



White Plains Children's Center August 2011 - Newsletter



Pandas

- August 1 – 5: Birds
- August 8 – 12: Nursery Rhymes
- August 15 – 19: All about Me
- August 22 – 26: My 5 Senses
- August 29 – Sept. 2: Family

Classroom needs: Please bring in pictures of your children and families.

Cubs

The Cubs will continue summer and water themes. We'll sing about the ocean, shells and sand. We will also paint with sponges and water. Red is our color for August. Please remember to apply sunscreen! Thank you.



Happy Birthday: Rujuta – August 5th
Brandon – August 30th

Bears

- August 1 – Ms. Maria returns ☺
- August 1 – 5: Continue Dinosaur Theme
- August 8 – 19: Under the Sea
- August 19: Last day for Rising Kindergarteners
- August 22 – Sept. 2: All about Me!

Classroom Needs: Colored duck tape, cardstock (white, or any colors), and spray bottles (2)



Happy Birthday: Jordan – August 11th

Chips

The summer is flying by! The children have been enjoying our themed summer days and our surprise Fridays. One week we made delicious fruit salad and another was wacky hair day! We will continue this schedule until the end of August, when we will wrap the season with a pretend camping trip.

Classroom Needs: wipes



Happy Birthday: Marshall – August 18th
Tyler T. – August 6th

WPCC Wish List

Below is a list of items that you may find around the house or a friend, neighbor, family member may no longer need and be willing to consider passing them on to WPCC. These can be used across all classrooms. Thanks, Ruth

Metal cookie sheets- for use with magnetic items, funnels – plastic (all sizes), scoops – plastic (all sizes), measuring cups – plastic (all sizes), small roller pins, plastic cookie cutters for play dough, small toy hammers (light wood/plastic) for play dough, for toy pounding benches, pounding golf tees etc., old golf tees. All types of clean plastic jars, bottles, small plastic containers for use in water/sand/sensory play or home center (please no containers that have had nuts, peanut butter), old backpacks – if you are buying new ones for the school year, dress up clothes, purses, shoes of all types (men, women, sizes larger than our ages), scarves, hats, variety of clothing – such as vests, shirts, tops, dresses, skirts, multi-cultural, or occupation.

Director's Desk

August 2011

Staff Development Week (July 18th-22nd) this place was as busy as a bee-hive. Staff spent time painting, cleaning windows, cabinets, shelves, tables, chairs, toys, all the other things that children use. The church had the carpets cleaned. The program has the feel of a fresh clean new start for the school year. In addition time was spent in planning by the classroom teams, staff meeting as a whole group and attending various trainings for professional development: "Boy, Oh Boy", Play is Getting Them Ready", "Positive Intent, Positive Language, Positive Connections", "Gerbusters", CPR/1st Aid and some visited Project Enlightenment Resource Center. Evidence based practice shows that setting aside time for teacher workdays furthers the quality of early childhood programs.

Later this month it will be a time of transition and adjustment as some children move to new classrooms and new children and their families join WPCC's program. Children will be making new friends, have new teachers and new classrooms. To help with transitions teachers are talking with teachers who will have upcoming children from their class to help facilitate a smoother transition. Please ask questions or share concerns you may have related to changes for your child.

The Bunnies and Pandas classroom are combining their classes due to current low enrollment. This will be a two year old class with young threes (children who are turning three during the coming school year). Juanita Wooten will be the lead teacher and Amanda Boykin will be the teacher of the Pandas. This classroom will occupy the current Panda's classroom. We anticipate that more children will be added over next few months. We already have several children who will be enrolling in August.

Start collecting and saving items for a yard sale to be held October 15th. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the playground project. Details TBA.

More playground updates:

- Kathleen Carter, WPCC Chair of Board of Directors, has submitted a request to a potential donor for our playground project. We all have our fingers crossed. The WPCC Board of Directors has been working with the Parent Association with fundraisers and seeking funds for this project. The Playground Committee will be meeting to review bids from the contractors. A special word of thanks to Kerry McCarthy-Adams and Mitzi Johnson who provided guidance and lots of "behind the scenes" work towards this project.
- Maria Dorrel, President of Kids Together, an inclusive playground, has provided consultation to this project. We all have been invited to be special guests at the Kids Together Fundraiser on Saturday, September 24 from 10:00 to noon. (Family Fun and Fitness Walk). We will have a table with information about our playground project and our upcoming events.

Staff

Maria Paniagua will return to the Bear's Classroom on August 1st. She has been out all summer with her new baby girl, Scarlett. Welcome back, Maria! Our preschool special educator, Wendy Partin will return on August 3. As an 11 month employee she does not work in July.

A special word of thanks to Briana Black and Ashley Lewis for providing support to the children and teachers this summer. We wish you the best as you return to college.

Center Calendar

August 19 – Friday – Last day of summer program
August 25 – Thursday - First day for Wake County Public School Children

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