

Friends Child Care Center

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Dear FCCC Families-

The month of June kicks off the summer season of trips, special events and all out summer fun here at FCCC! We celebrated the Quads who are our oldest children and getting ready to move on to kindergarten in the fall at our End of the Year Ceremony. The children put on a phenomenal performance under the pressure of being in an unfamiliar environment and viewed by a friendly crowd of adults and peers! I love the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar all the more because of them. Additionally, several children transitioned up into older classrooms and are gradually settling in. The first week is always hardest (especially for adults!) but things tend to settle down by the 2nd week. The nice thing about June transitions is that schedules are more relaxed which makes room for spontaneity. I was in the Cuddle Cubs one morning lending a hand and shared in the children's delight when the teachers decided to take the children outside as it was a beautiful day and just perfect for extended play and a picnic style snack.

Camp is now up and running at FCCC! The camp room is located on the 3rd floor of the main building in the M L King room. Camper ages range from 5-7years of age. Teachers Bjay and Vickie are staffing camp this year and they have put their heads together to develop a phenomenal program that includes trips, crafts, kindergarten readiness activities, swimming and much more! Please spread the word to co-workers, neighbors and friends as we have a few spaces open. Interested persons can contact the office for more information.

Did you know that June is National Safety Month? Good, neither did I! With this in mind, I thought this would be a good opportunity to do a center wide assessment of both our indoor and outdoor play spaces. Classroom teachers are going to take a sharper look at their physical environments and routine safety procedures to see where there is room for improvement. I would also appreciate hearing concerns you as parents may have so that we can develop an action plan to address them. I will share the plan and if you have a skill set to help with making safety improvements after hours or on weekends, I would love to hear from you.

I am pleased to announce the magic auction figure... This year we raised \$11,600 and after expenses, celebrate a net profit of just under \$8,000! The auction committee thanks everyone who participated and contributed as these are challenging economic times. We will be able to bring in yoga for the little ones in the fall as well as continue to support ongoing cultural arts programming. Thank you

We are now in the 2nd session of instructional swim which will run from June 4th – June 27th. Recreational swim will run on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning in July and ending the end of August at the discounted rate of \$40 per month or \$5 a session. Please be mindful to return permission forms before the deadline to ensure your child is accounted for in the final count. Late registration presents a challenge for the instructors and our teachers in getting groups organized and properly supervised.

There will be a few new and/or returning faces around FCCC for the summer. Catherine Clever and Erica Davis from Friends Select School will join our Floater team along with Christine Rivera who is currently attending Chestnut Hill College in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Rachel O'Neal Coats
FCCC Director
Enjoy the summer months ahead!

The Stork has Stopped By..



And Delivered Yishmayah Levi Mal'akiy
On May 20, 2012

A precious little bundle at 6 lbs. 10 oz.
Shadae (Triangle Teacher) and Malakiy are doing just fine.

And Delivered Horace Daniel Williams
On May 14, 2012

A precious little bundle at 8 lbs. 11 oz.
Tori (in the Puddle Jumpers) is very proud of her new baby brother.
Danielle & Horace are doing just fine.

And delivered Ethan Robert Crawford
On June 6, 2012

A precious bundle at 7 lbs. 13.4 oz
Lucas (in Cuddle Cubs) is very excited about the arrival of his baby brother.
Proud parents, Kristin and John are doing fine.



It's almost Summer Time!!

The new Care Bears and the Care Bear staff would like to wish our older babies a fond farewell as they move up to their new room. It has truly been a pleasure to see all of you grow up so fast. We are really going to miss you!

We would like to welcome our new Care Bears and their families to our class room. This is a very special time in your child's life. We are glad to share them with you.

In the month of June, we will be focusing on getting to know our new families and helping our older infants with their next milestones. We will be spending a lot of time outdoors, so please bring in a bottle of sunscreen so that we can apply throughout the day. Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to arriving at school. Also, don't forget to send in a hat for the sun. We will be going on walks around the city and want to keep the sun away.



Welcome to the Bear Cubs class. Our theme for the month of June is Getting Acquainted (getting to know me, my family, my friends and teachers). The teachers will be spending a lot of time nurturing the children, helping them to adjust to their new environment, as well as helping them feel safe and happy. We also will be introducing and reinforcing the new expectations of the children in the Bear Cubs class, such as staying at the table with food and sitting for circle time. Activities for the month include free choice play such as painting, using markers, crayons, chalk, blocks, pretend cooking, pretend animals, dolls, cars, trucks, sorting & stacking toys, pop-ups & busy boxes etc. We also will be getting lots of outside playtime, and hopefully we can start adding water play soon, so don't forget to bring swim diapers, water shoes, bathing suit, towels and sunscreen.

Reminders: Please make sure you sign your child in and out every day. Please label your child's belongings with their name (cups, bottles, food containers, jackets, hats, blankets, sheets, etc.). It will help us keep track of your child's things.

Again, welcome to the Bear Cubs' class and have a safe and happy summer.



The unofficial start of Summer is upon us and with it are a number of new changes for our class. We welcomed a new batch of Cuddle Cubs as the other children have moved into their new class. Transitions went well, and we hope everyone adjusts quickly. We welcomed children from the Care Bears (Leyli) and Bear Cubs (Maya, Michai, Ozzie, Quincy, Sam, Sequoya and Truman). We also welcomed some new families to our FCCC Community: Cassidy Naughton (Kevin & Christine); Elise Klemm (Tom & Kathleen); Sophie Greenberg (Daniel & Alexandra); and Strummer Walsh (Shane & Abigail).

The Cuddle Cubs' theme for June is Backyard Fun. We will have lots of fun splashing in the wading pools and running through the sprinklers, coloring with chalk, blowing bubbles, taking walks to the park and the library.

