



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

JUNE 2022 259TH EDITION

From the Director . . .

The saying goes, "They grow up so fast" and that's true of our friends here at COF! Some of the children will be moving up to their next classroom on June 13th. With the start of S.U.M.mer Camp, Miss Jennie will be leaving the Older Toddler room to head off with the big kids. Miss Kylee, who was with the OT class last year will be joining Miss Debbie for the summer again. You may have seen Miss Kylee around in the afternoons, so she is a familiar face.

A few reminders for summer...I know the summer months are very busy and schedules fluctuate often. I get it! Please just try and let us know if your child is not going to be here on any given day. If you are going to be using your FREE WEEK OF TUITION please give me a 2 weeks written notice, - email is great!

Along with summer comes more heat and SUNLIGHT! COF requires children to have a permission slip and a parent-provided bottle of sunscreen. We will always apply prior to going outdoors and we will send home a slip when it is running low. Please replace sunscreen in a timely manner when requested.

SUNSCREEN AND KIDS

THE IDEAL SUNSCREEN

- Broad spectrum
- SPF 15-30
- Includes zinc oxide
- Water resistant

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE SPF LEVEL?

- SPF 30 blocks at least 97% of UVB rays
- Higher than SPF 50 has no added benefit

HOW TO APPLY

- Apply 30 minutes prior to going out
- Roughly 1 ounce per sitting
- Reapply every 2 hours
- Do not use spray sunscreen due to inhalation hazard

AVOID SUNSCREENS WITH:

- Retinyl palmitate
- Retinol
- Vitamin A
- Parabens

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CHILDREN'S

One more special announcement...we have a new full time staff member joining us, Miss Sarah! Miss Sarah is actually graduate of COF and is joining Miss Amy in the Young Toddler class as Miss Kelly is going to serve another summer as a camp counselor. Please introduce yourself and give Miss Sarah a warm welcome!

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

MANNERS MATTER

06/06/22 - When offered food, take only your fair share

06/13/22 - When meeting new people, shake hands and repeat their names

06/20/22 - Do not show disrespect with gestures

06/27/22 - Belching and flatulence are private

THEMES:

- Sensational Summer
- Father's Day
- VBS (pre-School/Pre-K) & Toddler's Choice
- Independence Day

Staff Birthday

Special Events: Mark your calendars!!

June 13th- Move up Day/S.U.M.mer Camp starts

June 19th - Father's Day

July 4th - CLOSED for Independence Day

MISS KAREN AND MISS JILL'S INFANTS



Now that it's summer, we are saying goodbye to Kayleigh and Levi as they move up to the Young Toddler room. We are also welcoming 2 new babies to our room.

Conrad is 3 months old; and Teddy is 7 months old. Everyone has been enjoying doing art, listening to stories, and dancing to music. We try to get outside for a walk as often as possible.

While it's fun to be outside with your child, it also takes extra vigilance to keep things safe for baby and vice versa! One of the hints that we'd like to pass along, is the use of a child's empty hard plastic wading pool. Infants that aren't crawling yet can play in there. It works good for outdoor eating too. If they have something messy like watermelon, you can just hose out the mess! Just don't put sand in it, because they will eat it.

Another helpful thing that we wanted to pass along is some interesting information for parents of pre-reading children. It's called Every Child Ready to Read. The website is: everychildreadytoread.org. There are 6 pre-reading skills that children need in order to learn to read. Believe it or not, you can start helping your child start to learn these skills starting right after birth! Libraries are a great resource any time, but especially in the summer. Check with your local library for kids activities. The Librarians are always there to help you find just what you need to help you and your child. Check it out!

We hope all the Mom's had a great Mother's Day, and we wish the Dad's a happy Father's Day! Don't miss our Independence Day Parade. It's right around the corner. Have a fun summer!

MISS KELLY AND MISS AMY'S YOUNG TODDLERS



Happy June and here's to the beginning of summer! Summer is Miss Kelly's favorite season, but it sure does fill up with lots of trips and activities!

