





Dickinson College Children's Center June 2017

DCCC Summer Reminders!

- **Shoe safety:** Make sure children wear shoes that protect their feet. Please make sure your children wear sneakers or sandals that cover and protect their toes. Rubber clogs and some sandals can be fun and airy, but they may also be too flimsy or loose for running, climbing, or riding trikes and can lead to accidents and injuries. 
- **Sunscreen:** Each child should have a bottle of sunscreen to be kept here at the Center. Spray sunscreen is **not** permitted. While convenient, spray sunscreen enters the air and children breathe it in to their bodies. We also apply sunscreen inside, and it creates quite a filmy build up on the floors at the Center. Please bring sunscreen for your child and remember to check expiration dates before sending them in to school. 
- **Sun Hats:** In addition to sunscreen, another good way to protect your child's head and face from the sun is a sun hat.
- **Bike Helmets:** In order for the children to be permitted to ride bikes on the playground, they must wear a helmet. Properly fitting helmets are important for the safety of your child while riding. Please check your child's helmet! Providing a helmet for your child to keep at the Center works much better than taking it back and forth from home to school.



From the Director's Desk

We are so excited to be starting the summer here at DCCC. It's been a great year and we will miss some of the families who will be moving on to Kindergarten, first grade and those leaving the Carlisle area. Early education is so important and we hope that we have provided a solid foundation for all your children. Best of luck on your many adventures to come.

Class rosters have been handed out to the teachers for the fall and move up packets will be sent out with a few forms that will need to be updated for your child's new room.

It is that fun time of year again and plans for the summer are in full swing.

We will be offering Pizza lunches on some Fridays, the kids absolutely love this! Also, preschool will get to enjoy some local parks and we all will be participating in sprinkler days.

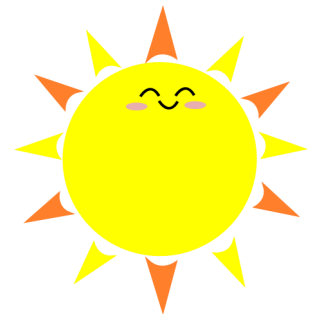
We will welcome the School Age Summer Campers, Dragons I and Dragons II

Dates to Remember:

June 5—First Day of Summer School-Age Program

June 21 – Move-Up Packets & Agreements for current families (Ducklings-Bunnies) due in the office (will be distributed next week!)

July 3-7 – DCCC Closed



(located at 1250 Ritner Hwy) on the 5th. Dragons I will be occupying the big room which will be converted to the Summer Camp room. The current Kindergarten room will become our “Big room” for the summer. We are very excited to see our returning children as well as meeting some new smiling faces. The teachers for the Dragons I Camp Program will be Sarah, Leah and Madisyn. Dragons II will be Brittney, Grant and Jesse. Ms. Ange will be working with Carly in Pre-k for the summer and Casey will be joining Kendra in the Blue Bears!

The Staff Appreciation lunch was very successful. The teachers and I all very much appreciated the yummy food. It was a very nice treat!

The Family Event held at the end of May was a huge success. As always, it was well attended and was a fun time for all.

Please remember to check out the Community Events Bulletin Board directly behind the sign in/out post in the main hallway. Throughout the year you can find a number of flyers posted that include community events, Dickinson campus children or family related events, babysitting information, parent classes offered locally and many more opportunities to become connected within the community.

We also have a Summer Helper Bulletin Board that includes bios for all the additional staff hired to help cover the day here. Please take the time to check it out.

Have a great Month! **Gina VanKirk, Director**

Fundraising



This is about all we can say to wrap up this year’s fundraising newsletter! Thanks to all of you we were able to meet our goal of \$15,000 for the year!

We had two large and extremely successful fundraising events with the Turkey Trot in the fall and the Pancake Breakfast this past spring. Your support of these two events allowed us to keep all other fundraising to a minimum.

We recently received a check from Ahold for \$1060! This was due to your enrollment in the Giant A+ program that runs from October to March each school year and so we thank all of you who have done that and hope that you and your family members will do the same this coming year! Currently we are wrapping up our yearbook sale which will get us off to a great start in the new fiscal year!

Thanks again for your continued support of DCCC!



