



FCCC NEWSLETTER

Play to Learn, Learn to Love

Director News

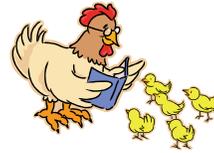
Dear Families,

We have so many fun things happening in May.

To start off the month, our Puddle Jumpers, Triangles and Quads will begin Instructional Swim Classes at SWEAT Gym on Arch Street on May 6th. Parents should dress their children in their swimsuits prior to arriving at FCCC. Please remember to provide a towel and backpack.

Thank you to all who purchased flowers for our Mother's Day Flower/Plant Sale Fundraiser. The flowers and plants will be available for pick up in our office on the 2nd floor on Friday, May 10th between the hours of 3-6:00pm.

We are holding a Center-wide trip to the Garden State Discovery Museum on Thursday, May 16th (a family favorite). Please be sure to drop your permission slip and payment in one of our drop boxes by



Monday, May 6th. There will be a bus available for our Puddle Jumpers, Triangles, Quads and their families. For our younger children, we ask families to chaperone and carpool. We will be leaving FCCC at 9:00am with an anticipated arrival at the museum by 10:00am. Please provide a brown bag lunch and drink for this excursion. We will leave the museum at 1:00pm and return to FCCC by 2:00pm.

Transitions will take place in May and the children will get acclimated to their new environment and caregivers over the course of 2 weeks for our Care Bears and 1 week for all other rooms. June 3rd will be the start in their new classrooms and the start of Summer Camp in the MLK room.

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Care Bear News

Spring is here. The Care Bears will be spending a lot more time outdoors now that warm weather is finally upon us. Our babies are moving and growing so fast. The older ones are now walking, pushing the push toys across the play yard. Some of them can even climb up the steps and slide down the slide, on the little climber outside.

Bear Cub News

Our theme for the month of May is E-I-E-I-OOOOOO. We will focus on what animals like to eat, where they live, what sounds they make, etc. Our activities consist of reading books about animals, create animals by using construction paper, paint, cotton balls, tissue paper, glue etc. We will have

Cuddle Cub News

Happy May! Thanks to the lovely weather the Cuddle Cubs have been having a ball playing outside, often times digging in the dirt and marveling at ants and other bugs. Let's hope this month is full of sun shiny days for outdoor activities and walks.

This is the time of year we like to take our little one's on impromptu walks to places like Love Park, The Library and sometimes even to Trader Joe's. This is a great opportunity for the kids to explore and identify the many different colors and textures of fruit vegetables and other items. Staff members are always happy to see us and are generous with food samples and stickers.

Our theme for the month of May will be "Once upon a Time." We'll be reading lots of nursery rhymes and fairytale,

The younger ones are sitting up by themselves without using a bobby pillow. They are holding their head steady, rolling back and forth and even starting to crawl.

We will be busy working on our mother's day pro-

ject so we have it done in enough time.

Happy birthday to Horace who is turning 1 on 5-14



puppet play and play games such as animal sounds guessing game (who say "moo", "quack" and "oink?"), Duck, Duck, Goose, Cat, Cat, Kitty etc. Aside from this, we also will be working on a special project for Mother's Day.



Reminder: Center-Wide trip to Garden State Discovery Museum on May 16, 2013. Chaperones and drivers are needed, without parents support the Bear Cubs will miss out on all the fun.

such as Goldie Locks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and the Three Little Pigs. We encourage you to follow with the theme at home and maybe even bring in one of you or your child's favorite fairytale to read during circle time.

In keeping with the theme, the Cuddle Cubs will do loads of fun stuff like watching their favorite stories come to life on felt boards, dressing up like some of the characters, creating art work revolving around the stories and maybe even make some porridge and gingerbread men!

May is a very special month for the Cuddle Cubs. We will be taking a trip to the Garden State Discovery Museum on

May 16, Working on Mother's Day gifts and watching our caterpillars transform into butterflies.

Happy Birthday Danielle - May 7
Happy Birthday Jackson - May 8
Happy Birthday Charlotte - May 22
Happy birthday Abigail - May 29

We hope you all have a fantastic month and a very Happy Mother's Day!

Special thanks to Marco's mom for her generous donation of batteries and snacks.

Reminders: Please remember to label your child's jackets and to update their extra clothes according to size and season. Also, please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before they come to school.



Puddle Jumper News

Throughout the month of May, the Puddle Jumpers will plant seeds and watch them grow. Puddle Jumpers will also plant a potato eye. They will also become familiar with different bugs/insects. In addition, we will talk about mothers and how important they are in the lives of their children. Photos and paintings and drawings of mothers will be displayed around the room. Our goal is to build your child's verbal, listening, and memory skills, as well as self-esteem.

Activities for the month will include:

Art: Bug/ insect collages, painting pictures of plants, mother collages, painting/drawing of moms, and putting together Mother's Day gifts.

