



# FCCC NEWSLETTER

Play to Learn, Learn to Love

## Director News

Dear Families,

The Summer is upon us now. The children are out and about in the courtyard and can be spotted traveling around the city by rope or by buggy. The sun is hot and it is imperative to keep our little ones safe. Please make sure to apply sunscreen before arrival each morning and provide labeled sunscreen for reapplication during the day. Sunhats are crucial for our babies.

With all this heat, there is nothing better than splashing in the wading pools or running through the sprinklers. Be sure to supply bathing suits, towels and swim-mies (for diaper babies) for lots of outdoor fun.

Classrooms are going out earlier than usual to avoid the hottest part of the day and will plan indoor activities for late mornings to avoid heat exhaustion.

The most important thing we can do during the summer months is to keep well hydrated. Please provide a refillable water bottle for off-site travel.

Don't forget, FCCC is CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th in celebration of our country's independence. Please be extra safe while you travel and if you come in contact with fireworks. This is a dangerous holiday for our curious little ones.



Beach and pool safety are a priority during summer vacations. There is never a good time to let your guard down.

Recreational Swim begins on Monday, July 1st. Please arrive to school by 8:30am with your child dressed in their bathing suit.

Campers are having a blast and are traveling around exploring all that the city has to offer.

Dance, Hip Hop and Spanish are continuing throughout the summer, along with recreational swim. So, all are as busy as summer bees buzzing around happily in their activities.

Enrollment packets will be distributed in July. Please be sure to complete your paperwork and return the necessary documents by August 1st.

Enjoy your summer!

Raechel O'Neal Coats  
Director

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## Care Bear News

Welcome Summer, the Care Bears are excited for it to be here!! We will be enjoying the weather as much as we can. We will be going out in the court



yard for water play frequently. Weather permitting, we will go on walks around town. Please apply sun screen on your child before

they arrive to school, also could you please provide a sun hat for them. Our Care Bears are growing so fast, Ethan and Evelyn are pulling up on everything and pushing it around the room and sometimes the courtyard. Hazel, Liam and Saylor are learning to sit up on their own with and without support. Elija is also learning how to pull up on items around the room from the sitting position. Walking is coming soon. We would like to welcome our new families

June (Katherine & Andrew) and John (Nicole & Jack) who will be joining the Care Bears this month!! Welcome!!

Wish list: AA batteries, Bibs

Happy Birthday !!!! Teacher Markita July 12th, Teacher Kyra July 18th and Teacher Robin July 19th

## Bear Cub News

All of our new Bear Cubs have settled into the classroom. We had a few tears but overall it went well.

We are now feeling the summer heat, and the Bear Cubs are excited to be playing outdoors. Our theme for the month of July is 'You Are My Sunshine.' We will be focusing on the fun things you do during the summer, for example

making a beach scene with various objects that can be found at the beach, create different kinds of food people like to eat during the summer, having lots of water play (swimming pools, sprinklers & water tables) and sand table play. The Bear Cubs are going to have a wonderful time.



belongings and please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before arrival to school. We will reapply as need-

ed.

Please provide your child with sunscreen, swimmers, water shoes and towel.

Reminders: Please label your child's

## Cuddle Cub News

Summertime and the livin' is easy in Cuddle Cub land!

This month we will continue to take walks to Sisters Park to cool off in the water jets, spouts and wading pools. We also plan on taking walks to the Philadelphia Public Library to pick up interesting summer themed books and allow the Cuddle Cubs to explore the wonder that is the library.

We also like to take walks to Trader Joe's to purchase special snacks. The staff is always happy to see us and is great about handing out samples and stickers. These trips are a great way to expose the children to colors, objects

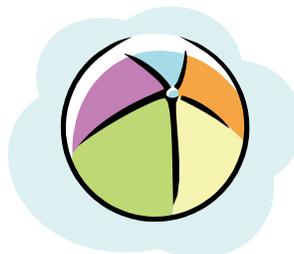
and various types of food. The produce aisle at Trader Joe's offers panoply of colors, shapes and textures.

Our theme for July is "Summer Fun." We'll be reading books about summer, embarking on projects revolving around this theme and doing lots of outdoor water play.

