



FCCC NEWSLETTER

Play to Learn, Learn to Love

Director News

Dear Families,

We made it through the windy days of fall, cold days of winter and rainy days of spring to finally arrive to the warm, sun-filled days of summer! Our older classes are already enjoying taking swim classes at SWEAT Gym and our younger groups have ventured out on walks and are looking forward to spending time in sprinklers and wading pools with friends. Summer activities throughout the center include learning about insects, ocean life, sand and water. Campers will be on the move as they learn about Egyptian life, go hiking and travel throughout the city by foot, train, bus and trolley to both fun and educational venues. In anticipation of increased activity throughout our program, we encourage families to utilize our website as a resource to keep abreast of center-wide and classroom specific activities. A week at a glance banner has been added to the front page to give you convenient, quick access to reminders and upcoming events. Please visit us at www.friendschildcare.org.

Summer Safety at FCCC:
Sun and water safety is of great importance this time of year. Please help us to keep your child protected from the harmful affects of the hot summer



sun by applying sunscreen before arriving to school and by bringing in a bottle labeled with your child's name to be kept at school for midday application. We will not share sunscreen, as there are potential allergic reactions to be considered. Teachers will make water accessible and be watchful for the pre-signs of heat exhaustion.

Thank You!

The End of the Year Celebration featuring our Quads was absolutely wonderful! The children really shined, and we are appreciative of all who were able to share the moment. The math carnival which focused on the three main early literacy concepts of Spending, Sharing & Saving was equally fabulous! The children seemed to have a fun time counting coins and making careful decisions about what to purchase. :) The items for sharing (donations of dry and canned goods) will go to Philabundance and the preschool will make a collective decision about what to continue saving for and what to purchase with some of the money raised during the event. Love it!

Cookbook Ideas?

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Care Bear News

The Care Bears would like to say good-bye to our old families. We would also like to welcome Saylor (Shanley & Patrick & big brother Deegan) to our Care Bear family. For the month of June, the Care Bears will be enjoying the nice warm weather.



We have babies who are reaching milestones everyday.

Some are easily crawling and some are trying to crawl. We have babies who are rolling over and some who are holding their heads up. There are even some babies who are climbing on shelves and pulling up.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads.

Wish List: CD Player/Radio

Happy Birthday to:

Ethan on 6/6

Sylvia on 6/19

Evelyn on 6/25

Who will all be turning 1 year old.



Bear Cub News

We are happy to welcome you to the Bear Cubs class. You will find during the year that your child will grow in many ways. They will become more independent, verbal, self-sufficient and confident. We are looking forward to getting to know your family.

The Bear Cubs' theme for June is Bugs, Beetles and other creepy crawly things.

During the month, we will be spending a lot of time helping the children adjust to their new environment, getting to know one another, new routines, nurturing and helping the children feel safe, comfortable and happy. Aside from all of this, we will introduce the Bear Cubs to different insects such as butterflies, ladybugs, ants, spiders etc. We will read books, sing songs and finger play. We also will try to create insects



by using different items such as construction paper, cotton balls, paint, glue etc.

Reminders: Please remember to label your child's belongings such as hats, cups, containers, lunch bags, sheets, blankets etc. Also remember to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning before they come to school.

Cuddle Cub News

It's the official start of the summer at FCCC. As we say goodbye to our old gang, we are excited to welcome a new brood of Cuddle Cubs. A warm welcome to: Michael, Abigail, Cecilia, Alaina, Greta, Margot, Betty, Cooper and their families.

During the next couple of weeks, we will be getting to know our new students and helping them get acclimated to their new environment. It's a new room, new routines and a new season!

Our theme for the month of June will be Backyard Fun. June is off to a warm start, which means we will be spending lots of time outside. We will be setting up wading pools and sprinklers in the

courtyard so our little one's can get some sun and splash around with their friends. We will be coloring with chalk, blowing bubbles and taking lots of walks to various parks around the city, as well as visiting the Free Library.

Since we are all getting to know each other, we encourage parents to bring in family photos so that we can display collages in our room.

Please remember to bring in swim diapers, bathing suits, towels, extra clothing and sunscreen for your child. We would also appreciate it if you lathered them up with sunscreen before drop off. We

will of course reapply sunscreen when necessary throughout the day.

This month we will be celebrating Lily's birthday on June 23. Happy birthday Lily!

A huge thank you to the parents of our graduating class for all of the gifts, cards and well wishes. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and we will miss you all!



Let the summer fun begin. Have a great month everyone!

Puddle Jumper News

The Puddle Jumpers' theme is Transportation. From here to there, from one place to another, Puddle Jumpers are going everywhere. Throughout the month, we will be taking weekly walks. We will walk to 1234 Market Street to look at the old trolley, Reading Terminal Market and the Dollar store to shop for cooking ingredients, Logan Fountain to have a picnic lunch and watch different modes of transportation go by, Vine Street Library to listen to stories and check out books, Suburban Station to look at parked trains, and Sisters Park to walk through the sprinkler. Towards the end of the month, we will take a bus ride to Penn's Landing to eat a picnic lunch watch and the boats and barges on the river.

