

Newsletter

August 2010

From the Director's Desk...

Yahoo! We still have a whole month of summer left to enjoy! There are many adventures left to share before the new school year begins, so lets have some fun! August brings a center favorite—**The Carnival**. This year the carnival will be Thursday, August 19th from 6-8pm.

For those of you who haven't attended before, it is an evening of games and activities for all of the age groups. We sell food outside the Kindergarten/School Age room and the games and activities are in the play yard. We even set up the infant

playground with all sorts of fun things for the babies to do! And then at the end of the evening we raffle off gift baskets in the lobby. It's a great time for children and parents alike. You get time to visit with other parents and the children are having a blast in a safe environment. We keep the ticket costs low and the children get a small prize for almost every game, regardless of how they do. You'll want to mark your calendar!

Speaking of the play yard, I know some of you have been asking when it will re-open. Well carnival night

Amy Bartlett

will be it. We will use the full yard until fall grass seeding time is here and then try again. We had very little success in getting the grass to grow out there—but the weeds are doing great! Playing on the side yard and in the field has been a lot of fun. The children have blazed trails through the thicket, I mean "forest" on the side yard. Great adventures are to be had there—classic childhood stuff! No climber can replace that kind of nature activity.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Young Infants

It can't possibly be August already? It sure has been a hot summer and I hope you are all finding fun ways to cool off in the heat!

In August, we wish a Happy 1st Birthday to Riley! Riley has been demonstrating some of her 1 yr. skills as she moves about the room and climbs on everything. She's managed to get herself into some of the silliest predicaments. And if you want a little love from Riley, just ask and she'll blow you a kiss!

Olivia is cruising around the room now, following her friends everywhere and exploring every corner with them. She is also standing up and loving every minute of it.

Miss Rhodora

Olivia is quite famous in our room for entertaining us with the silly faces she makes. She is quite the character sometimes!

Brody is pulling himself up to a standing position now and he continues to win everyone's heart with his charming smile! Krar came back from his vacation crawling, happy and ready to play hard. Olivia, Riley, Brody and Krar all enjoy exploring the tunnel. They have so much fun twisting and turning, tumbling and giggling as they crawl from one end to the other. It's so much fun to watch the many ways these young ones interact with each other. Every day is a new adventure!



Remember to savor the summer heat, cause winter lasts a good loooong time!

Jaiden and Jaxson have adjusted well amongst their new friends. They are always full of smiles and they love a good conversation too. Jaxson is quite the story teller already!

In July we also added another new friend to our room. Krar's friend Abbas joined us at only 8 weeks old!

Older Infants

Happy August to everyone. We have a lot to talk about this month. That is because we are going to talk about nursery rhymes. Remember some from your childhood? I put together a list of 20 in no time yet there are 100's more I haven't thought of. Nursery rhymes are another great way to boost literacy skills with your baby. One of the most important things we can do for a young toddler is talk and talk and talk some more to your child. Nursery rhymes are always fun because of the rhyme and sing-song way we say them. They are great conversation starters with your little one. Remember your child is basically learning language from what he/she hears you and others say. Make sure to give

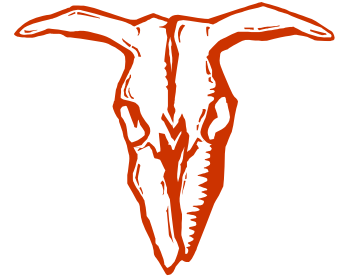
your child the consideration you would want those in a foreign country to give you, if you were learning a new language.

- Sow down your speech
- Enunciate
- Use inflection in your voice
- Sing songs with familiar words
- Point at objects and name them

Remember every child is different. Some older infants have a number of words, some only speak in babbles and others just a few basic words. If your child is making great leaps and bounds in fine and gross motor skills, their language may be developing a

Miss Ann

bit more slowly. If they are concentrating on learning language, it may seem they are not learning many new motor skills. Remember toddlers concentrate on one basic learning area at a time.



Have a great month!

Toddlers

Hi to all our families. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It is hard to believe that the end of summer is almost here. Before you know it, school will be starting up again. We will be saying good-bye to friends moving up to their new room and welcoming new friends to our room.

