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SCHOOL CLOSURE: Monday, September 7th ~ Labor Day

Dear Parents,

Our Wee Care preschoolers have been having a great summer! We dressed in red, white & blue & enjoyed rocket pops, decorated flags, went “to the beach” for a week, swam with large sea creatures and then explored nature.

We are looking forward to another month of fun-filled weeks to keep everyone busy and happy! Check out your August activity calendar posted out on our Parent Board along with our daily summaries of what we did each day. Summer will end all too soon and we will start up our new “school year” the day after Labor Day with our regular curriculum.

I want to thank all of our amazing parents for graciously complying with all of our procedures that are helping ensure that we are in compliance with all current guidelines. You have all been great and we really appreciate you!!

Sincerely,

Diane Martine



August Birthdays

** Cameron C * James S * Claire M. **
** Ms. Lizzie. * Ms. Alysha **

Why We Play

As an ongoing effort to be sensitive to the needs, concerns, and expectations of parents, I would like to provide you with in-depth information regarding curriculum and programming at Wee Care Preschool.

Many of you see a preschool program that is vastly different than the one you may have attended as a child. Many of you see a preschool where it seems all we do all day is play. Read on, and discover there is a lot more to a day at preschool than meets the eye!

What follows is a discussion of current theory and research and then a brief (certainly not complete) outline of daily preschool activities and how they meet academic objectives.

Unlike older children, preschool age children are unable to learn through abstract or passive methods. Young children learn best by direct hands-on experience. The need to actively explore and manipulate materials and toys; discovering answers, properties, relationships, skills and concepts for themselves. Classroom experience needs to be concretely relevant to a child's personal knowledge and maturation level. Often this is referred to as age appropriate or developmentally appropriate curriculum, an approach that meets educational goals based on research on how young children learn best. Some researchers and policy makers tell us, "Play is the work of childhood". It is a child's very personal way of interacting with their world and learning to master the possibilities in it. The Wee Care curriculum is much more than meets the eye; it's the very serious endeavor of starting a life-long path of learning, and having a little fun along the way!

It looks like play but it meets an academic goal:

- **Block building** - Mathematical goals (spatial concepts, problem solving, balance and weights, cooperation)
- **Stringing beads** - Mathematical goals (correspondence counting, patterns, sequencing); Literacy goals (visual motor coordination, left to right concepts)
- **Finger plays and rhymes** - Literacy goals (auditory discrimination, phonetic skills, auditory memory, concept comprehension, visual motor coordination, vocabulary development)
- **Concentration game** - Literacy goals (visual discrimination, symbolic decoding, visual memory, concept development; Mathematical goals (matching and classification)
- **Drawing and painting** - Literacy goals (symbolic representation, visual memory, visual motor coordination, creative expression)

I hope these materials have helped you to understand the amount of care and consideration that goes into to planning a quality and worthwhile preschool experience for your child.