Cooking: Make edible dirt. Make a fruit salad. Make ants on a log. Shuck and cook corn. Make bug juice (a sugary treat for bugs). Make bug pops (frozen treats with a gummy bug surprise). Make a toss salad. Bake an apple pie.



Math: Count legs on bugs and insects? How many Puddle Jumper moms are there? How many moms' names begin with the same letter?

Dramatic Play: Move like your favorite bugs/ insects. Listen to Flight of The Bumble Bee. Do the jitterbug. Dance and sing 'Ants Go Marching' around the building.

Science: Search the premises for bugs. Name some insects/bugs that are good for your garden. Name some insects/bugs that destroy your growing plants. Look at insects/bugs with a magnifier. Do earth worms have legs? We will attract ants with some food scraps or sugar. Discuss the use of a bug's proboscis. Name some parts of a bug and their use. Name some parts of a plant and their use. Water plants.

Put 3 candles on Stella's birthday cake on the 21st of May!

Put 3 candles on Deegan's birthday cake on the 27th of May!

Put many candles on Cordella's birthday cake on the 13th of May!

Happy Mother's Day to all our loving, caring and wonderful mothers!

Preschool News

The Preschool's theme for the month of May is Community Helpers. We will have discussions on how our family, friends, and neighbors are helping in the community. From volunteer workers to our very own fire fighters and police officers, we will talk about how they put their lives on the line daily to help keep us safe. We will learn how they make life better for some, and possible for others with their dedication and the services they provide. We will have role plays as we demonstrate the jobs of some of our community helpers. We will take pictures of each child and they will decorate a paper figure to represent their choice of community helper (doctor, dentist, police officers, firefighters, teachers,

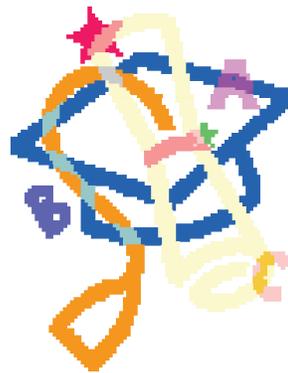
lawyers, etc.). We will discuss compassion and respect that we should have for those who perform these duties because they care about the community, and not because it's their job. In addition, we hope to visit our local fire department and library. Last but not least, the children are working on a special project for a special someone. We want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all!!!!

Birthdays:

Penelope-May 21 Nora-May 28

Reminders:

Swim starts May 6- Please have your child dressed for swim with a towel arriving by 9:00 am; Mother's Day Flower/Plant Sale— please remember to pick up your order on Friday, May 10th between 3-6:00pm; Center wide trip- Garden State Discovery Museum-May 16; Show-n-tell is on Tuesday and Wednesday----Please check your child's extra clothing to see if it's appropriate for the season.



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 opportunity 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.

Upcoming Events:

May 6th: Instructional Swim Lessons begin

May 10th: Mother's Day Flower/Plant Sale—pick up from 3-6:00pm

May 12th: Celebrate Mom Today!!!

May 14th: Care Bears begin Transitions

May 16th: Garden State Discovery Museum Center-wide Trip

May 21st: Center-wide Transitions begin

May 23rd: End of Year Celebration & Fun Day Event

May 27th: Memorial Day—FCCC is CLOSED

June 3rd: Summer Camp begins

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 happening 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.

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The Quads will have their End of Year Celebration on Thursday, May 23rd. Quad families are invited to attend. Immediately after the ceremony, there will be a center-wide celebration in the courtyard and all FCCC families are invited to participate.

With the change of seasons well upon us, please be sure to switch out weather appropriate and size appropriate clothing for your children, including summer hat, bathing suit, towel, clothing layers for cooler

and hotter days, secure footwear (no flip flops) and sunscreen. Parents should apply sunscreen to their child prior to arriving at school and provide sunscreen to the teachers to apply later in the day.

We had a very nice turnout for the Camden Riversharks fundraiser on April 27th. It was the perfect weather for a great day at the park. Thank you to all who contributed to this fundraiser.

FCCC BOARD MEMBER SEARCH

FCCC is searching for energetic, committed parents for prospective board members. Membership includes monthly meetings and an annual retreat. A background in fundraising, education, legal, etc., particularly sought out. Please contact Raechel directly at FCCCDirector@friendschildcare.org to receive a Board application.

Take a moment to celebrate the women in your life.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

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Allergy & Health Alerts

Classroom Allergy Alerts:

NUT FREE CLASSROOMS:

CUDDLE CUBS, PUDDLE JUMPERS, TRIANGLES, AND QUADS .

*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.

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.



peal, 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!

Fundraising Events:

PNO; Bake Sales; Annual Fund Ap-

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

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.



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.

Upcoming 2012-2013 Bakes

School Closings



FCCC is CLOSED on Monday, May 27, 2013 in celebration of Memorial Day.

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!



Meet Our Staff

Care Bears Teachers:

Markita, Kyra, Erica, 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, Bjay, Jamal, Jacqueline

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Laura Kirby

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Gail Centola

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