This month there is be a few changes to the Young Toddler room. First, Hannah and Caymi will be moving up to the Older Toddler class. As we say good-bye to those friends, we welcome two more: Kayleigh and Levi from the Infant room. The move-up date for these friends will be Monday, June 13th. Monday, June 13th is also the first day of S.U.M.mer Camp and that day Miss Kelly will switch over to the gym to be a counselor for that. Taking Miss Kelly's place will be Miss Sarah. Miss Sarah used to attend Circle of Friends way back when, so she is very familiar with the center. This may date us, but Miss Kelly remembers Miss Sarah from her first summer as a camp counselor. Miss Sarah will join us on Wednesday, June 8th to get a lay of the land and meet the kiddos before Miss Kelly heads to camp the next Monday. Please make Miss Sarah feel welcome and say hi when you see her around!

In June, we will be learning about Summer, Father's Day, and Independence Day. The third week of June, the older kids have VBS so the theme for us is "Toddler's Choice". Can't wait to see what Miss Amy has planned for that week!

With the summer, comes the heat. Just another reminder to check your child's extra clothes bag to see if the clothing in there is seasonally appropriate (and the right size). We will try to go through them ourselves in the coming weeks, but if you want to ask to check it out one morning at drop off, that will help us out! We will also be suncreening your kiddos every morning. (Also, thank you to everyone for returning the sunscreen permission slips back very quickly!) We know that summers can get crazy, but we ask parents, if you bring your child in after 8:45am, to please make sure your child has already been sunscreened. Thank you!

Our Star of the Month for June is Tyler. (This will be our last Star of the Month until September when we will pick it back up again). Tyler has an older sister who also went through our center, his Mimi was a director for 20 years, and his great aunt is one of our Infant room teachers. It's safe to say that Tyler is a legacy here. Tyler is a very serious kiddo, so when one of his teachers can get the smile and laugh out of him, it's all the more satisfying. As serious as he can be, he loves to play and be silly with his friends. He and the other boys especially seem to always be getting themselves into goofy situations. He loves the kitchen and can't wait for his turn in art. He will be missed when he moves up in August.

As always, please feel free to stop one of us and ask any questions you may have. Take care and have an amazing summer!!

MISS DEBBIE AND MISS JENNIE'S OLDER TODDLERS

Focuses

Black

Understand three prepositions

Stand on one foot for a few seconds, hopping

String beads

Demonstrate more independence

Learning a new prayer



Hello toddler families, We hope everyone is looking forward to the summer since its fast approaching!! There will be a few changes this month. First, Miss Jennie will be leaving to go be with our summer camp kids and Miss Kylee will be with Miss Debbie till Miss Jennie comes back in August. Hannah and Caymi will be joining our room on June 13th, our friend Elli will be leaving for the summer and our friend Maddie will be joining Miss Shelli's room. Some older friends will get a chance to visit the Pre-School class on a rotation schedule.

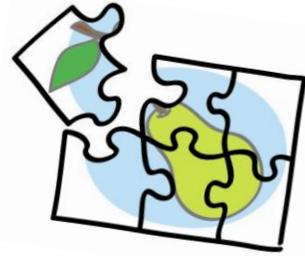
During the summer months our schedule is a little more relaxed. We will be spending more time outside playing and doing different theme related activities. We will have water day once a week starting June 16th (Thursday) and every Thursday after for the rest of the summer. More information on what your child needs will come home soon.

Our star this month is Rosalie. She told us that her favorite colors are purple and pink and her favorite animal is an elephant. She likes to sing The Baseball song at circle time and play with her popper at home. Her favorite things to eat are pizza and she snacks on donuts. At home she watches Sleeping Beauty and Daniel Tiger with her sister, Sabrina.

