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La Luz Early Childhood Center

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Happy June, happy summer!!

This month at La Luz ECC:

- Saturday, June 20th: Parent's Night Out 4-10PM
- Friday, July 3rd: **CLOSED** for 4th of July

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With the warmer weather comes cooler clothes, exposed knees and a few more accident reports. One thing we are seeing, when it comes to these accidents, is shoes that do not have good traction. If at all possible, please keep in mind, to avoid sandals and crocs for outside time. Good old fashion tennis shoes seem to work the best. Also, please sunscreen your child each morning, the teachers will re-sunscreen in the afternoon and make sure they have hats here, as well. We have a fun summer planned and know the children will have a great time. It will make us all feel better if we know the children are safer and preferably boo-boo free!!

Have a great month!
Carol



Jennifer's News

Hello! Summer is finally here which means water play time! We will do waterplay every other Tuesday starting June 2nd. Your child will need a swim suit, a towel, and swim shoes. We will do different activities on these days such as playing with toys in the water table or splashing in the wading pool. Since we are already talking about going outside, please apply sunscreen on your child every morning and we will reapply it in the afternoon.

As the children are getting older we are doing more and more artwork. Please remember to check the folders hanging above the sign in/out book for artwork to take home.

We are going to Explora!! We will be going Monday, June 22nd from 9-11am. Each child will need an adult to provide them with transportation and to stay with them during the trip to Explora. We will meet there at 9am and will be returning to La Luz at 11am in time for lunch. Please feel free to ask us if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Angie and Ms. Meg

Miyuki's News

Hi Everyone!

Wow, it was a fun month in May. Thank you so much for the yummy foods for our Teacher Appreciation Potluck, donating books from the book fair, and attending the field trip to Explora. Domo Arigato!!

We are going to have another field trip on June 26th (Friday) to the Aquarium. More details to come.

Now it's June, we have only two more months in the infant room. Some of the children are beginning the transition to the young toddler routines and they are doing well. They are eating more meals with spoons and sleeping on mats. If you have any questions about the transition, please let us know. We can make your child's transition plan.

Thank you,
Miyuki, Susan, Shauna

Mona's News

Dear Parents:

We want to start by congratulating Ms. Lindsay; she gave birth to baby Zen on Monday, May 25, 2009. Baby Zen was 7lbs, 7oz and her and mom are doing well. We all can't wait to meet her.

WOW! Only 2 1/2 more months left as Young Toddlers. It's hard to believe, but we can see the changes all the children have made in the past year. They are all progressing so well! We have 3 children potty trained with all the children sitting on the potty daily. Some are showing more and more signs of readiness for the transition to underwear. Almost all the children are talking in 3 or 4 word sentences. Most, also, can identify the basic colors in English and Spanish. It still amazes me the difference a year makes. They have all grown so much, in more than just the obvious physical growth.

Next, we want to let you all know that, we're planning a field trip to the Zoo with Ms. Arlene's class. Since both classes are attending we request 100% participation. Ms. Ana and I really like Ms. Arlene's idea of making this a Family Day field trip. We would love if both parents with siblings, or grandparents could join us too. It will be so much fun! We will be going on Friday, June 19th from 9am till 2pm. We will have a picnic lunch by the pond so don't forget to bring a sack lunch and something to drink.

Finally we want to wish a Happy Birthday to Ms. Ana on June 7th and David on June 10th!

Sincerely-

Ms. Mona, Ms. Ana, Ms. Denise, and Ms. Lindsay

Arlene's News



Someone must have set sail for summer!

Stephanie's News

Summer is upon us. We are looking forward to our last months with your great children. Please make sure your child has a sun hat. It will be hot out there for outside play.

We will start our summer water play on Thursday, June 4th. We will have it every Thursday. Please make sure your child brings a swimsuit, towel, extra change of clothes and sun hat. We will have a wading pool and other fun water activities for the children.

Our June topics will be:

June 1-5 Summer Fun/Audrey (star of the week)

June 8-12 Circus Fun/ Aiden (star of the week)

June 15-19 Beach Fun/ Lukas (star of the week)

June 22-26 Alphabet Fun/ Lily (star of the week)

June 29- July 2 Stars and Stripes/ Jackson (star of the week)

On June 10th we will have our Family BBQ Picnic at 11am. Please join us for some good food and fun.

Thank you for joining us for the Rio Grande Nature Center field trip. It was great! If you have any ideas for summer field trips, please let us know.