Please remember to send in towels, swim diapers and sunscreen for your child. Don't forget to label 'EVERYTHING!'

Birthday Wishes go out to Lucas on 6/9 and Ariana on 6/29.

Cuddle Cubs



The Puddle Jumpers' theme is *Transportation*. Throughout the month, we will be taking weekly walks. We will walk to 1234 Market Street, Reading Terminal Market, Logan Fountain, Vine Street Library, Suburban Station, LOVE Park, and the Municipal Service Building. We will also take a bus ride to Penn's Landing to watch the boats and eat a picnic lunch.

Art activities will include drawing, painting and making collages of different modes of transportation.

Language activities will include singing songs about different modes of transportation, talking about how some people, animals and insects get from one place to another. We will also take pretend trips where the children will discuss what to pack based on the weather.

Math activities will include counting the number of steps it takes to get from here to there, building inclines to race cars and trucks, 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 shaped cake, making fruit salad, yogurt smoothies, transportation shaped Jell-O jigglers, grilled cheese transportation sandwiches and pancakes, baking transportation cookies and shucking corn

Science activities observing things that sink or float.

We congratulate all of the Puddle Jumpers who have made the transition from toddler to preschooler. We wish you all the best.

We wish a warm welcome to our new Puddle Jumpers and their families.

Parents if you have ideas on activities for this month's theme, we welcome your input.

Puddle Jumpers



Preschool

The theme for the month of June is "Summer of Fun." We will engage in fun-filled activities that will create a variety of learning experiences inside and out.

We look forward to upcoming trips, swimming at the pool, and water play in the courtyard. We will also explore other adventures as we become better acquainted with our new teachers, friends, and new space.

Again, we would also like to welcome the new Triangles and Quads to the "B" space. We look forward to a great summer.

Recreational Swim begins on Monday, June 4th. Dance class is every Thursday.

Finally, a "Happy Birthday" shout out to Sara (aka "Sadie") on June 5th, Elias on June 12th, and Manik on June 16th.



Camp is off to a great start! According to our first question of the day, everybody is super excited about Camp. The campers will be answering a question each day with their parents upon signing in.

Along with daily play and fun activities, we will be working with fact family word building in an effort to boost vocabulary and word comprehension.

The fun doesn't stop there in the month of June, as we have various field trips planned which include: The Academy of Natural Sciences; a trip to the Movies (film TBD); a day of mini-golfing and carousel riding at Franklin Square and much, much more.

Happy June everyone!

Welcome back alumni: Chloe' Markus; Elijah Smith; Amira Kravitz; Shahaad Jones; and Ma'kiyah Jackson.

Birthday wishes go out to Chloe' on 6/17.

Bjay's hours: 7:30-4:30

Vickie's hours: 9:30-5:30

Camp

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Our Happy Family:

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Michelle, Linda, Carla
Shannon, Barbara, Laura, Lea
Cordella, Grace, Bobbie, Meghan
Teresa, Susan, Missy, Gail, Shadae, Jamal
Bjay, Vickie
Raechel, Susan, Eileen
Subs: Robin Bell, Lameika Headen, Christine RJvera



Reminders & Announcements

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- ❖ Every Wednesday is pizza day.
- ❖ Check children's mail slots every day.
- ❖ FCCC Website is www.friendschildcare.org, Username: **fCCCparent**, Password: **letmein**
Please visit our website to download forms, check upcoming calendar events and look at archived & current newsletters.
- ❖ Friends Child Care Center is now on Facebook. Check us out for upcoming Fundraising Events.
- ❖ <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-Child-Care-Center/197767671575>
- ❖ Resource Library: CHECK IT OUT at www.librarything.com, Username: **fCCC**, Password: **1501Cherry**
- ❖ The Following Classrooms are Nut-Free Zones: **CUDDLE CUBS, TRIANGLES, QUADS AND CAMPERS.**
- ❖ The PUDDLE JUMPER Room is a Shell Fish/Fish Free Zone.
- ❖ Instructional Swim-Session Two: For TRS, QUS, & Campers begin 6/4/12. Please bring your child in their bathing suits with a towel on Mondays and Wednesdays for swim class by 9:30am.
- ❖ PNO: June 15, 2012, It's Movie Night!
- ❖ Remember to show ID cards upon entrance to the building or stop and sign in if you don't have your card. This is an important security measure for the safety of our children.

FCCC Fundraiser News



FCCC Fundraiser

T Shirts are on Sale

\$10.00 T shirts

Stop by the office to purchase your FCCC T Shirts.

Thank you for your support.

A Simple Fundraising Idea to Help FCCC:

Did you know that if you use www.goodsearch.com as your search engine instead of yahoo or google that you can help earn money for Friends Child Care Center? That's right! Goodsearch.com (and goodshop.com for shopping) will pay FCCC for each time you search (or shop). Be sure to select Friends Child Care Center (Philadelphia, PA) as your designated cause.

If we all start using goodsearch - FCCC can actually make significant money. **Change your default search engine TODAY.** (Goodsearch is powered by yahoo search, so the search results are accurate.) If you shop online - try www.goodshop.com - many popular stores have links on goodshop and if you shop from here FCCC will receive a percentage of the amount you spend. (Gap, Best Buy, Target, Omaha Steaks and lots of companies partner with Goodshop.com).



Parent's Night Out: 'Movie Night

The next PNO is **Friday, June 15, 2012**. Please sign up by **Wednesday, June 13, 2012**. PNO is a great way for the parents & children of FCCC to do something fun! The PNO will start at 5:30 and end at 8:30 PM. The cost will be:

\$30 for one child, \$45 for 2 children and \$60 for 3 children

Upcoming PNOs:

6/15 'Movie Night'

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO FRIENDS CHILD CARE CENTER!

