

Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association. Following is some information about this week, taken from NAEYC

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we--as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation--will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

The 2006 theme for the Week of the Young Child is Building Better Futures for All Children. Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing.

The week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment--at home, at child care, at school, and in the community--that will promote their early learning.

Many people celebrate this week in different ways. What an action packed week we had! The children had a lot of fun on Monday making their Paper Jerseys and Classroom Penants. It was so nice to see our parents having breakfast with their children in their PAJAMAS at our Special Person's Breakfast. Our Crazy Hat Parade was a big hit with all the children and some of our parent's hats were very interesting too! Our MDA Hit A Thon on Wednesday raised over \$1,100 so far and the checks are still coming in! Thank you to all our parents who were so generous to our staff. Thursday was such a surprise for our Staff. It is so nice to know that they are appreciated and they were all quite taken a back with all the gifts! Our children had a great time at our Teddy Bear Picnic and Baseball Bingo Night was a big hit with all the children who came. Miss Angela read a special Bedtime Baseball story to us, "First Base Hero", by Keith Hernandez.

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Birthday Babies

Let's all wish our April, May & June Babies a very Happy Birthday!

Sea Stars

4/2 Jordan F.

Clown Fish I

4/4 Nicholas M.

5/6 Julian W.

5/26 Rebecca K.

5/27 Hailey Goss

6/6 Sarah W.

6/9 Anthony R.

6/18 Rachel A.

Harp Seals I

6/11 Logan F.

Harp Seals II

4/26 Ryder H.

5/17 Makinlee M.

6/2 Billy G.

6/6 Cedrick B.

6/8 Zachary C.

6/8 Tommasino F.

6/12 Kyle C.

6/15 Madeline G.

Manatees I

4/3 Shantae E.

4/3 Victoria L.

4/16 Cameron R.

4/16 Madison S.

5/17 Sage V.

5/20 Evan M.

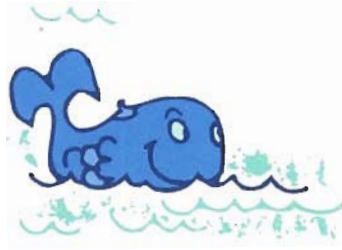
5/23 Larry C.

5/29 Robert S.



Our Sign Language Training Classes also wrapped up this week. The staff is starting to use Sign Language with the Infants and Toddlers and some of them have actually started Signing back! Kudos go to Cynthia Fletcher, an Infant Room parent who came to all 4 classes!

Yours in fun and learning,



Curriculum Corner

Our Curriculum in April is "Spring Into Nature". The classes will be introducing many scientific concepts about nature in hopes of sharing the meaning and importance of the natural world around us with children. They will be learning how plants grow, what Earth Day is about and how important recycling is.

May is all about "My Imagination". This theme is designed to bring out the children's imagination. They will be exploring many ways to allow creativity to flourish. They will be using their imaginations to pretend play, they will create an adventure and practice their Spanish words.

In June the curriculum is about the "Ways We Travel". The children will learn to identify different types of travel and the concepts behind them. The children will be sorting, classifying, matching and graphing many different things.

Our Center Value for April will be "Appreciation". The children will be reminded of how to appreciate their friends, family and the environment. Our May Center Value is "Humor". Humor can brighten our daily lives as we smile at amusing occurrences and laugh at silly situations. We will learn the ability to perceive and appreciate comedy in our world and ourselves and the importance of humor in our daily lives. In June, our Center Value is "Honesty". Honesty is something we all struggle with on a day-to-day basis. Teaching children honesty can be a real challenge, especially given the examples of dishonesty that they will encounter every day in the world around them. We will begin by explaining the basic definition of honesty. The children will feel good about being honest. We will give the student great praises for being honest in such a way that it outweighs the consequence of an inappropriate act. Please make sure to take a look at our Center Value presentation, headed up by the Sharks classroom!

A reminder to all that we are closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day and Tuesday, July 4th, Independence Day!

