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From Our Directors...

June has arrived! While we enjoy the excitement of the fast approaching summer season, we also are getting ready to say good-bye to our wonderful Pre-K graduates! Most of the children are preparing and looking forward to moving up to new placements as well! You may be assured that your child's teachers are working together to guarantee a smooth transition for your child. You will be notified in advance of any changes to your child's placement.

June 19th will be a very special day here at the center. We will be honoring our "Little People" fathers by hosting a Father's Day breakfast from 7:00AM-9:00AM. Dads are welcome to come to the office, select your breakfast food and join your child in their classroom for a special breakfast time. Our Mother's Day breakfast was well received by our parents and really a hit with the children. They were so proud to showcase their great "big school" class!

This month will include National Hug Day (we're sure there will be a lot of them), Flag Day and on June 26th there will be a year end "good old time" center picnic for the children. We will have field games, hamburgers, hot dogs and salads!

Our summer program will begin on June 29th and conclude on September 4th. The schedule of events and themes as well as lunch calendars will be forth coming. We are looking forward to a fun filled summer!

We wish everyone a great month of June, a wonderful

summer to all that will not be attending the summer program and a sincerest thanks and good wishes to all children and parents that are moving on to kindergarten!

'Thank you' are two small words that could never convey our gratitude. It has been our privilege to care for your children.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Monday, June 1st look in your mailboxes for the last Scholastic book club order of this school year.
- Wednesday, June 3rd is Donut Day! We will be having donuts for snack.
- Thursday, June 4th is Cheese Day! We will be having cheese for snack and for lunch.
- Monday, June 8th, Scholastic book club orders are due.
- Tuesday, June 9th is Where the Wild Things Are Day in honor of the authors Maurice Sendak's birthday.
- Wednesday, June 10th is National Hug Day! Don't forget to hug someone!
- Sunday, June 14th is Flag Day.
- Wednesday, June 17th is the Wolves graduation from 6:00-7:30PM
- Thursday, June 18th is the Wolves rain date for graduation from 6:00-7:30PM. It is also picnic day. The children will have a picnic lunch outdoors.
- Friday, June 19th is our Father's Day Breakfast from 7:00-9:00AM. It is also Oreo Day! We will be having Oreos for snack.
- Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers! It is also Summer Solstice as summer begins.
- Thursday, June 25th is Eric Carle's Birthday. What book will your child's class read by Eric Carle?
- Friday, June 26th is our last day of "school".
- Monday, June 29th our summer camp begins.
- Tuesday, June 30th is London Bridge's Birthday.

Community Happenings

- Sunday, June 7th at 11AM is Big Truck Day at Butterfield Library in Cold Spring. There will be food, a jumpy castle, craft, stories and more. Log into www.butterfieldlibrary.org for more information.
- Sunday, June 7th is Sunday Morning Animal Encounters - Willy Weasels from 11AM until noon. Teatown Lake Reservation's collection of animals is its best ambassador. During this program, one of Teatown's non-releasable animals will be featured and the audience will learn about its natural history, conservation status and ecological connections. This is for children of all ages, but little ones should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. Call (914) 762-2912 ext. 110, Tuesday-

Sunday from 9:00AM-5:00PM. Members are free and nonmembers are \$5.

Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Road, Ossining, NY 10562
www.teatown.org and info@teatown.org

A Few Important Reminders

- We will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2009. This date is NOT on our Holiday School Closings.

Our Incredible Infants

Cubs

May was a very busy month for us. I hope all the Mommy's enjoyed their precious gifts from their loved ones. It was an experience with some of them. June is right around the corner and we will be getting ready for Daddy's! We will be working again with the pastel color finger paint.



Now let's begin by welcoming Amelia Rivera to our room. Her big sister is Sophia Rivera from the bunny room. We have Jack Noreika that will be celebrating his 1st birthday in June and he is crawling, standing in the crib and enjoying his real food!

Kayla is also crawling, standing in the crib and loving the puffs, teething biscuits and cheerios. Landon is walking. He takes steps a little nervous, but he does try throughout the day. The younger babies Jack P, Hannah and Jeremy enjoy eating, rolling over and bouncing away in the bouncers and exersaucers. We also can't forget that Juliana is sitting on her own at floortime with no support or help. Last but not least, our two oldest babies Joseph and Violet, are cruising away in the Infant room. Violet has started transitioning in the honey bee room and she loves watching the older babies being more mobile. She is not taking steps yet, but tries by holding on to objects.

We enjoyed reading Me and My Mom since the month of May included Mommy Day.

~Miss Anna and Miss Johanna

Honey Bees

The month of June is finally here! The honey bees will be playing outdoors with water play, so please remember sunscreen. We will be having fun making fish for our ocean display. We will also be "playing on the beach" with projects such as pails and shovels, sand castles and my favorite footprints in the sand.

A third theme will be jungle animals with giraffes and monkeys and



our fourth theme will be Father's Day. For the Father's Day theme, we will be making special cards and gifts. In addition, we will decorate our room with big red strawberries, bright yellow sunflowers and watermelon slices.

Our stories will include The Big Hungry Bear, 10 Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed, Caps for Sales and The Rainbow Fish. Two important life skills are beginning at this age. We are using the words "share" and "sorry". I will read I Can Share and I Am Really Sorry to them.

