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DELAWARE TECH & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CDC NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Families,

We are entering into the warm summer months. Please remember to have all sun block into the classroom teachers. Water play days are underway and towels, water shoes and bathing suits are essential for great fun under the sun.

The toddler and preschool classroom have finalized their trip plans for the summer months and will be posting them as soon as we have permission from the college to travel. Be on the lookout for some great opportunities to go along on a trip with your child.

The Sesame Place trip is on June 19, 2009 and the teachers are looking forward to meeting and greeting families during their play time at the park. Be on the look out for a general meeting place to meet up with some other families and teachers from the CDC.

The CDC lead teachers have been working diligently getting ready for "Make and Take Night". The theme of the night is "Games". Families will get a chance to create games for their child's age group and take them home. At home family members can allow the children to explore the games and teach the children how to play the game. Child care and dinner will be provided.

Have a great beginning part of summer,

Miss Beth

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CDC FAMILY EVENTS & NEWS

- *CDC Drop off/pick up parking lot will be closed June 1st & 2nd.*
- *Sesame Place trip June 19, 2009.*
- *Make & Take Night, June 24, 2009 @ 5:00 Dinner and child care will be provided.*
- *Swim Days every Tuesday and Thursday!*
- *Be on the look out for Photo Appointments with Mrs. Daniela this month! Sign-up sheets will be located on her desk.*



INFANT NEWS



I have now had the opportunity to work with your children for approximately a month now and have seen much growth and development in that short amount of time. Some of the children's growth include:

Benjamin: Is recognizing and saying the names of his friends in the classroom.

Zariah: is increasing her fine motor skills by clipping the fasteners to the swing and the high chairs all on her own

Aidan: Working on pulling out the stairs when it is time to get his diaper changed.

Abigail: Her gross motor skills are improving and the new room set up makes way for her to get around faster.

Tad: Is beginning to reach for objects and pull them closer to his self.

Eloise: Is also making her way around the room much easier and faster using her gross motor skills.

As the nice weather has returned we have been able to take the children on our annual walks to the riverfront. Concerts are held at the riverfront every Wednesday at

11:30. We will soon join the crowd and listen and enjoy the music ourselves and be able to dance to it.

Some of the upcoming themes that we will cover include *All About Me*, *All About My Family*, and *Classic Story Books*

To assist with the themes be on the look out for requests for self and family pictures to add to our "Infant Family Tree". Also bring in classic storybooks that your children enjoy will help with the unit as well.

TODDLER NEWS



We would like to extend a big warm welcome to our newest addition into the toddler room, Aaliyah.

As the summer months approach please be on the watch for field trips that will be scheduled throughout the summer. We welcome family members to join us on all of our trips. If you are interested in attending a trip let

either Mrs. Rachael or one of the toddler teachers know in advance. Our trips will include a Riverfront picnic, Can Do Playground, Grandma's Attic, Brandywine Zoo, Wilmington Water Taxi and the Wilmington & Western Rail Road. You will receive a flyer with all of the dates, times and cost for the above trips.

We have begun applying sun

block before going outside in the afternoons. We recommend applying sun block in the morning before arriving at the center. If you have not already, please bring in sun block labeled with your toddlers name and fill out a medication form located in the classroom.

Upcoming themes include: Down by the Sea, Transportation and Circus Fun.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



The children have been extremely excited to observe our classroom plants and seeds grow over the last 2 weeks. We have planted a variety of flower seeds in multiple boxes and we are observing the growth as we tend to them. Our gardening project outside in the garden boxes has been sprouting up quickly too, check out those plants. Because they are so interested here, get a terra cotta pot and spend a Sunday afternoon painting or decorating it for their very own. Grab some soil, plant a few different flower seeds and see what

they turn into.

The summer field trips have been planned and the payment schedule has been set up. Please refer to the letter regarding the where, when and how much. The first payment of \$10 is due on June 12. If you have any questions regarding any details, please see Mr. Nick.

SAVE THE DATE!! The Annual Preschool Graduation and Musical Concert is scheduled for July 8th at 4:00 in CONFERENCE ROOM C. This cele-

bration is always an exciting one for the soon to be graduates and for ALL THE children to show their families a collection of their favorite songs!

Up and Coming Units of Study:

- Games
- Circus
- Maps
- The Art museum

HEALTHY HINTS

I hope all families know the Nemours formula for a healthy lifestyle by now, that is 5-2-1-Almost None, five fruits or vegetables a day, two hours or less of screen time, one hour of physical activity and almost no sugary beverages. Nemours Health and Prevention Services have graciously made a donation of Physical Ac-

tivity and Screen Time Books available for each of our families. These books are for each of our families in the infants, toddler and preschool classrooms. It is a way for you to extend healthy habits outside of the classroom and in your own environment. Job well done for every family and the healthy changes they have

made.

Nemours and the CDC are still working at promoting healthy children and families!

Look out for these books this month:

Infant Book: *One the Go!*

Toddler Book: *Jumping Day!*

Preschool Books: *Too Much Tv and The Trouble with Commercials*



ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

Take Your Children to the Grocery Store ... At Your Home!

Gather food items (cans, cereal boxes, fruits and veggies) and non-food (toilet paper, paper towels, soap) items from around the house. Place the items

on an empty shelf or table. Other items to use play money, plastic and paper bags, cash register, price and Grocery signs (which can be made by the children in advance). Provide baskets or carts for the children to use while they are shopping

around the house. Allow the children to shop for while and have them began to checkout their items encouraging them to name some of the items.. Have the children begin to bag up their items. If possible invite other children over for Grocery Store Play!



COOKING WITH THE CDC

Cheese Quesadilla

1 ounce Cheddar Cheese

2 Flour Tortillas

- Grate cheese.
- Heat a skillet on medium high.

- Place one tortilla on the hot skillet
- Sprinkle tortilla with grated cheese.
- Top with second tortilla.
- Cook for about 30 seconds, then flip.
- Cook about 30 seconds on the

second side.

- The quesadilla is done when both sides are golden brown and the cheese is melted.
- You can also use corn tortillas, different kinds of cheeses, spread refried beans on before the cheese, or add chopped vegetables. Have fun!



PICNIC

Annual Child Development Center Picnic

Where: Banning Park

When: July 27, 2009 at 10:30 am

What to bring: Just your self! We will have a sign-up sheet for hamburgers, watermelon, juice and chips.

Hope you can attend!!!



PFC UPDATE

Dear Families,

The Child Development Center is well on the way to having the new library completed. All the staff have been working very hard at moving materials around and clearing the space for the carpenter. I will keep everyone posted on the progress.

A reminder that all picture day proceeds will go directly to the Child Development Center Parent Fundraising account!

The Parent Fundraising will also be supplying dinner for the evening of the "Make and Take Night" on June 24, 2009 at 5:00. Families will have the opportunity to join in adult fun as they create activity games for

their children. Child Care will be provided.

Hope to see you there!

Miss Beth

