

# Newsletter

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**Director's Desk...**

Happy August! These beautiful summer days seem to be flying by. So remember to stop and savor every lovely moment. Put the memories in your pocket and then pull them out when the winter winds blow!

While we enjoy the last weeks of summer, we are also preparing for the coming school year. It's a fun and exciting time for our little ones, but it can also bring a lot of change to their life. Sometimes it can even be a little scary. It's the unknown. A different room, routine, people. For some children it's even a brand new school.

To prepare the children for move ups to the next room, we have them go and visit. In the week or two before the move they will go in the morning and spend an hour or two in their new room to become familiar with the setting, teachers, etc..

Parents can help an anxious child by:

- **Visiting the room together.** Go meet the teachers and see what things your child likes in the room.



- **Talk up the new room.** Mention particular toys, teachers or activities the week before the move.
- **Keep routine**—keep the rest of their daily routine the same. If they are anxious about the move, talk about how much the rest of their life stays the same.
- **Listen to their fears** if they voice any so you know how to reassure or problem solve with them.
- **Answer their questions** if they have any. Offer to seek out answers you don't know.
- **Acting out and regression is normal with big changes** in little ones lives, especially when they don't understand their feelings or have words to verbalize them.

**Amy Bartlett**

The children's move up time is hard on parents too. Our babies grow up faster than we want them to!! It's okay to grieve a little bit too!

Enjoy the last of your summer!

**God's blessing to all our children who are moving on to big Kindergarten and the School Agers who are returning to big school. We will miss you and your families. Be sure to visit us, we want to hear all about your new adventures!**



**Young Infants**

Greetings from the young infants. I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. All of our friends sure do like to take advantage of our beautiful weather by going for walks outside and exploring our play yard. We recently welcomed our new teacher Jill Brown to our young infant

class. She has been a great help and wonderful addition to our class. We currently have seven friends in our class, our oldest Charlotte at 11 months has been learning how to sign "eat" and "more", she is so smart. Our 9 month olds Wyatt and Lorenzo have started to crawl and move

**Miss Jenny**

around our room. Jade and Eva at 8 months have started to mimic each other in song. Last but not least Henry and Emmett at 4 months are content to coo and reach for toys while under the gym. We can't to see what new things they will learn this month! God Bless...

## Older Infants



Hello from the Older Infants! As you have surely noticed, Miss Ann is still out recovering from her illness. She was a guest at Covenant Hospital for a while and is now at home getting well, getting her strength back and building stamina. The long and short of it is that she

is learning all about being diabetic and how to best care for herself. She is returning soon, starting out in the office and then getting back into the classroom as soon as she is able.

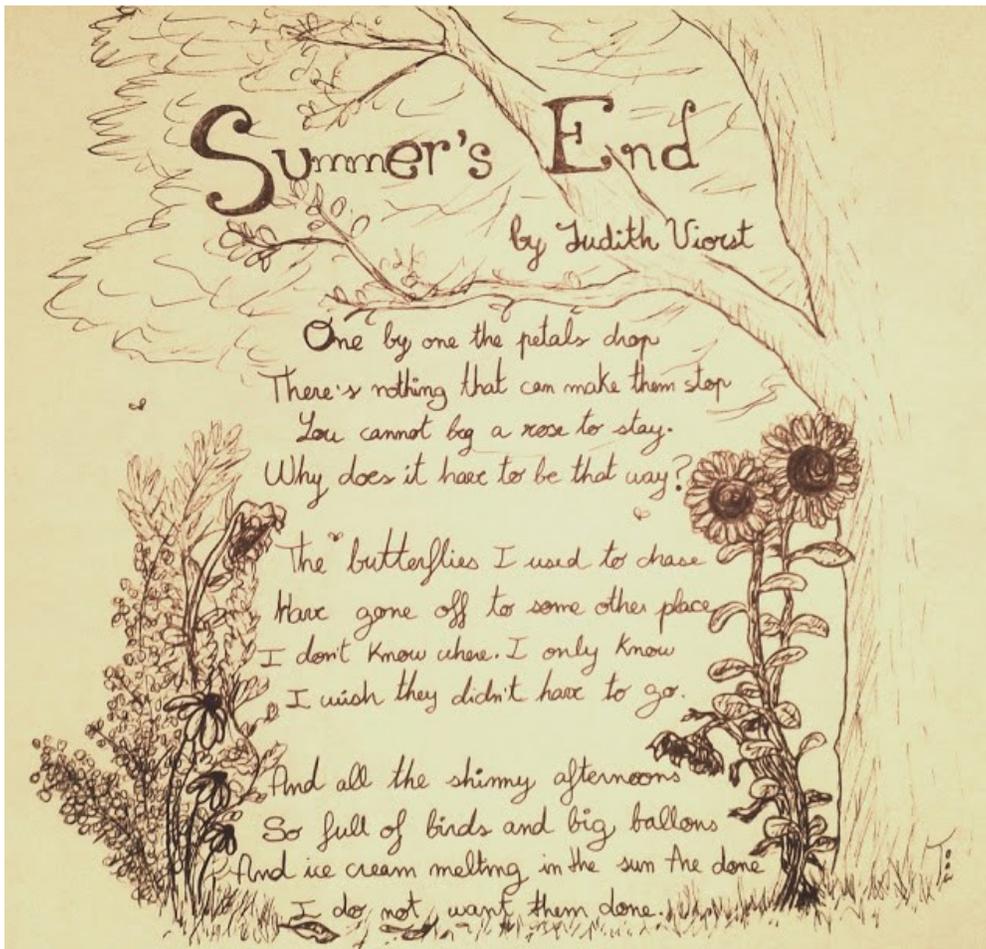
In the mean time, Miss Reagan, McKenzie and Kalie have been doing an amazing job taking care of the children, loving them, playing with them, helping them in their development—growing so big!