As always feel free to see us anytime.

Stephanie, Mercedes, and Connie

Danielle's News

Greetings!

We are already half way through the year and summer is on its way. The children are yearning to get wet and in the pool. We have planned our water play day every Thursday starting June 4th through July 30th. Please bring swim clothes, swim shoes, a towel and a hat if you have not already done so. If your child wears diapers, please bring swim diapers.

During the month of May, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo, learned about bugs, spiders, and honey bees. The children decorated the window in the office with piñatas and chili. They also decorated our classroom with bugs. We had a fun and exciting month. We also took a field trip to the NMMuseum of Natural History and Science. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We had tons of fun.

In the month of June, we will be learning about the farm life, summer weather, and the world of Teddy Bears. The children will make art projects, play new games (animal bingo), and cook different things during cooking days. We will also have a field trip to Tingley Beach on June 12. More info will be given on a later date.

We would like to wish Willa a Happy 3rd Birthday. Have a great month!

Danielle, Elma, and Lisa =-)

Ms. Kristin's News

June is here and it is time for fun in the sun and relaxing under the fans. Please remember water play is beginning June 3rd and movie days on June 2nd. An email and newsletter were sent out with all of the information and permission form needed for your child to participate. If you did not receive these please let us know ASAP so we can make sure your child is involved in all the fun.

May took us on a trip among the animals. We learned about kangaroos, elephants, frogs, and much more. The kids enjoyed painting warts, spelling out their names on the back of elephants, and writing their own "Brown Bear" stories.

In June, the class will talk about community helpers and transportation and the wilderness. We look forward to painting with cars, making survival kits, taking a walk, learning about emergency vehicles, and talking about bakers, teachers, doctors, veterinarians, and more. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and as you take your summer vacations please be careful and have a great time!!

Ms. Kristin, Ms. Lynsey, Ms. Kendra

Emma's News

Hello everyone! Its been another fun month of learning new things. We have finally made it through the entire alphabet and are now learning more about numbers (through counting, sorting, and playing bingo), learning our birthdays and addresses, and discussing patterns. Wow, we are ready for the month of June. Our curriculum will be as follows:

June's Theme: Bugs/ Shrubs/ Senses

1st week: Bugs

2nd week: Shrubs

3rd week: Taste and smell

4th week: Touch and see

Dates to Remember:

Book Day Tuesdays

Splash Day Thursdays– information to follow

Field Trip to the Zoo on the 19th

Ms. Emma
Ms. Matilda
Ms. Lisset

Summer Program

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sensational Summer Safety week! This will be the first of many great adventures. I'm excited to announce that my room will become the new preschool room at the end of the summer. I will miss all of my summer kids, but wish Ms. Lynsey the best of luck.

For the first week, children will learn about sun safety, become aware of stranger danger and play interactive games to form new friendships.

Games include:

- Toilet paper mummies
- Pass the egg
- Balloon towers
- Everyone sit!

This weeks video:

"Safe Side Adult"

-teaches methods kids can use to stay safe and have fun at the same time

Supply List:

- Water bottle & spray bottle
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water shoes (no crocks)
- Water clothes with bag

*LABEL EVERYTHING PLEASE

Field Trip:

Manzano Mesa Spray Park

Monday, June 1, 2009

10-11:30am

Lunch @ La Luz

Ms. Emmily & Ms. Berna

Mary Jo's News

Dear Family and Friends,

Without laughter, the heart cannot dance, the soul cannot sing. I think that statement describes our class graduation. Our children were singing with all their hearts, and the audience was crying and laughing at the same time. What a wonderful morning it was! Thank you all for coming and for bringing your families. You made our celebration all the more memorable. We want to express our sincere gratitude to a few people who went out of their way to help us on that day.

Pat & Jim Trombley for decorating the arch

Jennifer Byers (Emersen) for designing the programs

Ms. Kristin & Ms. Lynsey for handing out programs and informing people that "the exercise class in in room 5 today"

Heather Brown (Kennedy) for helping with the "goody bags"

All the mother's who made punch

And

Everyone who helped clean up

Now it is time to say good bye to our wonderful families who will soon be leaving us. Because of you we had superb year. You all will be greatly missed and we hope that you will stop by and see us after your leave La Luz.

During the summer months, we plan on having a great deal of fun. If there is something that you would like to do with the class, please let us know. Thank you!

Ms. Mary Jo

Ms. Janice

Ms. Debora