Quarter 2 Birthday Babies, cont.

Manatess II

5/28 Jourdan E.

Dolphins I

5/11 Tyler L.

5/11 Mollie Anne L.

5/15 Juliana T.

5/25 Nico S.

5/30 Kendall W.

6/3 Brian K.

6/13 Nicholas M.

Sharks

4/8 Madeline B.

5/29 Christian P.

6/20 Nicholas K.

Staff

4/6 Miss Ana

4/28 Miss Danielle

5/12 Miss Betty

6/16 Miss Stacey

Birthday Snacks

If you would like to bring in a snack for your child's birthday, it must be purchased from a store.

Unfortunately, due to Health Code Restrictions, we cannot allow home baked items. Please check with your child's teachers for any diet restrictions within their room. Under no circumstances should any items containing nuts be brought into the center, we are a "Nut Free" school. Please be aware of products that are manufactured on machines which also manufacture nut products. A nice and very easy alternative is Ice Cream or Italian Ices.



Parent Referral Bonus

Don't forget about our Parent Referral Bonus! If you refer a child to our center, you will receive a FREE WEEK after 90 days of their enrollment, full or part time, equivalent to that child's tuition rate. Thank you to all who have already referred new clients!

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Please visit our Parent Resource Center page on our website for any forms that you may need to update now and then, such as Infant Toddler Reports, Child

History, Medication Administration Forms, etc. We also have copies of our archived newsletters in pdf format for your review. There are some helpful articles for newly enrolled parents.

Vacation Safety Tips

- Notify trusted neighbors that you will be gone. Ask them to watch your home.
- Have a friend mow your lawn.
- Have the post office hold your mail.
- Stop newspaper delivery.
- Ask a trusted friend to pick up anything that is delivered to your home.
- Use time switches or ask a neighbor to turn on the lights at appropriate times.
- Notify police that you will be out of town. They may pay special attention to your home.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor who can look inside your home daily.
- Remove valuables to a safe place while you are gone.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

It's that time again for Parent/Teacher Conferences in June. This is a good opportunity to sit down with your child's teacher one on one.



Please do not sign up if your child was enrolled after 4/1/06. You will catch the next conference in January. Sign up sheets will be in the Sign In/Out Book come May.

How Foods Keep You Healthy



Today, there is a lot of attention paid to "bad" foods and not enough to "healthy" foods. Take tomatoes. Tomatoes are high in Vitamin C, an important nutrient for health. Researchers found that eating tomatoes and tomato products may decrease the risk for developing cancers due to the functional component lycopene. Many fruits and vegetables are considered nutritional powerhouses and this is attributed to components of their pigment called antioxidants. That is why eating a "colorful" diet is a simple way to consume a variety of functional foods.

A clove of garlic a day may help reduce blood pressure and decrease cholesterol levels. Garlic may also boost your immune system, increasing your resistance to infection and stress. Add functional foods to your meals. Oatmeal makes a great whole-grain, high-fiber, low-fat breakfast. It is quick to prepare, a good source of iron, and, when served with milk, a great source of calcium as well. It has been proven to lower cholesterol too! In fact, high-fiber diets in general have been shown to slash the risk of heart disease and aid in weight management.

Tips for adding functional foods to your meals:

- ♦ Grilled salmon is rich in omega-3 fatty acids. Serve with fresh greens and a yogurt-based garlic salad dressing
- ♦ Stir fry vegetables with extra garlic
- ♦ Add extra tomato sauce and spinach when ordering pizza
- ♦ Choose a fresh apple or juicy orange for dessert



Healthy snacking is also a great way to consume more functional foods. And, healthy snacking keeps blood-sugar levels stable and helps prevent overeating at meals.

