



July 2023 Newsletter

SUMMER FUN TIME!!!

Let's enjoy the sprinklers!!!

Dear Parents,

Happy Summer!

Happy Summer! Just a reminder: Children will engage in sprinkler play so don't forget to bring a bathing suit, towel, and water shoes for your child. If you have not done so already, please fill out the Sunscreen and Bug Spray permission slip forms and apply it once to your child before arriving at school in the morning. Don't forget to bring in a change of clothes for your child that is appropriate for the weather.

Reminder: **Plastic Bags are NOT Permitted** in your child's cubby. Please make sure all belongings are brought to school in canvas bags (bookbags, reusable, etc.)

Annual Pocono Cheesecake Fundraiser Time!
The Annual Cheesecake fundraiser will begin on Monday July 17, 2023 and end on Thursday August 13, 2023.

Please look for upcoming information on Bright Beginnings



**MAKE THIS 4TH OF JULY MEMORABLE BY
COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS AND TRULY
APPRECIATING YOUR FREEDOM.
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Dates to Remember

- Jul 3rd – Wear Red, White & Blue
- Jul 4th – Center Closed
- Jul 11th – Virtual Ocean Field Trip
- Jul 13th – Eat Your Jello Day!
- Jul 14th – Shark Day
- Jul 17th – Cheesecake Fundraiser Begins
- Jul 19th – World Snake Day
- Jul 21st – PT Reptile Visit
- Jul 25th – Create Instrument
- Jul 27th – Dance to the Electric Slide
- Jul 25th – Creative Art
- Jul 31st – Let's Celebrate Art

July Birthdays

- Jul 17^h – Maximus A
- Jul 22nd – Ms. Emily
- Jul 23rd – Saxton W
- Jul 24th – Ms. Amanda
- Jul 28th – Ashley M



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome Ms. Gail and Ms. Kianna, they are both part-time floaters. We are so happy to have you join our team! Welcome aboard!

We would like to welcome Finley and Leo to the Infant Room, and Ella, Leo, and Morris to our School Age Room. We would like to welcome back for the summer, to our School Age Room, Christian, Ayden, Cameron, Sammy, Ashley, and Cataleya.

We are very happy to have you join our Bright Beginnings family!



Infant Room News:

It's amazing to think that June has come and gone, and July is here.

Some of the skills that we have been working on with our older students is how to use their listening ears, gentle hands, and the troublesome art of sharing 😊. We hope they transfer these skills as they make their transition to the Waddler 2 classroom. Athena, Violet, and Addison we will miss having you in our class, but we know you'll do great things in your new classroom.

We would like to welcome two new little friends to our class, Finley and Leo. We will love to watch you grow and learn. Our younger infants will be focusing on fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and developing control of their body and balance.

- Ms. Stacey & Ms. Peggy



JULY WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Red, White & Blue

Week 2: Ocean Commotion



Week 3: Reptiles



Week 4: Musical Jamboree



Week 5: Let's Celebrate Art!



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS!!!

We will be doing our monthly Scholastic Book orders again! This is a great way to get some children's books for your child's collection and help us earn free books for the school! Orders are due the 15th of the month and shipped right to the school for easy pick up. You can order using the order forms or online.



CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

Waddler Room 1 News:

Starting our summer, the waddlers have enjoyed learning about summer fun activities and the yummy foods we eat when it gets hot out. We enjoyed eating popsicles and making watermelon crafts.

Our waddlers have been really loving story time. During story time they are learning to sit and use their listening ears. As they are participating in story time, they are building their imagination and act out certain parts of the story while in their play centers.

Some skills we are still working on are being able to clean up our toys after we play with them, playground safety (up the stairs and down the slide on our bottom), and walking feet inside.

We said farewell to Gabe and Emerson as they transitioned into the toddler classroom. Have fun guys, we'll miss you!

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Emily



Toddler Room News:

What's the weather, What's the weather, What's the weather out today? Is it sunny, is it cloudy? Is it rainy out today??? I don't know about you, but I am loving the weather right now. We have been going outside in the morning as well as the afternoon and the children love the extra time outside.

Thank you to all the male role models who came out to our Donuts with Dad event.

The toddlers loved our All-Things messy week. We had colored slime literally all over the place.

We have some new trucks and cars, and they are a big hit in the block center. The toddlers have been enjoying sitting and putting together puzzles, playing in dramatic play area, and any type of art activity.

We would also like to welcome Gabe and Emerson to the Toddler Room.

- Ms. Danielle & Ms. Karlyn



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Invite family or friends to visit our center. When they enroll with us you earn \$50 in cash or a \$50 credit towards your next invoice.



CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Preschool Room News:

Hey there preschool families!

As we jumped into June learning about things we do in the Summer, we only dipped our toes into the waters while we learned all about sharks and their environments. We had fun working on our gross motor skills by pretending to cross the shark infested waters. We also worked on fine motor skills and counting as we feed our friendly shark.

Once the waters were clear we really made a splash having fun eating ice pops with our friends. Our favorite part of music and movement was getting to surf and jump those waves. We played several games at the beach such as volleyball and bean bag toss. We also used steppingstones and jumped from each one to avoid touching the hot sand.

Donut forget, we took time to celebrate and recognize all the amazing father's and grandfather's by making gifts in our classroom. The best part was sharing those gifts and eating yummy Donuts with Dad's.

We then took a step back in time and learned about dinosaurs. We learned about different dinosaurs, where they lived, and experienced mining and looking for fossils by participating in the Lucky Dutchman presentation. In addition to all the fun, we got to roar and stomp around pretending we were dinosaurs with all our fellow classroom friends.

