

Milestones Child Development Center

July 2010

Director's Corner



June has come and gone so quickly and it feels like every one has settled into summer quite easily. Summer Fun Club is having a blast with the daily adventures they embark upon! Our new teachers have already begun to bond with the families and we are looking forward to the remainder of the summer.

Please remember we are closed Monday, July 5th!

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

I also wanted to give everyone a heads up that our summer picnic is scheduled for August 19th at Ada Park! Save the date on your calendars!

Teresa and Tracy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Independence
Day

5th Center Closed

29th PIC Meeting @
5:30pm

Employee of the Month

Milestones' July employee of the month is....

Kelly Gibbons!

Kelly has been with Milestones a short time as one of the Summer Fun Club teachers and she has done an outstanding job becoming familiar with Milestones standards and the families!!! Thank you, Kelly!

Quote:

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die. ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

Interesting Facts regarding children and television:

2/3 of all TV programming contains violence and 81% of these programs do not carry a violent rating.

The most violent viewing periods are between 6 and 9am and 2-5pm.

When children watch television, they are physically passive, yet mentally alert. Their minds are ripe for absorbing ideas, information and morals.

Young children **cannot** distinguish between fantasy and reality and are especially influenced by what they see on TV. It causes children to see others as enemies, rather than individuals with thoughts or feeling like themselves.

Children under seven are particularly vulnerable to violent behavior portrayed in the media.

Media has a powerful influence over children's learning; it must not teach them to stereotype or use violence to solve their problems.

Violent TV programs do not teach appropriate language skills and limits children's imaginations.



Early Preschool News

The summer is going quickly and I can't believe it is already July! Transitions went great and our new friends have adjusted well! This month we will enjoy the warm weather. Remember every Friday is water day; weather permitting.

Enjoy the 4th of July and the long weekend.

Reminder to please make sure to send your child with a blanket for rest time! They appreciate it ☺

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenna, Ms. Heather, and Ms. Lindsey



July Birthdays

Lily (SFC) 2nd

Josh (SFC) 8th

Dominic (SFC) 10th

Brady (PreK) 11th

Hannah B (SA) 12th

Alaina (PreB) 16th

Ella (PreB) 17th

Lilian (Inf) 21st

Kinsley (YT) 22nd

Isabelle (Inf) 22nd

JJ (SFC) 23rd

Preschool "A" News

It's hard to believe that June has already come and gone. June's transitions went very smoothly and I feel that all the children are adjusting quickly. July will be another time of transition as Ms.

Lucy steps in the Preschool A room for Ms. Sarah's maternity leave. I am confident things will continue to run smoothly. A few of the themes that are planned are; summer sports, Hawaiian Luau and the rainforest.

I will miss all the kids while I am gone, but will return mid August!

Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Christina

Preschool "B" News

Happy 4th of July Preschool B families!! June flew by and we had a great month. Just a reminder that every Friday is Water Day. Please make sure that you bring a bathing suit, towel, and shoes that CAN get wet, because we do the water activities out on the playground. This month we will be working on a couple of themes. The first will be Fruits and Vegetables, and the second will be Nature and Camping. We will be working on great art projects, as well as fun activities that go along with each of the themes. As the weather continues to heat up, it's a good idea to pack a labeled water bottle with your child each day. This way we can have water outside with us on the playground. Hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of summer and I look forward to another great month in Preschool B!!!

Sincerely,

- Ms. Brianne

Infant News

Summer is finally here! This month we will be focusing on farm animals and things on the farm. The infants will get to experience different sensory activities such as mud and hay. We will also be making some art projects dealing with the animals that live on the farm. It would be great to get outside so make sure your child has sunscreen, swim diapers, a swimsuit, and shoes on hand here at the center.

We would like to wish Lillian and Izzy a happy birthday this month!

Warmly,

Ms. Megan, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Terri, and Ms. Katie

Pre-Kindergarten News

Splash into summer!! We would like to welcome all the new children to the Pre K room and hope to make their transitions pleasant. As the sun will be shining bright, we will be going outside more and we would like to remind you to dress your children accordingly. A change of clothing in your child's cubby would be the best for summer. A good day can be a very messy day! This month we will be learning about the Beach, Hair Salons, International culture and transportation. We will be going swimming every Friday, please remember to send towels with your children.

Sincerely,

Miss Mariam, Miss Laura and Miss Bev

Summer Fun Club News

Wow! What a great summer it has been for us! We would like to welcome our new friends and those returning from last summer.

We are so lucky to have you this summer and have had such a great time getting to know one another. We have explored some great super powers so far and have had a great time learning about them on our various field trips around West Michigan. July is going to be an even better month, with a trip to the West Michigan Whitecaps, MVP Sport Spot and many other fun places. Just a reminder about swimming days; if your child needs a life jacket, it must be US Coast Guard approved. We all look forward to the many fun adventures we will go on this summer together exploring our awesome super hero powers!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Becky, Ms. Jordon, Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Shahida, Ms. Lauren





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Young Toddler

We've been having a great summer in the toddler room! The kids loved adding ocean animals to our ocean scene in the classroom!

We're starting July with a BANG! We made some fireworks on paper and made our own flag too! We will also be spending some time talking about flowers, camping, and the zoo. We will also be celebrating Kinsley's 2nd birthday! Please check your child's art folder and cubby for items that need to go home. Be sure there are extra clothes, a swim suit, and swim diapers for swim days! Please check the bottom of your child's daily sheet to see if we need more diapers, wipes, sunscreen, etc. Have a great holiday weekend!!

- Ms. Jill, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Rachel



REMINDERS AND NOTES:

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 19TH! THAT WILL BE THE DAY WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC AT ADA PARK!
- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. MILESTONES HAS MANY OPTIONS THAT COMPLIMENT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SCHEDULE! WE ALSO OFFER A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM HERE THAT I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT. WE HAVE FREE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND WE ALSO OFFER A STRUCTURED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!
- EFFECTIVE THE MONTH OF JULY, SENIORITA CARASSA WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR SPANISH TUTORING. SHE HAS STARTED HER OWN BUSINESS AND NO LONGER HAS THE TIME TO COME. WE HAVE ENJOYED THE LAST 3 YEARS WITH HER AND WISH HER LUCK!
- REMINDER THAT THE CENTER IS CLOSED MONDAY JULY 5TH FOR THE HOLIDAY! TUITION REMAINS THE SAME.
- MAD SCIENCE FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS IS STILL MEETING 2X A MONTH OVER THE SUMMER! SEE ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DETAILS!
- NEW SESSION OF GYMBOREE STARTS JULY 8TH!