

Children's House Newsletter

July/August 2015

July Themes

Summer Seasonal
Changes



Teddy Bear Picnic

Summer Outings

At the Beach

Ocean Animals

Nursery Rhymes/Fairy Tales

August Themes

Dinosaurs (P2 –Pre-K)

Wild/Unusual

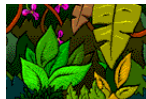
Animals



Zoo/Jungle

Transportation

Rainforest



Ecology Week

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

7/3 Children's House CLOSED in observance of Independence Day! Enjoy the long weekend!



7/6 Spirit Day! All children and staff can wear their Children's House T-shirts and enjoy a "spirited day" of fun at the center!

7/10 Teddy Bear Picnic - Children can bring a labeled stuffed animal to school to "share lunch" with outdoors (weather permitting!).



7/23 Luau Fun! - Children of all ages can wear bright colors or Hawaiian shirts with leis and/or grass skirts! Teachers will plan fun activities for the day!



7/22 Pajama & Silly Hair Day - Children can wear their favorite pj's to school and have fun being creative with their hair!



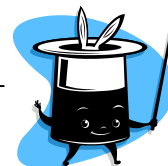
7/28 Fun with Bubbles!

How many things can we use to make bubbles? What games can we play with bubbles? Creativity Abounds!

8/3 Give a ...Moose a Muffin / Pig a Pancake / Mouse a Cookie / Cat a Cupcake Day! Children will have fun with these story time favorites!

8/11 Mismatch Fun Day Polka-dots and plaids, long socks with short socks...Go ahead...make a bold fashion statement!

9/4/15 (tentative date) - Magical Moments, Ed Popielarczyk the Magician will entertain P2 through K.



8/28 Whole School - Sports Day - Children can wear their favorite sport or team attire!

Note: An additional charge of \$2.00 per Toddler, Preschool & PK/K child is necessary to cover the cost of the summer special in-house activities (extra materials to make "fun days" possible).

An additional \$3.00 per child who will be in attendance in P2, P3, P4 or PK/K on 9/4/15(tentative) is necessary to cover the cost of the magician.

The amounts can be enclosed in a labeled envelope and placed in the tuition drawer anytime on or before July 17th.



CHILDREN'S HOUSE HAS SUMMER AND FALL OPENINGS!

Please let your friends and co-workers know that there are still some openings available (some summer/some fall) for all ages.

Children's House is open to the community and is able to offer discounts to MassMutual, Baystate Medical Center, Big Y and WNEU employees.

Anyone interested can contact Pam Flowers at 782-4448 or can reach Pam by e-mail at: pflowers@childrenshouseinc.org

Referral Bonus for Parents: A \$50 WalMart gift card or tuition adjustment (new option!) will be given to currently enrolled families who refer a **new family to CH!**

The new child would need to start between now and September 30th and the card (or adjustment) would be issued after one month of enrollment (as long as continued enrollment is expected - doesn't apply to summer only enrollment*).



Additional exclusions may apply. See Pam or Mary.



Thank you to all those parents who brought refreshments for last week's Graduation or helped out in another way!

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful, supportive families!

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 a labeled bottle is provided by the parent along with a current, signed permission form. 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!



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 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/Limbo / Scavenger Hunt

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

Bug Repellants



In order to apply bug repellants at the center, we need a physician's 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.

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 would check with their back up people listed on the enrollment paperwork to ensure that *someone* is available for pick up in the event of a building or medical emergency.

Staff Vacations

Our staff have already begun taking their well-deserved vacation time. We will post substitute coverage on the doors. If a classroom is shut down for any reason, the location of each child assigned to the group will be posted on the door. Sometimes this will happen if the enrollment during any given week is low.

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

Family Surveys

We have received back about 12 Family Surveys. Thank you for taking the time to complete the forms if you were one of the 12!

We still need to ask that more surveys be returned in order to meet the minimum requirement for NAEYC.

We have received 9 of the surveys asking for *written* parent feedback. *All* the information we're getting is valuable to us in establishing goals for the coming year.

***Additional copies are on the credenza in the main hall.
Thank you!***



Enjoy your summer!