and Jack Cole.

We are very proud of our newest members to the "Dry Kids Club," they are: Benjamin Graham; Keely Tift; Charlotte Chien; Catherine Grinberg; and Delilah Tanner, all have completed their potty training.

Happy Summer!
BBB's Staff

CUBS:

Summer is almost here and with summer comes a lot of great activities in the Cubs classroom! We will begin our official summer program during the last week of June. This will include water play, bike day and many special shows and games.



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We will enjoy themes about dinosaurs, we will run and get plenty of exercise for the Olympics, we will learn about the sun and beach and much more. Parents please be aware that many of our summer activities will take place outdoors. Children should be dressed in comfortable clothing. Flip-flops are discouraged because they can be a tripping hazard. Sunscreen must be applied at home or when you arrive at the center. Thank you for your time and consideration in helping us keep all of our Cubs safe this summer.

A big GOOD JOB goes out to Tyler for achieving a potty training milestone and to all our other Cubs for all their hard work! We are looking forward to another great season in Cubs!

Ms. Kim, Ms. Ana, Ms. Rossie

BUTTERFLIES:

How glad we all are to be outside at play almost every day. The science table is festooned with all manner of discoveries. I'll soon be requesting that the class bring some nice rocks.

Enrollment remained the same. We now have two new teachers, Miss LaTarsha and Miss Lourdes. Miss Amber moved away and we will miss her very much.

We are practicing our songs for the graduation ceremony June 23rd. Twelve children will be going to Kindergarten in September!

We have learned about ecology, princes and princesses, insects, seeds and pets. Our marigold and zinnia seeds popped right up and can go home to a sunny location soon. I feel redeemed after failing to get a sweet potato to root and grow a vine in March.

By late June we will be enjoying bike and water days as well as several special shows and programs during Summer Fun. Many thanks for our teacher appreciation week goodies, we felt quite pampered!

Miss Pam and staff



Music To Share

A bilingual counting song in Spanish and English

Uno, dos, y tres,

Cuatro, cinco, seis.

Siete, ocho, y nueve,

Cuento hasta diez.

La la la la la; La la la la la.

La la la la la; La la la la la.

La la la la la; La la la la la.

One, two, and three,

Four, five, and six.

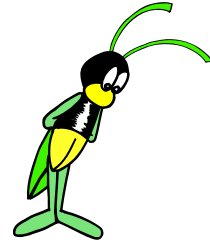
Seven, eight, and nine,

I count to ten.

La la la la la; La la la la la.

La la la la la; La la la la la.

La la la la la; La la la la la.



Thank you!

Many thanks to the families for their donations of toys, plastic bags, scrap paper and other items the children and staff were able to use in the classroom. We really appreciate these donations.

Thanks also for all your referrals.

SUMMER REMINDERS

- 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.

We look forward to a super-fantastic summer!