



Dickinson College Children's Center July 2015



From the Director's Desk

We are very much enjoying our summer here at the Children's Center. During the first week of June, we got to see the many tricks that the Kindergarten class had to offer during their magic show. We had to say goodbye to one of our Kindergarteners, a few preschool children who moved and a few who will be attending public Kindergarten in the fall. But we hope that we will see some of them next year in summer camp!

The Summer School Age Program took off with a bang, we enrolled a total of 90 children between the two camps. Our summer camp teachers are doing an excellent job at providing a number of activities and field trips for the group! Keeping them busy is the key to a successful summer.

Our classrooms are set for the fall and when we return from the July break, we will begin to talk about the transition process with the teachers. All teachers will be sure to communicate with the parents about the transition plan. If you have any questions about the process, please talk to your child's teacher.

We still have a few openings that we are trying to fill here at the center for the fall. If you know of anyone interested in care for their child, please encourage them to call the office. We may just have an opening for their child!

We are excited to be once again offering the EITC Scholarships funds to our Preschool families for the 2014-2015 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Also, be sure to read your child's daily write ups for the day, you will be amazed at the activities that the teachers offer your child during their day here! MUD DAY!

-Gina VanKirk, Director

Dates to Remember:

**June 29—July 3—
DCCC Closed for
Independence Day**

July 12—

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Announcements:

- The water cooler on the back porch is for use during the school day only. Please know that we offer water many times throughout our outdoor play time to keep the children well hydrated. If your child indicates that they are thirsty at pick-up time, please use the hallway water fountain.

Fundraising

Ongoing:

*Nell's Gold Card & Target Red Card-Please find information on how to register for these on our website at: http://www.dickinson.edu/info/20075/children_s_center/1055/fundraisers

*Shoparoo-sign up at shoparoo.com to help our center earn roo points.

Total Amount Raised for 2014-2015: \$15,587.96

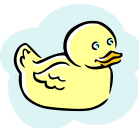
Goal for the 2014-2015 year: We have met our goal of \$15,000!! Thank you everyone for your help in this accomplishment!

Upcoming: Our new fundraising year will begin as of July 1st. We will be holding our first fundraiser of the year, the Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 12th.





Ducklings



June was a busy month as the infants/young toddlers began learning more about ourselves and our friends, about our feelings and about how we live in our small community, together and respectfully. These are very big lessons for very small people, but we are learning gradually about “gentle touches”. They loved singing “Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes”, which aided them in learning some body parts. You have probably no doubt seen them point to their noses and yours; it seems to be the most popular body part. They have also gotten very good at independently, putting their sun hats on and taking them off! The infant/young toddlers learned about labeling feelings from our experiences, songs, pictures and books. The infants love the great outdoors! We have treasured our nature walks and opportunities to collect fresh herbs from the children’s garden and wild flowers from around campus. We were even able to see beautiful pottery left behind by students and collect a couple of pieces for our classroom. We excitedly point now to squirrels, rabbits, birds and dogs! We experienced a myriad of shapes and colors of flags in recognition of “Flag Day”. It has been a great month!

In July we will celebrate “Summer Days” with all of the fun and new discoveries and experiences associated with this wonderful time of year: outdoor picnics, tent play, beach balls, harvesting our garden and more! We will explore our creativity through finger painting with watery blue, sponge paint, and brush paint with water. We will continue to discover our environment through nature walks. We will help water the garden and continue to harvest from our veggie garden. We will even start picking our toys. We will carry on our annual tradition of celebrating the French “Bastille Day” with croissants for morning snack and French nursery songs on July 14th. During the hot summer days drop off may be on the playground some mornings, and we will post a note on the door if that is the case. Please sunscreen your child when you dress them in the morning and we will reapply every 2 hours as needed throughout the day. After summer break, we will be replacing morning naps with strolls on campus as the children begin to prepare for transitioning to their new toddler classrooms in August.

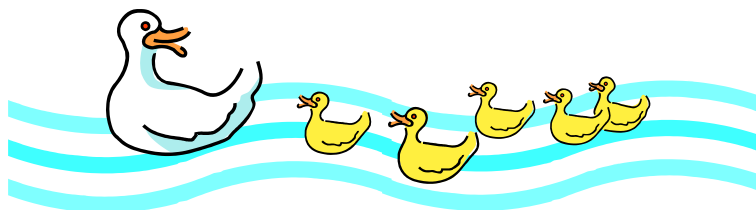
As we continue to explore and learn through play, we will also continue to focus on supporting growing independence and helping the infants prepare for their transitions to their new classrooms next month. This includes continued practice with self feeding using spoons, forks and sippy cups, weaning from bottle feedings and elimination of morning naps. Remembering that each child moves at his own pace developmentally, rest assured that each one will be well prepared for their exciting move up to the next classroom.

