

Newsletter

June 2018

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From the Director's Desk...

Amy Bartlett

Happy Father's Day to all our great Dads and Grandpas!!! I so agree with the following quote from Billy Graham, "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

But **we** do actually notice the gentle, caring, patient, correcting, fun and of course humbling interactions between you Dads and your children. It's a privilege to watch these moments. All of these moments tell your children how much you love them. It's the day to day **BEING THERE WITH THEM** that makes all the difference in their lives. It tells them they are worthwhile little people and guides them to the kind of men your sons will become and the kinds of partners your daughters will choose. Well done, keep up the good work!!!



It's CARNIVAL time!

Thursday, June 21st

6:00-8:00pm

\$10.00 provides bounce house, inflatable slide and obstacle course, games and activities. Paint a bird house—\$4.00

Food, Silent Auction, 50/50, Beer (root beer) Tent is extra.

Young Infant

Greetings from the Young Infants! Hooray warm temperatures are finally here! We love to take advantage of the nice weather by going for buggy rides and playing in the play yard. Our friends love the fresh air. They get so excited when we venture outside. Many of our friends have begun to explore the different textures the play yard has to offer, like sand, grass and leaves. They also love to get

visits from the big kids on the other side of the fence.

We will soon say farewell to Carter, he will be taking the summer off to stay home with his mommy. Enjoy your summer Carter, see you back in August! We would like to welcome the Murdoch family to Great Beginnings, baby Henry will start June 11th. We are so excited to welcome

Miss Jenny

a new friend to our group.

During the month of June we get to celebrate Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all the special fathers at Great Beginnings. Also on June 21st the center will have our annual carnival! Lots of fun activities and games for the kids, we even have a designated area for our infants to join in the fun. We hope to see you there!

Older Infants

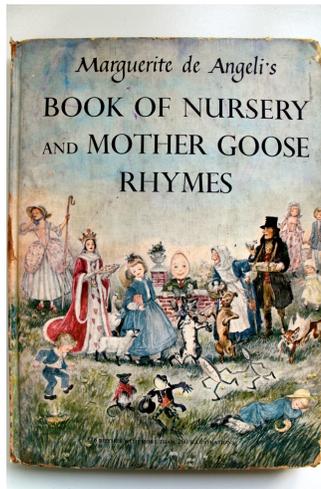
Happy June from the older infant room. We don't have a lot of news to share but we are all walking now....wait we're running is more like it. Boy do those running feet like to be outside. The little friends stand at the door and look with longing eyes at us as if to say "are you ready yet?"

While we focus on the children's interest of being outdoors and exploring nature, we will move some of our indoor activities outside. The sensory table of course is the most fun. Water play is a breeze to clean up. It does get to be a bit of a challenge when the children get wet and then roll in the sand. We have a secret weapon to get that wet sand off little bodies. It's called corn starch powder. Sprinkle it on a wet sandy bottom and the sand brushes right off. Try it!

Being outside I chose the simple theme of nursery rhymes. We can talk about them both inside and outside. Of course I don't expect them to go home saying a whole verse. This is an intro-

duction to rhythm, rhyme, beat and language. Anything that has a fun rhythm, rhyme and beat is apt to be remembered etc. more than a simple story. What a great way to introduce that language as we all await that explosion of words that comes between 18-24 months.

In preparing for this month's theme I did a bit of research on nursery rhymes. It is interesting to find the



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likely content of Little Jack Horner's pie, the association of Ring a Ring O' Roses with the horrors of the 1665 Great Plague, why hush-a-bye baby was rocked in the treetops and who the quite contrary Mary was. It was interesting to find out that Humpty was a cannon and couldn't be put back together again. Baa baa blacksheep has tax implications to the English economy. In addition there is a reason Dr. Foster never went to Gloucester again. Jack and Jill had secret liaisons up the hill that legend says ended tragically. I could go on and on but I'll let you discover all the meanings to those simple childish playground chants. Think back to your childhood and share with your baby your favorite nursery rhymes that you remember.

Have a great month and Happy Father's day to all our awesome dads and grandpas.

XOXO

Toddlers

Happy Fathers Day to all our dads and granddads! We love, appreciate and pray for you. You are important in the lives of children. I have great memories of my dad taking me fishing and to the Sleeping Bear Dunes and walking all the way to Lake Michigan with me sitting on his shoulders. He now has Dementia so those memories



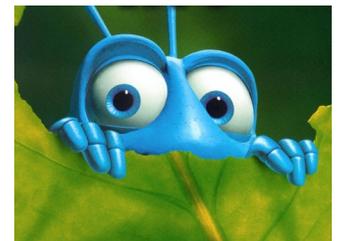
are more important now. So know dads, whatever you do and say stays with your kiddos. I hope all our dads have a blessed Fathers Day and that you take time to connect with your family.