As a reminder, please make sure your child has weather appropriate extra clothes here now that the weather is getting warmer. If you're not sure, please ask at drop of or pick up time. If your child is coming in after 8:45 in the morning, please sunscreen them before coming to daycare. Thank you!

Have a great Summer!

MISS SHELLI'S PRESCHOOL



Focuses

Mental – Letters Y and Z / color yellow / number 10 / triangle and heart review

Physical- Catching balls / lacing

Emotional- Taking care of things that we are responsible for / Feeling proud of our accomplishments

Social- Helping with chores

Spiritual- The man who remembered / Bartimaeus / Zaccheus / two small coins

Happy June and happy summer!

It is hard to believe that the summer session is upon us, and that all of my preschoolers will soon be the new pre-kindergarten class!

We have been enjoying our last few months together. We have also been trying to spend a lot more time outside, now that the warmer weather is here!

With the warmer weather also comes water day! Our first class water day is planned for Friday, June 24th. Please refer to the paper that you will receive when preparing your child for water day. I would like to remind everyone that if your child comes on a water day unprepared, that they will still have to stay with our class, but will not be able to participate in water play.

If you are not sure of the weather on a water day, please make sure that your child is still prepared, just in case the day still works out.

Thank you to everyone who helped their child prepare their costumes for fairy tale and nursery rhyme dress up day!

Along with water day, and Father's day, June is also vacation Bible school month here at Circle of Friends! Our class will be participating in VBS Monday through Thursday mornings from June 20th through June 23rd. Bible school begins at 9:00 on each of those mornings. Please have your child here by 8:45 on Bible school mornings, so that our class is prepared to begin at 9:00.

Please DO NOT pack a heat-up in your child's lunch during Bible school week. Please also supply and drink, napkin and any needed utensils. Thank you!

Our star of the month for June is Caleb! Caleb's favorite color is blue and he likes to eat chicken nuggets! He enjoys singing the "Paw Patrol" song

and reading "Paw Patrol" books! Caleb's favorite activity is playing outside with balls. He would like to say "Happy Birthday" to his twin sister Brynlee! They will celebrate their 4th birthday on June 6th!

Have a great month and a happy Father's Day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MISS CATHY'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN



Hello from Prek! Can you believe we're almost into summer?

I would like to thank my families for participating in Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you so much for your gifts and kind comments. It was fun to come to school each morning and read the "shout-outs". Again, thanks – it's nice to feel appreciated!

We have three June birthdays. Natalie turns five on the 2nd, Hannah on the 7th, and Ethan's special day is the 16th. Happy birthday, friends!

A big thanks to Miss Carol for presenting a program about plants for us. Did you know that she is a Penn State master gardener? We appreciate her sharing her knowledge in a way that's fun for the children and interesting for adults.

We will have another special guest this month or in early July. My daughter Rachel is a university registrar by profession, and she's also a certified yoga instructor. She has designed a mini children's yoga session just for us, and is looking forward to presenting it and to meeting the children. Last year's class was "Animal Yoga"; we'll have to wait and see what this year's session will be!

A few reminders: 1) Please remember that sneakers should be worn at school. Please save sandals, dressy shoe, etc. for other times. 2) Are the items in your child's extra clothes bag seasonally appropriate and of correct size? 3) Water days will be starting soon; please consult your information sheet which will be sent home soon. Thank you for attending to these matters.

After a lot of practice (and reward M&Ms given out!), graduation came together and was a nice evening of celebration. The children worked so hard and I'm very proud of them! Of course most of the children will remain for the rest of the summer.

On that note, we wish a heartfelt goodbye to Hannah and her family as they leave us soon and move to Texas. We had all three of their girls through our hallway! Thanks, Parkinson family, for your years of support, and for chaperoning all of those (preCOVID) field trips! Best wishes!

Everyone, enjoy June and all of the outdoor activities summer weather allows. Your children like to come in and tell me about their busy evenings and weekends! Have fun!!

Until next time, Miss Cathy