Ducklings



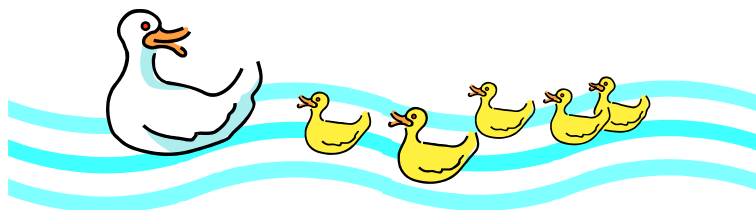
May was a month on the GO for the Ducklings. Not only did the infants experience all kinds of “things that go” in book, songs and pictures, but we ventured onto our campus and in our neighborhood to see real dump trucks, diggers, bull dozers, lawn mowers, trains, cars, postal trucks, and so much more! We loved pushing toy vehicles across the floor, under, over and through obstacles and maneuvering push toys and trikes all around the large motor room and on the playground. We even participated in the mini trike-a-thon fund raiser for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. We thank the parents who came out to support us.

June brings summer days and we will play and read on the playground in the cool shade of our big, blue awning. We will paint with water and continue to explore simple art materials: brush painting, finger painting, paper, and crayons...exploring our creativity and developing our fine motor skills. Our young toddlers will begin to learn to walk together in a line on the “bug rope” as they are ready. We will begin practicing sitting in real toddler-size chairs, feed ourselves table foods with utensils and cups, and will continue working toward giving up bottles and morning naps. Within our Big Idea of “Learning About Me and My Friends”, we will talk about dressing ourselves, washing our own hands, putting on our sunhats, and putting away our toys. Learning about ourselves also includes learning about our feelings and about the feelings of our friends. We will label feelings and work on coping with some of the feelings of young toddlerhood, as well as how to live happily with our little friends with kindness, gentle touches and taking turns.

We will continue our nature walks and our visits to the Children’s Garden to water, harvest and observe the growth and the wild life (bumblebees and butterflies!) that are evident in the garden. We will continue to observe the growth and development of our tadpoles. We will experience the myriad shapes and colors of flags in recognition of “Flag Day”. Another busy, fun month ahead!

~Sandy, Lynn, Tory & Jody

Reminders: Please send in sunhats. Sunhats should fit comfortably and shade the face, ears and back of the neck. We will apply sunscreen before going outdoors and we will reapply as needed. Thank you!



Yellow Puppies

May was a wild adventure as we explored animals all around us! We talked about our pets, wild animals, bugs, and baby animals. We read a lot of books about animals, sang all of the animal songs that we could think of, and practiced our animal sounds. We are becoming experts at mooing like cows, and trumpeting like elephants! We created so many art projects that it would be hard to pick a favorite! We made animal track paintings, black and white zebra stripe paintings, and we even painted with fly swatters! We love paint!



June is a month of summer celebrations! We will be talking about sun safety, the beach, camping, and having lots of fun outside! When we talk about sun safety we will be painting with white paint that looks like sunscreen, making special hats to keep us safe in the sun, and pretending to put sunscreen on our babies. The beach will have us examine seashells, sand, and talking about animals that live in the ocean. We will talk about what we do when we go to the beach and see who remembers visiting the beach! We will have so much fun outside this month as we paint with water, draw with some jumbo sidewalk chalk, and even draw with crayons outside. Setting up a tent and pretending to go camping will be the icing on the cake this month! ~LACI & ALISHA

Reminders:
* Please cut round foods in your child's lunch into quarters. It makes lunch prep much quicker when little bellies are hungry!

* Please make sure nap time blankets and sheets have your child's initials or name on them. It is easy to mix up similar looking sheets.

Blue Puppies



Woohoo! Here comes summer! The Puppies are going to be talking about how to stay safe in the sun with sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses. There will be sunglasses in the dress up area, we will paint sunscreen (white paint) on a paper person, and color a paper plate sun. We will sing "Mr. Sun" and "If all the Sun Beams".

Our next adventure will take us camping, looking for bugs, and roasting marshmallows. We will make a tent in the room, have a flashlight fun day, look for bugs, glue cotton balls on paper towel tubes, and finger paint a campfire! Some songs we will sing will be "Going on a Bear Hunt" and "A Camping we will Go".