Please remember:

- To check diaper bins regularly for supplies and restock as needed.
- To check clothing bags to resupply with clothes for the season.

We look forward to a fun July together!

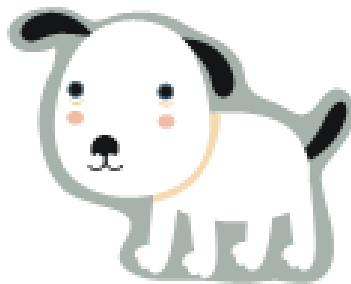
Sandy, Lynn, Tory & Jody



We are ready for summer fun as our development level is growing each day. They are starting to play nicely with other children in the room and showing concern for children who are upset. Saying “my turn” while waiting for another child to finish playing with a bike or another toy in an important skill to learn and we are working on it. Holding on to each other’s hand while coming off the playground or walking down the hallway is another way we are teaching each other kindly. We are learning to follow directions by: listening to the teacher’s request to come get their diaper changed, washing hands or sitting down and following directions so we can do fun projects.

Our summer lesson plans:

Summer nights
Beach Days
Sea Creatures



My Art Creations

Reminders:

- *Please wash hands before coming in to the room for the day.
- *Remember to make some fun changes to your child’s lunches for the summer.
- *Please apply sunscreen as part of your morning routine.
- *Be sure your child has a change or two of clothing. Remember to check diapers and wipes.
- *A schedule was handed out for pizza lunches, please let us know if you have any questions.

~**MARSHA & DONNA**

Yellow Pups

Blue Puppies

We hope everyone has a nice Fourth of July week!

What do you find in a garden? The puppies will be busy as we look at vegetables and fruits! We’ll read books about gardens, walk to the garden at the end of the building to see what is growing and try out different vegetables and fruits. The puppies will grow beans in baggies. Then we will “go” to the beach and paint a sand castle, explore sea shells, watch our hermit crabs, color a starfish, make shapes in play-doh, and make paper plate lei with crepe paper. We will be doing a lot of hands on exploring during a fun science week, the puppies will have fun with gak, watch a volcano erupt and see Alka-Seltzer bubble up!

The animals have all gone wild! The puppies will explore animals such as lions, giraffes, zebras, monkeys, elephants, anything wild. We will look at books about these crazy animals, color pictures of them, identify them with flash cards, and sing along to “Animal Action”!

REMINDERS:

- ~Please bring in a sun hat so we can stay safe in the sun.
- ~Water play is every Thursday
- ~Check bins for extra summer clothes

~**CATHRYN & LACI**



Yellow Honey Bees

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

July will come in with a blast, bam, and booms will bring lots of warm weather and sunshine! We hope you all have a safe and nice break with your children!

We have had the pleasure of housing and caring for two types of creatures in our room; tadpoles and hermit crab! We are continuing to watch our tadpoles and are very hopeful that they will soon grow legs! We hope that they all survive the week long break and have made their transition into little frogs! We are eager to name all of them! When they make their transition we'll talk about what kind of "habitat" or home they like the best! We'll release them into that happy habitat when the time comes! Our eyes will be watching for those legs in the meantime though!

Our other eyes will be masked with an eye patch as all our maties and scallywags will embark on a seaside journey as pirates! We'll explore the beaches and sands, the high seas and the creatures that live in it, and learn some fun games along the way! We are excited to see July come our way!

A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE for our friends that are in big boy and big girl underwear! You're pottyng persistence has paid off! Good work kiddos and parents!

Pottyng is one of our big milestones we try and reach before we transition to our new rooms! A month and a half is what stands between us and our big move ups! We have been doing a great job learning some big boy and big girl tasks! Things such as unpacking our own lunches and being responsible for cleaning it up at the end of lunch! Ms. Mandy, Ms. Jody, and Ms. Pam we see frequently now, so we try and make it a point to communicate to the students that these will be some of their teachers when they move to the next classroom! All of these examples are ways we are trying to make the transitions easier once August comes!

REMINDERS:

-Please take home daily sheets! If you are picking up prior to 4:45pm, they will still be hanging on the door! If you are picking up past 4:45/4:50, they will most likely be in your child's mailbox. We do the last round of potties/diapering at this time and want to make sure we have it documented! This is one of our main communication components! Pick-ups and drop-offs are a busy time and sometimes jotting notes down on your child's daily sheet is one way we ensure that communication on certain topics are being delivered! Thank you for your cooperation with this!

