



DSECC News



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From the Director,

As we transition to summer, I think of all the childhood memories I have of carefree summer days, living in a small town in the Midwest. Since our house had no a/c, my siblings and I would make a beeline to the local library just three blocks down the street, where we could read books in cool comfort. There were backyard football games with neighbor kids and camping trips with cousins. There was also lots of work to be done in the garden; shelling peas, snapping beans, digging potatoes.

Life has changed, but it is still important for children to make special memories. Here are some simple ideas for summer activities for families – all at no cost:

- Catch fireflies on a warm summer evening at dusk.
- Turn the backyard sprinkler on and cool off.
- Have the whole family sleep on the porch on a hot night.
- Spread a blanket in the backyard and have a picnic.
- Take a day trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge for a short hike.

Happy summer days!

June Hershberger

June Calendar

- June 5 **Bookmobile**
Last Day for Preschool
Kindergarten & Akron
Elementary
- June 8 **Move up Day**
- June 16 **Water Play**
- June 24 **Water Play**

Warbler Room (Infants)

The Warblers are all enjoying the many signs of Spring. On our walks we listen to the birds singing, observe all

the beautiful spring flowers and if we are lucky, sometimes we watch a horse and buggy go by. As it becomes warmer and sunnier, we will be outside a lot more. Parents, if you want your infant to use sunscreen, please remember to bring some in and be sure to have it labeled with your child's name.

We have added some new books to our room from the book fair. The children's favorites are the "touch and feel" books.

The Warblers welcome **Brianna** and **Austin** to our room. It is always exciting to observe how fast changes happen when they start with us at a really young age.

Ms. Sharon, Ms. Leah, Ms. Starla, & Ms. Dolly

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

Hello Bluebird families! I (Ms. Amy) am excited to get back into the classroom. I miss all the kiddos and I am looking forward to getting to know the new Bluebirds! It will be interesting to see the reactions I get from the children upon my return. A huge "thank you" to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Jean for taking such good care of the class while I was out!

The *Circus* is about to roll into the Bluebird room! Look for signs of clowning around such as silly shape collages and foam painting. The children will also be playing with wild animals (small plastic ones, of course)! Lions, tigers, and elephants will decorate our room.

June is Dad's month so we will be working on a project for the special guys in our lives. Happy Father's Day!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Jean, & Ms. Kelly

Robin Room (Toddlers)

June already! Welcome Summer! This month some of our Robin friends will be moving on to the Hummingbird room and we will welcome some new friends to the Robin room from the Bluebird room.

During June we will be focusing on *Nursery Rhymes*, *Fathers*, and *Friends*. Water play also starts this month with our scheduled days marked on our classroom calendar (June). Necessary items are a swim suit, beach towel, footwear, and sunblock. A hat is optional. If your child would like to bring a sprinkler to share, please let us know which day you would like to bring it.

Check out our little garden that we have planted! Watering our plants is lots of fun; ask your child about it!

Please be sure your child has an extra set of seasonal clothes in his/her hall box in case of accidents or spills. Be sure to let us know of any concerns that can help us better care for your child. Thanks!

Happy Father's Day to all the Robin room dads!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Joanne, Ms. Dolly, Ms. Barb



Hummingbird Room

Summer is finally upon us! Hooray! Our June themes will start off with Pets. You may bring your pet in to visit us if you like. Please let us know which day and what type of pet. The weeks of June 8th and 15th we will focus on Our Five Senses. We'll have fun using all of our senses to investigate things. Our theme for the weeks of June 22nd and 29th will be Fairy Tales. On July 1st your child may dress up as a fairy tale character.

Water play starts this month. Please be sure to check your calendar as the days change each week. Please send a towel, sunblock, and complete change of clothes (including underwear). The children may wear their suits under their clothes to come in the morning. Please label all of their items.

Important dates:

June 1: Bike Day

June 9: Bike Day

June 11: Bike Day

June 16: Water play

June 24: Water play

June 29: Show & tell

July 1: Fairy tale dress up day

July 2: Water play

There are lots of dates to remember. Please be sure to check your monthly calendar. Thanks!

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Jessie

Cardinal Room (Pre-kindergarten)

Summer is on its way, and we are too! The Cardinals had a great first bike day. We have been taking advantage of the nice weather by doing more activities outside. Please bring in sunscreen for the sunny days to come.

In May we celebrated *Moms* and all they do for us! We love our moms! We also talked and

explored *Community Helpers*. Some of the parents of the Cardinals came in to share their jobs. Thanks! The end of the month we discovered the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

June brings back our water play days. We will enjoy one water play day per week for the summer season. In this month we will also celebrate *Dads and Grandfathers*. We will also review over the story of *Cinderella*. The last week it will be the *Children's Choice* of a theme, so it's a surprise for all of us!

Important Dates to remember:

June 4 – Show 'n Share
(free choice)

June 8 – Move ups

June 10 – Cooking Project

June 16 – Water Play

June 19 – Trip to Roland Park

June 23 – Cooking Project

June 24 – Water Play

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Suzy & Ms. Wendy

Kindergarten

Great Expectations

It's time to say, "Good-bye."

Our year has come to an end.

I've made more cherished memories

And many more new friends.

I've watched your children

learn and grow

And change from day to day.

I hope that all the things we've done

Have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories

I send them out the door,

With great hope and expectations

For what next year hold in store.

by Maria Cuellar-Munson

Sadly I need to say good-bye and wish you much success in first grade. Thank you for the pleasure of teaching your

children and helping them grow into FANTASTIC FIRST GRADERS!!!

Ms. Dede

Eagles

Another school year comes to an end! We've made many new friends this year. Sadly, though, we also say "good-bye" to some of them. Leaving us for the summer are **Darrin, Luis (Macho), Johnny, Carli, Alison, Bailey, Jenny, Logan, Brenden, and Sydney**. Have a great summer and hopefully you will all take some fond Diamond Street memories with you.

During the month May we have played a lot of kickball on the parking lot. We have some very good kickers! We also have some great fielders! We all got a lot of exercise either way! It was the most fun when we all played and just had fun.

We are also saying "good-bye" to Ms. Pam for the summer. She is taking a break but will still be seen "hanging" around upstairs and in the office.

Ms. Dede and Ms. Brianna will be taking over the summer program this year. They have planned an exciting, fun-filled summer for the school-age kids. Look for more information about the summer soon. We welcome **Alyssa and Leslie** back for another summer and say a big welcome to **Seth**, who is joining us for the first time.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. We look forward to seeing some of you again in the Fall. Remember to send in your registration form for before/after school care for the 2009/2010 school year.

Ms. Pam, Ms. Dede, Ms. Brianna, & Ms. Nami



Happy Summer Vacation!