



Youth Service Bureau Child Development Center

From the Director's Desk

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The month of June! Finally warm weather. Sure seemed like the weather has been chilly, but with June upon us we all look forward to the warm weather!

I have to say I am excited about our new pet in Pre K! Ms. Miranda found "Pets in the Classroom"...a nonprofit organization that gives grants to teachers to have pets in their classrooms. They award grants to Pre K up to 8th grade classrooms. She learned about the organization through Facebook. The process is really easy to do, as you just fill out your information and answer some questions about how you take care of the pet. Ms. Miranda researched which pet would be the best for the Pre K classroom. She then went to Andy's Pet Store in Peru and picked out a guinea pig. She chose a guinea pig because they are easy to take care of and are really friendly. The children in Pre K named their new pet "Zig Zag". They are also big and easier to handle. The children love to pet him and interacting with him.

Our teaching staff at our center are always working on different things to make learning fun and meaningful for our children. I am proud of the work they do with our children and the loving care they give them! They are always open to talking to our parents, so if you ever have a question about your child/children, let them know, as they will be glad to help you!

Remember, we have an open door policy, so stop in the office anytime even if it is just to say hi!



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Summer!

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Summertime!

During the month of June, the Preschool classroom will focus on all things Summer. This includes, but is not limited to: Camping, beach fun, picnics, playing in water, sidewalk chalk, etc. Each week we will go over a different summertime topic and incorporate it into our weekly lesson plans.

**Splash Time**

Everyone should have received information explaining the center's water play activities for the summer. We will begin our weekly adventure starting the week of June 5th. It will be held for an hour in the mornings on the designated days. **Early Preschool will go on Tuesdays, Pre K will go on Wednesdays, and Preschool will go on Thursdays.** We will have various things for the children to do outside, such as playing in sprinklers, water tables, plastic splash pools, and other various toys for the children to play with. We encourage the parents to bring in sunscreen for their children. If you do so, please see your child's teacher to fill out a medicine sheet so that it may be applied.

Reminders

Remember to check your child's cubby on a daily basis for important notes from your child's teachers or from the office staff. The weather is also changing again, so make sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing in their cubbies in the instance of an accident.

Pre-K - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

Pre K will be learning about the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Some activities we will do this month include painting with marker, water paints, painting with water bottles, and reusing newspaper.

Ms. Miranda and Ms. Linda added a new math center to the Pre K room this month. This wonderful new addition includes math games and dry erase numbers. This tool will help the children to learn various new math skills that they will use in kindergarten and beyond.

We have a new guinea pig pet in our class room named Zig-Zag! Ms. Miranda will be training him and soon he will be ready to be taken out to interact with the children.

Ms. Linda and I are working very hard on preparing your child for kindergarten. Please help us by reminding your child what their phone number and address are. Also remind your children to practice your first and last names at home.

We are sending home a list to help get your child ready for a successful year of Kindergarten!

Please make sure that your child brings a swim suit and towel to leave in their cubby for Water Day, which will be on Wednesdays for Pre K. If you would like your child to have sunscreen applied, please bring it in and fill out a medicine sheet. Also the weather is getting warmer so make sure they have a change of summer clothes.

Welcome/Happy Birthday

Welcome Adriel and Happy Birthday to Ms. Deb W. and Ms. Miranda!

Happy June!

Our themes for the month are as follows: **Ocean, Sports, Garden, and Body Parts.** The children are very busy learning how to play in centers as well as cleaning them up when they are done. Children are never too young to learn personal responsibility so this would be a good activity to continue teaching them at home. Make a game of cleaning up, and model what you want the children to do!

Parents if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to address them to the teachers. We are always happy to address any type of questions or concerns. We believe that working together enhances your child's success

Enjoy the summer! Keep an eye out for any events that may occur this summer. We are always happy when we can provide fun activities for families and children.

**Water Play Dayz**

This month we will be participating in outside water play. Early Preschool's water play day will be on Tuesdays. Please bring in a swim suit and towel. These items can be left at the CDC if that is easier for any parent. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen, please bring some in, or the center will provide it. A medical sheet will be needed to apply the sunscreen, and will be accessed on a monthly basis.

**Reminders**

Reminder please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Please do not send your child in flip-flops or open-toed shoes. It is not safe for the children to play in them, and you will be called to bring in tennis shoes.

**Happy Birthday**

We want to wish Daleyza and Lucy a Happy Birthday! They will be turning two in June. If parent's wish to provide a special snack please remember that the snack must be store bought.