Art activities will include drawing, painting

and making collages of different modes of transportation.

Language activities will include singing songs in English and Spanish about different modes of transportation, talking about how some people, animals and insects get from one place to another. Dramatic play will include taking trips to different places and packing a suitcase with clothes based on the weather.



Math activities will include counting the number of steps it takes to get from here to

there, court yard races (running, walking and riding tricycles), counting and sorting cars, trucks and buses etc. and finding shapes on transportation vehicles.

Cooking activities will include baking a 'car' cake, making real fruit juice pops, yogurt smoothies, transportation shaped Jell-O

jigglers, sandwiches, pancakes and cookies. We will also make a fruit salad, fresh squeezed lemonade and homemade applesauce.

Science activities will include observing things that sink or float and building inclines to race cars and trucks and making a soapy mixture to wash tricycles.

Congratulations to all of the Puddle Jumpers who have made the transition from toddlers to preschoolers. We wish you all the best.

Welcome to our new Puddle Jumpers and their families.

Please do not send in nuts or food containing nuts. **OUR ROOM IS NUT FREE.**

Preschool News

The Preschool staff would like to welcome our new Triangle and Quad families. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer ahead! The theme for the month of June is Safety at Home and at School. Our main goal is to learn the rules of the classroom and putting them into practice. We will be creating a list of them as well. Another goal for this month is to discuss how to be safe inside and outside of school. In addition, the preschoolers will learn the classroom routines. We will introduce centers, as well as what materials are placed in each one.

The Quads and Triangles will be taking walks around the neighborhood on nice warm

days. We will display good safety practices and enjoy the numerous sites to see in the community. The Triangles and Quads will continue to have fun and learn during instructional swim at Sweat Gym. Swimming will continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Also, our Triangles are looking forward to showing off their moves in dance class. The Quads can't wait to shake their bodies to the music in hip-hop!

Reminders: -Please bring in a change of clothing to keep in your child's cubby.

-Please apply sunscreen before your child arrives to school on days that are hot!
-Please bring in sunscreen, so it can be reapplied to your child in the afternoon.

-Please make sure your child is wearing a bathing suit underneath their clothing for swim. Also, please provide a backpack with a towel and underwear.



Camp News

We are hoping to have a wonderful summer. Starting Monday, June 3, we will be meeting in the MLK Room on the 3rd floor of the Main Building beginning at 7:30am. The Campers have a fun filled Summer ahead of them, full of trips, walks, learning, playing, exploring and much, much

more. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before arriving to school. We will reapply as needed throughout the day.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads.

Reminders:

-Extra clothes that are weather appropriate
-Sunscreen
-Swimsuit & Towel
-Sleeping Bag
-Refillable Water Bottles

Announcements & Reminders

Every Wednesday is **pizza day**.

Check children's mail slots every day.

Friends Child Care Center is on **Facebook**. Check us out for upcoming Fundraising Events.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-Child-Care-Center/197767671575>



Resource Library: CHECK IT OUT

Parents and teachers are welcome to borrow books from our resource library in the B space alcove. Please complete the borrower's form and drop it in the right side slot. Please return borrowed materials in a timely fashion, so that others have an op-

portunity to borrow as well. Visit www.librarything.com, Username: fccc, Password: 1501cherry for a list of books in our library.

Remember to show **ID cards** upon entering the Friends Center Lobby or stop and sign in if you don't have your card. This is an important security measure for the safety of our children. Additional ID Cards are available in the FCCC Office.

Fundraising at FCCC

Throughout the year, parents will be asked to support fundraising through volunteerism and participation. There are many ways in which you can be supportive.

Provide baked goods for bake sales.

Actively seek donations and company sponsorship for annual auction event.

Volunteer to be a fundraising cheerleader for your child's classroom.

Seek to meet minimum family participation levels for small fundraisers held throughout the year.

Fundraising Events:

PNO; Bake Sales; Annual Fund Appeal, etc.

If you have any suggestions on Fundraising ideas, please don't hesitate to let us know. Also, if you are interested in volunteering

on the Fundraising Committee or Annual Auction Committee, please notify the office. We would love your help!



T-shirts are now available in the FCCC Office for \$10.00/each.

FCCC Website Information



Be sure to visit our website at www.friendschildcare.org to download forms, check out calendar events, and visit the classroom portal to see what is hap-

pening in your child's classroom. Parent Login is '**letmein**.'

We would love to hear feedback regarding our website and on how we can improve communication with our families.

Thank you for helping to make FCCC the best it can be.

Upcoming Events:

June 3rd: Summer Camp begins

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a big help to another family who has a picky eater. A good example of something so simple yet creative during the trip to the Garden State Discovery Museum, I saw a child eating a sandwich made out of whole grain, mini waffles because the family ran out of bread.

It's not too late to email me or Eileen simple lunch menu ideas and recipes for sharing in our cookbook. You don't need to create anything new, just share what you are already doing! You would be surprised how simple ideas can be

The child seemed to be enjoying the sandwich and the presentation was so cute!