The month of August is all about opposites. We will talk about things

that are the opposite of each other through stories, songs, and flannel board. Some examples of opposites we will explore are day/night, hot/cold, and big/small.

Our friends really enjoy spending their time outside exploring everything around them. They like walking in the woods looking for bears, making their own trails, collecting rocks, and picking flowers. On a very warm

Miss Mary

day we got to run through a sprinkler. Our friends had a lot of fun getting wet.

Hope to see everyone at the carnival later this month. Watch for more details.

Have a great month!

Play yard will re-open the night of carnival and the partially blocked off during the fall seeding season. Perhaps we will grow more than weeds this time!

Threes

Where has the summer gone? It seems like we were just getting ready to start the summer program and now it slowly is coming to an end. We have enjoyed every beautiful day that God has blessed us with.

The month of August will be filled with fun and games as we wind down our time together. We will begin the month with nursery rhymes as we recite a few of our favorites and take part in activities to go with them. As we continue on through the month we will be exploring themes such as Water, Fun and Game, and Bubbles. Special

Days will be posted soon.

Save the Date—Thursday August 19th is our annual carnival. We will be busy over the next few weeks planning it to make it a very fun filled time for all! If you can help out with a raffle item or join in being a part of our carnival please watch for the sign-up poster in the lobby!

Enjoy the rest of summer!

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Fours

This summer cannot be beat for all the warmth & sun we've enjoyed! God has blessed us with an awesome summer! We hope the great weather "keeps on 'o-comin'" for August and our special dates for this month. "Sound Attractions" will be our first theme to start off. The whole week will be filled with fun and interesting science experiments all having to do with sound. The boys and girls love weeks like this... each day a new experiment! I wonder who learns more... me or them! ☺We will also be playing a couple of different sound bingo/lotto games this week... so fun! Story Extensions will be a fun week with some great activities from stories like "If You Give A Pig a Pancake" and "...Red, Ripe Strawberry." Holiday Rewind is a week that the boys and girls think is just "a hoot!" We celebrate Christmas, Easter, everyone's birthday, Thanksgiving, and

4th of July. Silly and mixed up....they just love it! Our last theme in August is a special week celebrating our friendships....Forever Friends.

We will welcome three's visiting to ready themselves for the move up in the Fall and we ready ourselves to say good-bye to friends who will be off to kindergarten. It's a happy and sad time all at once. We'll be making friendship necklaces, autograph books, and we'll have ice cream!

Enjoy the Summer!
Thank You's

Thank you to Zach F. And his family for sharing gummi worms.

Thank you to Mit and his family for sharing fruit snacks.

Thank you to Dakota and his fam-

Miss Heidi

ily for sharing cookies.

Thank you to Rachel and her family for sharing cookies.

Thank you to Breanne and her family for sharing popsicles and scrap paper.

Thank you to Donny and JM and their family for sharing scrap paper.

Thank you to Nathan and his family for sharing popsicles.

Thank you to Rachel and her family; for sharing all kinds of bugs & flowers for our science table.

Thank you to Zach F. for sharing flowers for our science table.



Enjoy your summer days!

School Agers

We had loads of fun on our Hi-C adventure and are looking forward to the next one. All of August we will be living in the past- back to when Kings ruled and dragon flew. If you would like to help us out, we are looking for lots of small boxes and tubes for a project this August. You can send in tissue boxes, Pringles cans, TP rolls, paper towel rolls, wrapping paper rolls, cereal boxes, shoe boxes- just about anything cardboard or paper board. Just drop the items off in the school age room. Thanks for your help.

Our summer's end field trip will not take us back to the middle ages, but it will be a step back in time. We are off to Crossroads

Village and Huckleberry Railroad. We will enjoy and old-fashion theater production, tour a black smith shop-go to school-OH NO, and even take a ride on a real steam locomotive. We would like to thank all the parents that are volunteering to drive. We could enjoy the trip or the day without you. Thank you to Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Neiderquill, Miss Hunter, Mr. Burr, Mr. Shrank and Mrs. F

Well, this is it for the School Age Program. We will be heading back to School soon. All of us would like to thank the center for letting us invade this summer. As a special thanks we are producing a play to entertain the 3's and 4's.

Mr. Watters