Some fun in the sun will have the puppies outside catching bubbles, painting with water, and jumping on chalk drawings. We will read Welcome Summer, and sing "Catch those Bubbles".

The Puppies will wrap up the month of June with a week at the beach. We will explore real seashells and feel their different textures and match the pictures. We will make a sandcastle, color a beach ball. The puppies will have fun singing "5 Little Seashells" and "The Waves at the Beach" (continued on the next page).



The puppies are having a lot of fun on the “big” play ground in the mornings, we have even had some time in the sand box. We are working on some fine motor activities such as lacing and peg boards. One of our favorite songs to sing/dance to is “The Hokey Pokey”.

REMINDERS:

~Pizza lunches will start June 9th, then every other Friday through the summer.

~Please make sure your child wears a sneaker or sport sandal to school.

~**CATHRYN & DONNA**

Yellow Honey Bees



Wow! Is the month of May really over? Where does the time go? We have been very busy in the Yellow Bees Room. Miss Michele has been getting to know everybody and learning the routine of the classroom. Kinsley has transitioned nicely and has been a great addition.

May was a busy month learning about family pets, farm animals, forest animals, and jungle animals. We made many crafts and learned animal facts. We have also been talking about shapes and counting to five.

June is going to be a very exciting month. This month we will focus on Summer Fun and Safety. We will spend our days learning what it means to be safe in the summer and try some special summer foods. We will create summer fun projects that go along with our theme. We will work in a sun safety book and create art with lemonade. The children will learn summertime-related songs and poems. Finally, we will put objects in a muffin tin and learn what kinds of items melt in the sun, and which ones do not.

Just a reminder...please send in a sun hat for your child to wear, as well as make sure that your child is wearing playground friendly shoes.



MS. BARB & MS. MICHELE

Blue Busy Bees



May was a very fun filled month talking about animals that live near and far. We read many books about animals that live in Jungles and Rain Forests, animals that we only see in books or at a zoo. We also talked about animals that live in the arctic and the ocean.



Some of these animals we may see if we go to the beach and some we have to go again to the zoo to see. However, then we talked about creepy crawlies, forest animals and pets, all animals that we can see in our backyards, gardens and even in our own house. These were the best animals because, we were able to look at the real thing and even touch them. We had fun holding salamanders, watching snails, slugs make trails, watched centipedes, pill bugs, and spiders crawl around and had fun running outside, cuddling and petting Ms. Jody's dog Remington. All of our crafts we made centered on the animals that we talked about also.

Next month in June, we will talk about "Summer Safety, Summer Fun". We have many lessons and activities that will teach us how to be safe in the summer so we can have a summer filled with fun safe play. The Blue Bees will start sprinkler play in June also. Please be sure to bring a swimsuit, towel and shoes that your child can wear in the water. We plan to schedule two days a week for water play and will not be able to have make-up days due to the other class's water day schedule. As we get closer to the move into the blue and yellow bear rooms, we will begin to work on some things that will prepare us for the move. In June the children will continue to play on the big playground whenever possible, they will also work on putting their sheets on their cots.

Parent Reminders:

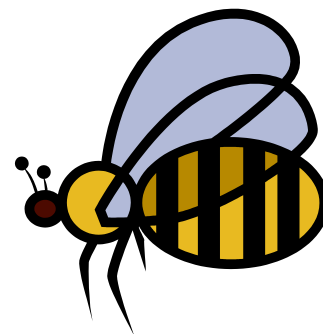
*check your child's cubby for appropriate extra change of clothing (shorts and short-sleeved shirts)

*if your child wants they can bring a sun hat and sunglasses for outside play, just be sure to label

***shoes for outside play must be close toed** or your child will not be allowed on the climbing equipment or bikes.

Thank you,

MISS JODY AND MISS CASSIE



Yellow Bear Cubs



May was fun with, the planting of flowers and searching for bugs! Wrapping up the month with Safe Fun in the Sun, but the fun to come in June is overwhelmingly

exciting!

The Teddy Bears will be kicking off the summertime by having a week of Teddy bear Fun! We will follow our week of Fun with two weeks of Glow in the Dark and Science, there will be plenty of fun experiments and a preschool Talent show (watch for more details)! June will be going out with a BANG as we all get in the patriotic spirit; the bears will learn a lot about the various symbols that represent the pride for our country throughout our Patriotic Week!



