

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

12901 Roberts Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55390

What's going on Around our School?

A look into what's happening throughout our center:

- This month we are wrapping up our Summer Fun Program for all of our toddlers, preschool, and pre-k children. What a blast we had last month and are excited for what we have left.
- We want to thank all parents for being so understanding and patient with us last month when the power went out and we weren't able to open the center until noon. We appreciate your support that the rare occurrence was out of our control.
- Unfortunately Pickles the Clown was not able to come last month due to the power outage. However, we have rescheduled her to come on Monday August 8th from 9:30am-10:30am. Have your child dress in green that day!
- What a fun time we had last month when Jamie from the Owatonna Reptile Zoo came and showed all sorts of animals to our toddlers, preschool, and pre-k friends. If you are interested in going with your family to their zoo in Owatonna – check out their website at <http://www.theradzoo.com/>
- We welcome Conrad and baby O'Connell to our center!
- One of the children's favorite days during our Summer Fun Program is when we have one of our local Eden Prairie Fire Department Firefighters come and talk to the children all about fire safety. What's even cooler is that he's one of our longtime Today's Life Dads. A huge thank you to Elena and Hadley's dad, Mr. Hayes!
- Parents need a night out and looking for a babysitter? A few of our wonderful Today's Life Staff would enjoy babysitting on nights after our closing hours and weekends. Talk to Mrs. Libby or send her an email (libby@todayslifeonline.com) and she can get you in touch with available staff.
- Do you have any plastic bags that you are not using at home? Feel free to donate them to us – we use them often for dirty clothes, bottle bags, etc.
- Last month we sent out an email to all parents regarding the Health Care Summary Forms and Immunization Record Forms. Please complete the Parent Authorization Form as soon as possible and return to office.
- Interested in volunteering? Or know of a Grandparent or a relative who is? Email or call us and we can set up a time!



August Birthday's

Jaidon – 5th

Tate – 24th

Cayden – 8th

Brynna – 8th

Brayden – 9th

Trudy – 18th



While we try to teach
OUR CHILDREN ALL ABOUT LIFE,
Our children teach us
WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT

Teacher Trivia

- 1) Which one of our teachers has a dual citizenship?
- 2) Which one of our teachers is a twin?
- 3) Which one of our teachers ran cross country throughout high school and college?
- 4) Which one of our teachers is licensed to teach all music instruments?
- 5) Which one of our teachers was proposed to during the middle of a comedy club?
- 6) Which one of our teachers has a 9 year old daughter?
- 7) Which one of our teachers loves to dance?
- 8) Which one of our teachers loves to go bowling?

Areas of Development that we Focus on:

Gross Motor Development: involves improvement of skills using the large muscles in the legs and arms. Activities include: running, skipping, and bike riding are part of this category.

Fine Motor Development: involves the small muscles of the hands and fingers. Grasping, holding, cutting, and drawing are some activities that require fine motor development.

Social Emotional Development: These two areas are grouped together because they are so interrelated. Learning to relate to others is social development.

Art Experience: art promotes physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth in children.

Music Experience: can build creativity when children are urged to experiment, explore, and express themselves.

Movement Experience: For learning, a movement is an important non-verbal tool that often includes math concepts.

Curriculum Themes



Week 1 – Birds

Week 2 – Nursery Rhymes

Week 3 – Picnic & BBQ

Week 4 – Dinosaurs

Week 5 – Free Choice

Teacher Update

- We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful college summer helpers, Ms. Natalie and Ms. Marisa. We will miss you both! We hope to see you during school breaks and next Summer!
- We welcome Ms. Keiza, Ms. Raja, Ms. Hailey, Ms. Veronica and welcome back Mrs. Yvette!
- Ms. Allie will be taking over the teacher assistant position in Pre-K very soon. We thank her for her time in infants and are just as excited as her to experience more time with the pre-k children and her flexibility.



August Food Ideas



At the end of this month we have to say "see you later" to our pre-k children who are entering kindergarten this fall. **We will miss you and wish you the best of luck!**



-----JOKE TIME-----

- Q:** What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?
A: *A tuba toothpaste*
- Q:** What do you call cheese that's not yours?
A: *Nacho cheese!*
- Q:** Where do pencils go for vacation?
A: *Pencil-vania!*
- Q:** Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen before they go to the beach?
A: *Because they might peel!*



Teacher Trivia Answers

- 1) Ms. Bronwyn
- 2) Ms. Allie
- 3) Mrs. Victoria
- 4) Ms. Erinn
- 5) Mrs. Libby
- 6) Mrs. Jenny
- 7) Mrs. Yesmin
- 8) Mrs. Susan