We have been enjoying this great weather we've been blessed with. The friends love being outside, sorry about all the sand. I'm asking for you to bring a swim suit and small towel, to keep here, if you can, on days when it gets real hot we like to have water days.

This month we will be digging for bugs. The friends like to watch the ants and look for roly poly bugs. If you have any books you would like to share feel

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free to bring them in.

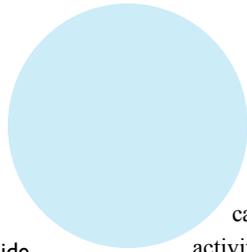


We are getting ready to say good bye to our friends that are off for the season, we say see you in the Fall to Jillian, Aleeah and Zaylee, have a great summer. We say good bye to Parker, we will miss seeing you and watching you grow.

Threes

Hooray! We have finally made it to the nicer weather! We have been able to spend most of the morning time outside lately and it is a great feeling to have the warm sun shining!

During the month of June, we will be celebrating Summer ☀️. Our plans will include bubble day, picnics, bike day and several others. Our annual carnival will

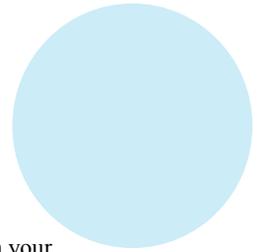
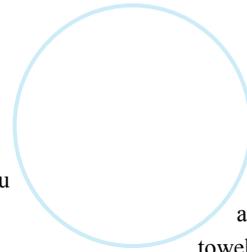


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also take place on Thursday, June 21. We are hoping that you can make it and enjoy some fun activities with our daycare family.

Happy Fathers Day to all of our wonderful Dads! You are such an important part of your child's life. Thank you for all that you do for them.

With the weather getting warmer, you are welcome to leave an extra bathing suit



and towel in your

child's cubby for the summer as we do water play. Please label your things.

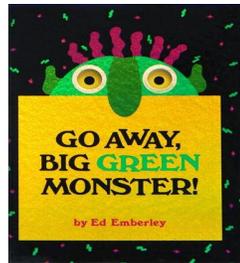
Happy June Birthday to Carli ☺️

Have a great month!



Fours

June has arrived and with it comes the focus on creatures and things in nature. We'll begin June with "Nature Calls." During this week we do fun activities with ladybugs, mud, worms and frogs. Some activities will include: ladybug math, ladybug stick puppets, "mud" finger painting and making "worm pretzel/breadsticks!" Another fun week will be all about "Monsters!" Our activities will be mostly drawn from "Go Away Big Green Monster!" storybook and the old song "One Eyed, One Horned, Flying Purple People Eater." ☺️



Eric Carle books will fill the third week of June with all kinds of story extensions. These weeks are so fun. A few of his books we'll focus on are: "Very Hungry Caterpillar, Little Cloud, Polar Bear—Polar Bear and Very Quiet Cricket." A lot of math activities will be included these weeks with some

Miss Heidi

cool art projects! (Even a firefly that glows!) Cannot wait! June will end with a bang with "Happy Birthday America." We'll be making patriotic crowns, doing a "firework scene" and painting our own flags. God Bless America! Last but not least, we'll be celebrating our fabulous fathers and Grandpa! We are so thankful for them!

Have a great June!

Happy Birthday to Nash and Kylie! Our June birthday friends!



Summer School Age

Hello Families,

I hope everyone had an amazing school year—and is excited to be on Summer Break! I just finished my FIRST year as a 2nd Grade Teacher and I loved every minute of it. I am excited to be back at Great Beginnings, and I am excited to see what this summer has in store for us! Our first theme this year will be "The Beach," and I can't wait for you to see the classroom. We have a new teacher joining us this year. Her name is Chloe and

she wrote a little paragraph about herself.



From Chloe -

I graduated from Midland High School this May and I am going to be starting

Mr. Hollar

school at Saginaw Valley State University in the fall. I'm majoring in either Elementary Education or Law and Public Administration. Eventually, I would either like to become an elementary school principle or a family lawyer, In my spare time, I like to go camping with my family and friends, take my dog Parker on walks, and go kayaking. I love going to the UP as well to hike and ride bikes.

Looking forward to a great summer!