- ♦ Grab a piece of fruit or string cheese
- ♦ Mix frozen blueberries with low-fat yogurt and a splash of OJ for a delicious smoothie. According to the USDA, blueberries are one of the most effective disease fighting antioxidant foods, high in fiber and nearly fat free!
- ♦ Mix nuts and dried fruit for a trail mix. Nuts contain Vitamin E and are an excellent source of protein and magnesium, offer fiber, the B Vitamin folate and phosphorus. One ounce of almonds, 5 times a week reduces heart disease in people with high cholesterol.



By eating a variety of foods and including functional foods on a regular basis, you may help decrease specific disease risk factors. Whether you're relaxing after work with takeout or sitting down to a family meal, don't leave good nutrition behind!

Announcements

Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn welcomes the following new students who started with us in Q1:

Sea Stars

- ♦ Dillon H.
- ♦ Mikah S.
- ♦ Ciara G.
- ♦ Dominic R.

Sea Horses

- ♦ Nathaniel C.

Clown Fish I

- ♦ Sarah S.
- ♦ Nigella T.

Harp Seals I

- ♦ Logan F.
- ♦ Sean M.
- ♦ Connor T.

Harp Seals II

- ♦ Zachary C.

Manatees I

- ♦ Isabella L.
- ♦ Madison S.

Manatees II

- ♦ Trento S.

Dolphins I

- ♦ Kendall W.
- ♦ Julianna T.

Sharks

- ♦ Kaitlyn M.



Staff Service Anniversaries that occurred in Q1:

Miss Ashley - 1 year on 1/24/06

Miss Luz - 1 year on 3/28/06

New Staff Members who started in Q1:

Miss Jennifer - Lead Teacher Sharks

Miss Mary Jane - Administrative Assistant

Miss Tiffany - Assistant Teacher

Miss Betty - Assistant Teacher

Miss Dana - Assistant Teacher

Perfect Attendance:

January

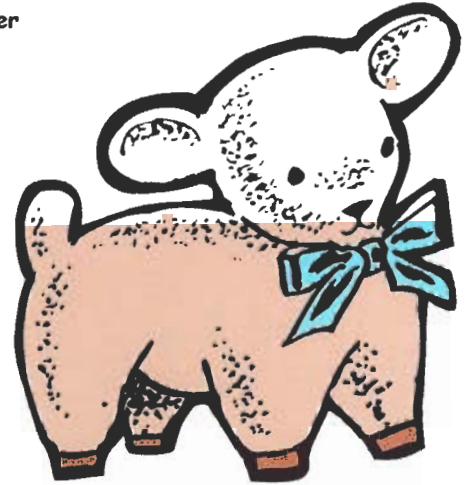
- Michelle Hamilton
- Patty Fordyce

February

- Ana Gastello
- Patty Fordyce

March

- Jennifer Navatt
- Betty Shulterbrondt



Congratulations to the Karavias Family! Dylan George was born on January 21, 2006 at 11:43am, weighed 7lbs, 6oz and was 19.5" long!

We were very sad to see Miss Laura leave, but wish her all the best of luck at Graduate School and in all of her future endeavors!

Parents and staff, we would love to post family news in our newsletter, such as arrivals of new babies, weddings, etc. If you have some news you would like to share in our next issue, please give all the particulars to Karen, in writing, and we will include it!

Things To Do

Care Bears Live : Caring and Sharing Friends June 15-18

Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum

World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions

April 30

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Butterfly Blast at the Bronx Zoo

May 27-29

Over 1,000 pairs of wings flutter gently by in the Butterfly Garden. Kids can make their own butterfly wings, then enjoy butterfly stilt walkers, storytelling, and music.

The Sunken Forest at Fire Island

Summer

The Sunken Forest Nature Trail is a 1.5 mile boardwalk which leads through several ecosystems besides the forest itself including saltmarsh, the Great South Bay and the swale zone between the dunes. Ferry ride.



The Kiddie Academy **SUMMER CAMP** Experience

Now enrolling for Kamp Adventure! Summer Camp for children ages 5 - 12! We had a great time last year and we're looking forward to another great summer. It will be packed with themed weekly activities and field trips. Check our website for information on the summer camp program and daily activities! Please tell a friend!