Reminders:

It's Water Play Time!!!

Bring in a bathing suit, water play shoes/sandals (close-toed) and a towel for your child to keep

here all week, we will send them home to be washed, but we won't always know which day will be water day until we look at the week's forecast!



Those Teddy Bears sure are growing, so please restock their extra clothes bins in the bathroom with seasonal and fitted clothes!

MANDY AND SARAH

Blue Bears

Wow! We can't believe it is almost summer!!! We have had a good time this last month enjoying a lot of dirt as we planted flowers, learned about bugs and explored our tadpoles.

As we move into June, we will be celebrating with a week of fun! We will look back through our year and have some fun revisiting some of the things we really enjoyed. We will schedule a costume day to help us have some fall fun. We will have some fun with board games and even toss in a fun PJ day. Keep an eye out for the lesson plan filled with these fun things and some other surprises.



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We will then get excited for science and a amazing glow in the dark fun! We will watch our room glow all over and even have glowing toys and art materials. The excitement does not end there we will have some science explosions and other crazy fun science activities.

At the end of June, we will be getting into the patriotic mood as we look at



the flag and all of the stars and stripes. We will be taking a close look at our flag and the colors. We will be very patriotic bears as we head into the July 4th holiday!



June is a great time to start bringing in your child's water play clothes. As soon as the weather is warm, enough we will be having weekly water fun on the playground. Due to changing weather we do not pick a specific day to play we just try to pick the best one each week. Please bring in a bathing suit, towel and closed toe water shoes for your child.

~KENDRA & ANGE

Bunnies



Sweet summer time! How is it possibly the end of May already?! We have been busy bunnies this month. We spent the first two weeks working on our Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle unit. During that time, we went on several walks around campus looking for trashcans; recycle bins, composting containers, and rain barrels.

We also walked by the green house and the LEED (sustainable buildings) on Campus. We also enjoyed a "No Trash Lunch" picnic on the playground. We then moved into a week on Gardens where we discussed the different types of gardens people have, explored different seeds and visited our garden. Then, we started our week on bugs. We talked about what we know about bugs and also discussed what the characteristics of an insect are. We ended the month with a week on nutrition. During that week, we talked about "My Plate" and the five food groups. We learned about why we need to eat healthy foods and how to exercise our bodies. We made delicious fruit smoothies and apple donuts by cutting apples to look like a donut and using colored cream cheese on top. It was good! Thank you to everyone who helped us by donating ingredients.

In June there are A LOT of exciting things happening! We will kick the month off with a week of Fun and Wacky things such as a pajama day, board games, wacky Wednesday, a costume party and hopefully WATER PLAY!! Speaking of water play, these days will be at random during the summer so please keep extra water play gear here at school so your child can participate each week. We will keep the items on the hooks in the hallway. The following week will be dedicated to sun safety where we will discuss the importance of sunscreen, clothes we wear in the summer, and vacations we might take with our families. During this week, we will also have our annual Talent Show. Keep an eye out for more details closer to that time. The last two weeks of June will be saved for Science experiments and a Stars and Stripes theme. I hear the science week is one of Ms Ange's favorite themes so we are excited she will be leading these activities with us this summer.

Important Dates

June 2: Ms. Brittney's Last Day

June 5: Ms. Ange will be joining Ms. Carly in the Bunny Room

Special Note:

This is always such a bittersweet time for me and I just wanted to take a minute and thank all of you for allowing me to get to know, teach, and love your children this year. We had a wonderful year with many fun projects and a lot of silly times. I have loved watching them learn and grow and I will miss them all. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. I wish you all the best as you and your child get ready to move on to kindergarten in the fall!

Thank you again! ~Ms. Brittney

~Ms. BRITTNEY AND Ms. CARLY



Kindergarten Dolphins



What a great year we had in the Kindergarten Dolphin class! We thank all the amazing and talented children who brought us endless smiles and laughter, and all the families who entrusted us with your precious children. We all certainly learned a lot and had a wonderful time at our end of the year celebration!

Have a wonderful summer and we will see some of you in summer camp!

~ MS. KATIE & MS. CHERI & MS. SARAH