## Miss Ann

As the month progresses, it will be time for Miss Kalie and McKenzie to return to school. We will miss them! So in turn we have some of our returning staff (SVSU students who go home for the summer) coming back and taking their place.

In the meantime we are going to continue enjoying lots of outdoor time in the summer sun!

## Toddlers



One by one the petals drop  
There's nothing that can make them stop  
You cannot beg a rose to stay.  
Why does it have to be that way?

The butterflies I used to chase  
Have gone off to some other place  
I don't know where. I only know  
I wish they didn't have to go.

And all the shimmy afternoons  
So full of birds and big balloons  
And ice cream melting in the sun are done  
I do not want them done.

## Miss De

We are enjoying the last few weeks of the summer program, spending lots of time outside playing in the sand, hunting bugs, searching for rocks, climbing and running so fast! It's a great time for the friends to stretch their physical limits and build new motor skills. We'll continue to spend as much time as we can outside even as the fall season approaches. I hope you get to spend lots of time outside as a family and get those last summer vacations in before the weather turns cool.

Thanks for sharing your beautiful child with us in such a special season, they are a true blessing!

We have some new friends joining our room:

Mayar, Alaiya and Kyla!

Welcome to you and your families!

## Threes

It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end in the next few weeks! It seems like just a few weeks ago we couldn't wait for it to get here! We have definitely enjoyed our new additions to the playground this summer! We also have had fun with the huge rainbow blow-up sprinkler that Ms. Amy got for everyone to share.

This next month will be winding down our summer fun so we will be planning a few more water days, riding bikes, chasing bubbles and eating cool treats

together (popsicles/ice cream). Fun and Games will be a theme as well as Summer Fun!

Please be sure to leave an extra bathing suit and towel in your child's cubby (please label it). The temps have been pretty hot so you never know when we will do a spur of the moment water day.

We were certainly blessed with a wonderful group of kids this past year (aren't we always!!) Some of our friends moved to Ms. Heidi's room already, some stayed in our room for the

## Miss Di

summer and a few stayed home and will return in the Fall. We also said goodbye and good luck to Britney as she moved on to another school where her sister Kylie will be starting Kindergarten. Our toddlers that joined us this summer are doing awesome and have adjusted well!

God has surely blessed us!!

Enjoy the rest of your  
summer,

Miss Di

**Thank you Lord for those warm summer breezes, the soft evening air, the lightning bugs dancing in the sky and the glory of long lasting day light.**

## Fours

We have had the best summer so far and we still have weeks to go! We'll be going buggy with "It's a Bug's Life." For two weeks we'll be exploring the world of insects and spiders. We'll be learning what makes an insect an insect/spider. We'll be doing all sorts of fun activities, games, and art projects that involve our theme. Some activities will include: fly puppets, clothes pin butterflies, game mats, edible spiders, and butterfly playdoh mats. We are hoping to observe the metamorphosis of a Painted Lady Butterfly also!

"Legos" is a fairly new theme that I've been doing in the summer and it is a huge hit! We will do a couple science experiments including Legos and of course, several math activities that will be super fun. We'll be enjoying several favorite storybooks with many story extensions. A few of the books will be: "The Very Hungry Caterpillar, No David!, Bunncakes and The Lonely Firefly."

"Last Days of Summer" will finish up our month of August. We'll revisit

all those fun summer themed favorites like: bubbles, water day and Forever Friends. We'll celebrate friendships, old and new, as we prepare for "welcomes and goodbyes." We'll have an ice cream party to celebrate... what could be better!

Happy August!

Happy Birthday to Jake!  
Happy Birthday to Grace!  
Happy Birthday to Morgan!

## Summer Adventure Program

We are in the last weeks of the program and hoping to make the most of it! Miss Brenna had to go on back to school for an early training program, so we are wishing her well. In the remaining weeks we will have our well seasoned staff stepping in and leading the way, Miss Veronica, Miss Marina, Miss Jacky... There will be a focus on STEM activities and just plain fun old fun games, crafts and activities. Keep your eyes open for special days like water days, bike days, and maybe even a favorite food day!

Please let us know if there will be any last minute vacations and we'll be asking when your last day will be. Enjoy the last of these glorious summer weeks!