So be sure to keep your child's cubby stocked up on swim diapers, sun-block, and we also suggest you bring in Crocs or swim shoes. The wading pools at Sisters Park are a bit rocky and the concrete gets hot against our Cub's feet.

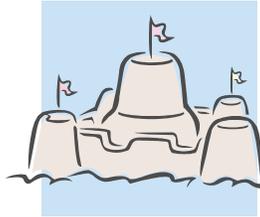
Happy Birthday to Michael on July 10! Coincidentally, he shares a birthday with Riley, Shannon's daughter. Happy birthday Riley!

Happy Fourth of July everyone! Have fun, be safe and stay cool.



# Puddle Jumper News

Our theme for the month is summer fun. We will be spending a lot of time doing outdoor activities such as running races, taking short walks to nearby parks and stores and observing nature. We will have a beach day celebration at the end of the month. Aside from this, we will get wet in the sprinkler and wading pools. We will pretend we're at the beach and build sand castles.



### Science

Observing things that sink and float

Make play dough

Make freeze pops

Make bubbles

### Language Arts

Name some water animals

How can we stay cool when it's hot outside?

What are some water safety rules?

Why should you drink a lot of water in the summer?

How can we protect ourselves from getting sunburn?

### Cooking Class

Make juice pops, fruit salad, banana split, lemonade, melon balls, grilled

cheese sandwiches, strawberry short-cake, creamed cheese banana pudding and shucking corn.

### Wish List

Sand and sand toys such as shovels, pails and molders

Plastic shower curtains or plastic rectangle table cloth w/flannel backing, to use indoors and outdoors for sand play

Please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before arrival at school. We will reapply as needed.

Activities for the month will include:

### Art

Painting pictures of water creatures

Using sand, glue and paint to create a beach scene

Painting with sand

Painting at the easel

# Preschool News

Put on your sunglasses and grab an ice cold lemonade!! The preschool theme for the month of July is all about water. During the month of July, we will explore and investigate through various experiments and activities in order to better understand the aspects of water and its everyday use. We will learn about things that float and things that don't. This experiment introduces kids to the idea of making observations, predictions, and thoughtful conclusions

about the outcome of the experiment. We will also engage in learning the difference in things when they're wet and when they're dry. In order to beat the heat we're going to sit on the shore and watch the tides roll in (our very own beach creation that is). But the fun doesn't stop there; we'll also be keeping cool with plenty

of water play activities. So dive in and keep cool after all "Life's a Beach."



# Camp News

The campers are all settled in and adjusting to camp life. We are having a blast learning new things. We have learned about volcanos, dinosaurs, nursery rhymes, and fairy tales. We have been working on reading and writing some words. And we will continue to learn our word families and

sight words. The campers will also go out exploring the city in the upcoming weeks, and we will try to take some more trips which include going to the aquarium, hiking at the Schuylkill nature valley, and the Franklin Institute museum. The free library will come to FCCC for story time on July 9, at

10:00 a.m. We have a busy and fun filled summer ahead of us.

Please remember sunscreen in the morning. (We will reapply as needed.)

Extra clothes including socks and underwear.

Happy Birthday Hunter Lee on 7/8.

## 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](http://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](http://www.friendschildcare.org) to download forms, check out calendar events, and visit the classroom portal to see what is happening in your child's classroom. Parent Login is 'letmein.'

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

## School Closings:

Thursday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.



# The Stork has Stopped By..'

And delivered Jake Austin Greenberg

On June 11, 2013

A precious little bundle at 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Sophie (in the Puddle Jumper classroom) is very proud  
of her new baby brother.

Alexandra & Daniel are doing just fine.



## 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.

# Meet Our Staff

## Care Bears Teachers:

Markita, Nathalie, Toni, Robin

## Bear Cub Teachers:

Michelle, Linda, Carla

## Cuddle Cub Teachers:

Shannon, Barbara, Lea, Vickie

## Puddle Jumper Teachers:

Cordella, Grace, Jeanette,  
Zakiyah

## Preschool Teachers:

Teresa, Susan, Missy, Jamal,  
Jacqueline

## Camp:

Bjay, Kyra, Erica

## Floater:

Laura Kirby

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Gail Centola, Cat Clever, Ericka  
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