

MMCH July/August 2011

Newsletter

July Themes

Summer Seasonal
Changes



Summer Outings

At the Beach

Ocean Animals

Dinosaurs (PI –Pre-K)

Wild/Unusual



Animals

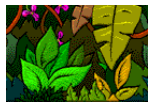
Zoo/Jungle

Nursery Rhymes/Fairy Tales

August Themes

Transportation

Rainforest



Ecology Week

International Week (Pre-K/K)

Teddy Bear Picnic

All About Art

Artists

Forms of Art



Famous Illustrators of Popular
Children's Literature

We welcome your input on the themes presented throughout the summer. If you have materials or general information on any of the above topics, please feel free to share them with your child's teacher.



Upcoming Events

7/4 Children's House
CLOSED in
observance of 
Independence
Day!

7/8 Whole School - Hat
Day - Children can wear their
favorite hat or a silly hat or
make a hat at the center!!

7/14 Whole School -
Pajama Day - Children can
wear their favorite pj's to
school!

7/20 (not 7/19 as originally
stated on form sent home in
June - due to PS/K field
trip!) Toddlers through K -
Silly Hair Day

7/25 Whole School - Mis-
Match Day - Go
ahead...make a fashion
statement!

8/2 Tods through K - Face
Painting

8/10 Whole School - Fun
with Bubbles!

8/17 If You Give a ...Mouse
a Muffin / Pig a Pancake /
Mouse a Cookie / Cat a
Cupcake Day! Children will
have fun with these story time
favorites!

8/26 Tods through K -
Teddy Bear Picnic -
Children can bring a labeled
stuffed animal to school to
"share lunch" with outdoors
(weather permitting!).

9/2 Sports Day / Bounce
House Fun! - **Last day of our
summer fun program!**

**Note: An additional charge of
\$4.00 per child is necessary to
cover the cost of the bounce
house. (More than we
originally thought due to
increased rental rates!)**

MMCH has openings!

Please let your friends and co-workers know that there are still some full time Preschool and a couple of part time Preschool openings. We also have a T Th Infant slot currently available.

Children's House, Inc. is open to public enrollment and is able to offer discounts to MassMutual, Baystate Medical Center and WNEC employees.

Anyone interested can contact Pam Flowers or Mary Larrivee at 782-4448 or can reach Pam by e-mail at: pflowers@verizon.net.

Referral Bonus for Parents: A \$50 WalMart gift card will be given to currently enrolled families who refer a new family to MMCH! The new child would need to start between now and September 30th and card would be issued after one month of enrollment (as long as continued enrollment is expected - doesn't apply to summer only enrollment).



Swimsuits, Towels, Sunglasses and Sunscreen

“Summer Fun” is in full swing now! We have hooked up the sprinklers; we’ll be bringing out water tables for water play and having lots of outdoor fun in general! Children should bring a bathing suit and towel daily. PLEASE label all items brought to the center.

Staff will apply afternoon sunscreen on sunny summer days if it is here at the center. Please label your child’s sunscreen bottle and be sure staff knows it is on site. Please note that some sunscreens are flammable. We cannot have sunscreen that is labeled “flammable” on site – please check before sending in.

Labeled hats and sunglasses are fine to leave at school. Please understand though, that they are hard to keep track of and might be lost – even if labeled. We’ll do our best to keep everything together!

Bug Repellants

In order to apply bug repellants at the center, we need a physicians note indicating the need for application and permission to use a **specific brand**. Just as with sunscreen, if the product label indicates it is “flammable”, it cannot be used at the center.



Summer Fun Program!

To change things a bit for the summer, we have implemented a “planned game” component to outdoor play for toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners.

Each week, a different type of outdoor game will be introduced to the children. Some will be familiar and some may be somewhat new to the children.

The following is a list of games the staff will focus on (subject to change):

- Relay Races/Obstacle Course
- Frisbee
- Volleyball (with Beach Balls)/Beach Ball Fun
- Wiffle Ball
- Soccer Base
- Badminton
- “Kid Olympics” – Long Jump, Paper Airplane Throw, 50 Yard Dash
- Lawn Bowling
- Parachute Play/Water Balloons/Limbo / Scavenger Hunt

Watch the teacher’s daily notes for information on how the children are doing with these games!

In an Emergency...

Upon enrollment, we ask parents to supply us with a list of emergency numbers. ***If those numbers change or if your extension changes at work, please notify us in writing right away.*** It would be helpful too if parents would please notify us if they will not be at work or if they’ll be reachable only by cell.

If *both* parents know they will be unreachable, it would be great if they could check with their back up people listed on the enrollment paperwork to be sure that *someone* is available for pick up in the event of a building or medical emergency.

Staff Vacations

As of June 27th, our staff will begin taking their well-deserved time off. We will post substitute coverage on the doors. If a classroom is shut down for any reason, the location of each child will be listed on the door.

We always do our best to have at least one of the two staff assigned to a room available to the children. In P1, P2 and P3, we will **always** have a familiar staff person sub – since there is only the one teacher.



Enjoy your summer!