-Continue to check your child's mail boxes at pick up

-Water play items get taken home every Friday with children's bedding to be washed and brought back the following week

MS. BARB & MS. SARAH



Blue Busy Bees

Greetings from the Blue Bee room. It was a hot month filled with lots of fun activities and themes. We started off the month with a Pets theme. Of course, the highlight was when Miss Jody's dog Remington came to visit DCCC. They children absolutely loved him! Next, we had fun learning about camping. We discussed what we need to pack and take for a big outside adventure. Our smore's treat in the classroom was a big hit for everyone (including the teachers). We rounded up the month with our Stars and Stripes theme. This was perfect timing as our Bees will be enjoying the Fourth of July holiday at home. We hope they will remember some of what they learned about our flag and the celebration of the Fourth of July.

We will welcome the month of July with our Beach Bound theme. The children will talk about experiences they might have had at the beach. We'll talk about what you need to wear and bring for a fun day at the shore. Our next theme will be Hands and Feet. The Bees will explore the environment with their hands and feet. We will be doing lots of fun activities using our hands and feet. We will close July with Picnic Fun as our theme. We'll talk about summer picnic time and all of the fun involved in it. July is also a special time for our Bees. They will be visiting their new classrooms. This will aide in the transition to their new rooms and is often an exciting time for the Bees. Please let us know if you have any questions.

REMINDERS:

Please continue to send in your child's swim gear for Tuesdays and Fridays. Don't forget to label EVERYTHING and provide water shoes. We are also working on pottyng and getting ready for the next classroom where they will need to be more independent in the bathroom. Please encourage your child at home with proper toileting procedures.

We are looking forward to the month of July with our Bees!

~JODY & PAM



Yellow Bear Cubs

Starting off the month of June with the week of FUN activities was awesome! The Teddy Bears had a great time with our Glow in the Dark and Science Weeks, everyone enjoyed the experiments and the black light activities! We learned a lot about America during our Patriotic week!



Cooking! We will be looking forward to having some upcoming bears visit our classroom as well as giving the teddy bears the opportunity to visit the blue bears and bunny rooms in late July and early August!



We will be kickin' off July with Beach week, what better time to talk about sun safety and the beach, but in the heat of summer! The teddy bears will learn a lot

about staying safe in the sun with some help from Sun Guard Man on the internet! We will be sailing the high seas with a



bunch of teddy bear pirates during our Pirates Week! The fun will continue with a Camping Adventure Week! The end of July will wrap up with an awesome week of



Reminders:

We are having Water play every week, therefore having suits, towels and closed toed water play shoes are needed!

~MANDY

Blue Bears

What a great summer we have had so far. We enjoyed bugs space and of loved glowing in the dark. We finished off our June with an awesome Mud Day!



In July we plan to come back from our week off and have fun with beach week. We will have a lot of water play and sand castles out in the sandbox. Make sure your child has water clothes here for the entire week. Next we will jump into pirate week. We will have silly pirate talk and dress up. We will make some fun hooks and hats to use during the week and we will finish with a pretty awesome treasure hunt.



After we finish that excitement we will get even more exciting with a week of camping and campfires activities! We will make s'mores and go on a Bear Hunt!! At the end of the month we will finish off with some summer cooking activities! We will make smoothies and dirt desert and other yummy treats!

We sure are excited about summer in the Blue Bear room and plan to make it as fun as possible!

~ANGE & ALISHA

Bunnies



Goodbye June, Hello July! How is that possible already? Oh I know, because we have been so busy this past month having tons of fun! We started out with a week of Sun and Summer Safety. Followed up with our Fun and Wacky week... which was AMAZINGLY FUN all because of the great class participation! We did some traveling with our passports and learned about transportation as well. We wrapped up the month with Stars and Stripes. Our room looks like a giant firework of red, white, and blue went off in there!

As you all know the center is closed June 29-July 3, but have no fear we will be back at it again July 6! A new month means more new themes. We kick off July with a sports theme. (One of Ms Carly's favorites) We are planning a trip to the Kline Center to have Coach Serretti teach us all he knows about basketball. We will have several other sports to learn about like soccer, volleyball, swimming, and baseball. The next week we will pack up our tents and head out for a camping trip! Don't worry, we are just setting up a tent in the classroom. You didn't think we were that crazy did you?! Haha We will make a classic camping food though; s'mores!! Following our camping trip, the children will channel their inner pirates for a week filled with swashbuckling fun. Ms Ange even plans an epic treasure hunt all over the center. To close out the month of July we will kick off our shoes, burry our toes in the sand and have fun with a beach theme! Expect a lot of water play days this week!

Reminders:

*Please take home water play things each week to wash and bring them back the following Monday.

*Check extra clothes bin. We have been finding a lot of empty bins and having to use our own clothes from the center. Also, if we send your child home in DCCC clothes please remember to wash them and return them as soon as possible.

*Pizza days- July 10 and 24

We hope you are having a great summer so far!

~MS. CARLY & MS. DEBBIE