Computer Literacy Trainer Needed:
Anyone with expertise or skill in teaching adult learners the basics

in emailing, navigating the web and creating Word docs? There are a small group of teachers who are interested and in need of this training

Raechel O'Neal Coats

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Director

From the mouths of babes:

Quads discussing stories about their birth...

'My Dad was a doctor for one minute. He cut the string.'

'I was in my mommy's belly for 9 months. That's a long time.'

Allergy & Health Alerts

Classroom Allergy Alerts:

NUT FREE CLASSROOMS:

PUDDLE JUMPERS, TRIANGLES, QUADS and CAMPERS.

*Please be sure to check the expiration dates on your child's epi-pens (and all other medications). All medications should move with a child into their new classroom when they transition.

*Please be sure to wash your child's hands immediately upon arrival into your child's classroom.

Illness Policy:

It is in the best interest of the children and staff that everyone participates in reducing the spread of illness and maintaining a healthy

environment. FCCC bases its health and wellness policies in accordance with DPW Regulations and the American Academy of Pediatrics Caring for Our Children Performing Standards. Please call to inform us whenever your child will be absent due to illness. Your child may not be brought in for child care unless she/he is able to participate fully in all activities including outdoor play. You will need a back-up plan you can use when your child is sick.

Please be alert for pre-illness symptoms such as lethargy, glassy eyes,

diarrhea, fever, etc., and keep your child home if she/he seems to be coming down with something.



When a child has been diagnosed with an infectious (contagious) illness, FCCC issues an Infectious Disease alert via email to the

affected classroom. If multiple cases occur throughout the Center, a center-wide notification will go out via email. The identity of the child will not be given and personal information will be kept confidential.

The Stork has Stopped By...

And delivered Ella Gigliotti

On May 4, 2013

A precious little bundle at 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Maya (in the Cuddle Cub classroom) is very proud
of her new baby sister.

Kelly & Frederick are doing just fine.

And delivered Mabel Kavanagh

On May 5, 2013

A precious little bundle at 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Stella (in the Puddle Jumper Classroom) is very proud
of her new baby sister

Jessica & Ryan are doing just fine.

And delivered Aisling Wilk

On May 13, 2013

A precious little bundle at 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Donal (in the CC) and Gerard (in the TR) are very proud
of their new baby sister.

Tara & Matt are doing just fine.

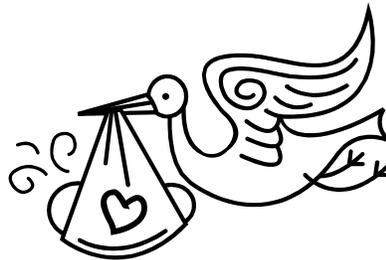
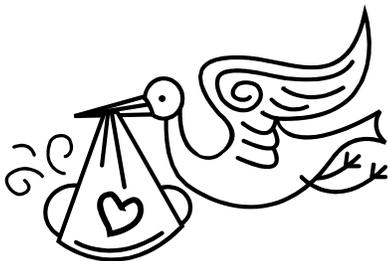
And delivered Eric Alexander Naughton

On May 14, 2013

A precious little bundle at 8 lbs. 10 oz.

Cassidy (in the Cuddle Cub classroom) is very proud
of her new baby brother.

Christina & Kevin are doing just fine.



Parents Night Out (PNO)

FCCC holds a semi-monthly PNO (Parents Night Out) for Parents to have a night for romance, fun or just a little time to get things done.

We provide the baby sitting service in a familiar and comfortable environment with staff that the children know, and you get to have

worry-free fun with your significant other or a fun time with friends.

Each bi-month has a theme and special activities planned for the children, along with a nutritional dinner.

This is a fundraiser for FCCC. All proceeds go to support our Child Care Center and its programs.

Upcoming PNOs:

June 14—Sand Castle Magic!



Bake Sales

FCCC runs semi-annual bake sale fundraisers throughout the year to help offset programming costs. We look to our families to volunteer to help with these events.

Upcoming 2012-2013 Bakes Sale Schedule:

weeks of **June 10-14**

Families are asked to sign up to bake goods to be sold in the Friends Center Lobby to building tenants and visitors.

Bakes sales run from 8:00am-3:00pm daily. Please provide a list of ingredients in order to maintain safe options for all

those with food allergies.

Parents are also needed to help table-sit during these bake sales.

We appreciate your support.



Meet Our Staff

Care Bears Teachers:

Markita, Kyra, Erica, Nathalie, Toni, Robin

Cordella, Grace, Jeanette, Zakiyah

Bear Cub Teachers:

Michelle, Linda, Carla

Preschool Teachers:

Teresa, Susan, Missy, Bjay, Jamal, Jacqueline

Cuddle Cub Teachers:

Shannon, Barbara, Lea, Vickie

Floater:

Laura Kirby

Sub:

Gail Centola

Puddle Jumper Teachers:

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Raechel, Susan, Eileen





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