June came to an end by clowning around and turning our classrooms into a circus. We pretended to walk the tight rope on our balance beam, looked for letters in the elephant's peanuts, then tried an array of foods served at the circus during lunch.

Our friends have learned so much and continue to grow! Can't wait to see what next month brings!

- Ms. Devin



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CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Pre-K Room News:

Hey there Pre-K Families. June was an absolute BLAST! We kicked off the month with our Pre-K graduation ceremony and WOW, the children's performance was FANTASTIC! As emotions ran high and happy tears flowed, we thought of how proud and grateful we are to have been part of their journey. Congratulations class of 2023!!!

We had a week of learning and sharing our favorite Summer Fruits and we made a huge fruit salad to share with all our friends, it was so yummy. On beautiful warm sunny mornings, we have started to do our circle time and some of group activities outside, getting in the best of both worlds.

We had a great time making Father's Day cards and gifts, the children were so excited for "Donuts with Dad Day" which was a "HOLE" lot of fun. (See what we did there 😊).

We also had a nice rainy afternoon, and we formed a nice friendship circle on the carpet and created our very own friendship bracelets.

Dino week was awesome, learning about different dinosaurs and prehistoric times. The children had a great time learning about different gemstones from Mr. Tom from the Lucky Dutchman Gem Mine presentation. Of course, the most fun they had was being able to sift through and get their very own gems to take home.

We had such a great time making our very own red, white, and blue tie dye t- shirts for the Fourth of July. We learned about circus animals and clowns and even put together our own little circus parade. FUN, FUN, FUN. We are excited to see what July brings. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Summer.

- Ms. Carrie and Ms. Lisa



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School Age Room News:

Hello, hello, hello!!! Our first couple of weeks of Summer Camp were great! We've welcomed some new friends, Hello Ella, Leo, and Morris, and we've also welcomed back some old friends, Hi Christian, Sammy, Cameron, Ayden, Ashley, and Cataleya.

June was so awesome!!! The children had a great month making Father's Day cards and painting peace rocks and seashells. We displayed our painted seashells on the front desk for all to enjoy. We also practiced yoga while listening to the sounds of Calm Radio. #SoRelaxing

The kids really enjoyed the visit from Mr. Tom from the Lucky Dutchman Gem Mine. They learned about all the nature gems they can find and dig up. The children spent time looking at the gem resource sheet and analyzed what gems and/or fossils they had and what their friends had.

For this month, we want to make sure that the children get some well-needed and deserved water play. So, we are asking all the parents to make sure that the children have their water clothes and towels.

Thank you so much and please continue enjoying your summer!

- Ms. Crystal, Ms. Meghan & Ms. Rose



Waddler Room 2 News:

Hello Parents! I am so excited to welcome our friends into our new classroom. In Waddler 2, we are working on transitioning activities such as introducing circle time, sitting at the table for meals in chairs, drinking from a sippy cup, and sleeping on a cot for naptime.

We will also be getting messy as we learn through play and create many art projects. I am thrilled to be a part of this journey with you and your children as they learn and grow in Waddler 2!

- Ms. Amanda



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Summertime: Ready or Not, Here it Comes! By Pam Nicholson

Summer

This season evokes different images and feelings for each of us – parents and kids. Some of us look forward to the warmer weather and changes in schedules. Others may wish we could skip right to September.

Summer Survival Tips

It may help, as a parent, to try to employ some of the following summer survival strategies.

Time Together

Plan shared time together as a family. Whether it is a week-long family vacation or a weekend picnic at a nearby park, time away from the everyday stresses of home and work can be used as valuable time to unite your family. Feeling connected to something beyond themselves lets children know they belong. It is one of the conditions necessary for a child to develop a positive sense of self-esteem.

Family Meetings

Family meetings can provide opportunities for input from all family members when planning events. Children feel valued and included when we hear and give consideration to their desires. **WARNING:** Children often resist compromise! Acknowledge disappointment. If one child's ideas tend to be vetoed consistently, work to incorporate at least some parts of his idea into the final plan. Then focus on the benefits of whatever decision is reached; this can help keep the process from becoming too chaotic or competitive.

Play

Recognize the need to play! Remember summers as a child when it seemed like all you did was play and swim and play some more? As adults, we forget that we can and should still play, especially with our children. The longer days of summer almost beg us to get outdoors and be together. Even if you are not the type to ride a bike or play ball with your children, challenge yourself to find a way to “let go” and “go play!” Resources and ideas are available in local bookstores, online, or better yet, from your kids!! **WARNING:** Play can become contagious!!

Laugh

Remember to laugh! Many times, we can lighten up a situation with humor when we are tempted to “lose it.” A positive sense of humor helps us to keep things in perspective and works as an antidote to the drudgery, feeling of endlessness, and conflict that can arise during the long days of summer. **WARNING:** A healthy family is one that is able to laugh *with* one another and not *at* one another. Become aware of the difference between fun and positive laughter versus ridicule or sarcasm that can be hurtful. Unless all parties find the joking to be funny, the comments may have crossed the line into the hurtful.

Watch for Stress

Be alert for symptoms of stress in your family. As summer unfolds, observe behavior. Are family members feeling harried, short tempered, distracted, tense? Are your earlier expectations about summer not meshing with the day-to-day reality? Step back and ask yourself, “What’s happening here and how can we get ourselves under control?” **WARNING:** It can take time for some children *and* adults to adapt to a change in patterns or a lack of routine.

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A LOOK BACK AT JUNE EVENTS



DONUTS WITH DAD!!!



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