Have a great summer!
~Miss Joyce

Our Terrific Toddlers

Koala's

Hello everyone! We hope all our Mommy's enjoyed their Mother's Day and liked the gifts we made. The children had fun creating them! They all especially liked playing with the potting soil and watering the plants.

This month we will be working with the colors of the rainbow. The children will be making a classroom rainbow using our feet and paint. We will also be talking about the bugs we see flying and crawling around outside and creating various related art projects. We will read The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle again and create beautiful butterflies like the one from the story.



The children will be creating special projects for our Daddy's for Father's Day on June 21st.

Parents, if you would like to come in and read a book to the class or share with the class about your occupation, we would love to have a special visit from you.

Also, with spring comes lots of rain. Please remember to bring in your child's rain gear and extra clothes because we do still play outside in the rain. The children love it.

Until next time,
~Miss Nicole and Miss Allison

Chipmunks

Hey everyone! Wow, the time has been flying by. We had fun with our flowers and watching them grow. The children were amazed! We also pretended to have our own farm and grow different vegetables.

This month we will be working on making different puppets and putting on a puppet show. We will be working on our shapes and colors. We will also be combining the colors to see what they make.



The kids love to learn new songs. We will be learning a lot of cool songs this month. Their favorites have been "The Seeds Grow", "Mary Planted a Garden" and of course our hello song.

We've been trying to go outside whenever we can. (Please make sure to send in sunscreen and hats.)

Watch for all of our cool projects!

Until next time,
~Miss Julie and Miss Jen

Bunnies

The bunnies will be very busy this month. We will start off the month of June by talking about the circus. We will make clown faces by gluing shapes onto paper plates. We will inflate balloons and make animals that are related to the circus, such as elephants and tigers. The children will put these circus animals in the water table for sensory.

They will also enjoy jumping through hoola hoops and walking on a rope. We will be reading Fun at the Circus and A Day at the Circus. Songs that we will be learning are "Going to the Circus", "The Ring Master" and "Five Little Clowns." The bunnies will be watching a special circus video called "Lets go to the Circus."



After our circus theme, we will be exploring the wonders of bees, butterflies and insects. The children will make butterflies by painting paper and folding it together into a butterfly shape. They will also be getting the bottoms of their feet painted to make the body of the butterfly. We will be introducing different insects such as ants, spiders and beetles. The Bunnies will be making butterfly and insect collages as well as bumble bees. Books to be read are The Incredible Creatures and The Very Greedy Bumble Bee. We will be singing "Bringing Home My Baby Bumble Bee."

The children are looking forward to working on special Father's Day projects for their wonderful dads. Some books we will read are Up on Daddy's Shoulders and What Daddy Can't Do. Songs we will sing include, "I Love My Daddy" and "Daddy Loves Me."

The Bunnies are very excited about Summer being just around the corner. They are anxious to trade in their sweaters for their bathing suits. We will be learning about the summer season and hotter weather. We will also be having a camp out in our classroom on our last day, June 26th. We are going to set up a tent and have the children wear their pajamas to school. We will be making everyones favorite camping treat - S'MORES! We anticipate planning a special McDonald's lunch for our children on this day. Some camping stories that will be read are A Camping We Will Go and Sitting Around the Campfire.

We will end the month preparing for our 4th of July celebrations. The bunnies will make

flags using the American colors. They will also make fire crackers using paper towels and plastic string.

We would like to congratulate Sophia, Mackenzie and Cassidy for now being official potty users. Congratulations to Caitlyn and Ryan who both turned 3 on May 12th.

Miss Erin and Miss Toni would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and a Happy Father's Day to all our Little People Dads.

~Miss Erin and Miss Toni

Our Precious Preschoolers

Ducks

It's June! The year has quickly flown by and all the ducks have really grown!

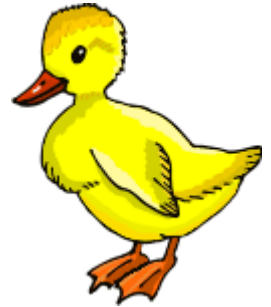
This month will be a time to assimilate concepts the children have learned this year. We will review them through games, manipulatives, literacy, art, music and movement, science and early mathematics (counting and number identification). We will also review our shapes and colors, combining them to create our own unique objects and pictures.

It will also be a time to continue exploring themes such as the world of music, entertainment, radio and theatre. We will learn what a puppeteer does, make our own puppets and put on a puppet show. We have already learned all about farm animals and animals that live in the wild and the forest. Now we will learn about circus and zoo animals.

Other themes we will be exploring are all types of transportation and the concepts of far, near, light and dark.

The two special holidays we will be celebrating this month are Flag Day and Father's Day!

~Miss Ellen and Miss Isabel



Dolphins

In May, the dolphins strived for excellence and continued to swim together as a class. May was a month of learning. We took great steps towards learning the alphabet and familiarizing ourselves with numbers and various new exciting concepts. We also explored different foods and cultures, highlighted by a Cinco de Mayo celebration, where students were introduced and allowed to participate in a quesadilla-making exercise. Students were permitted to chose their own ingredients and in the process learned about exotic foods.

May was also a great month to explore and expand the students' understanding of Spring

and the wonders of nature. We took walks to the pond to feed the ducks and participated in flower recognition exercises. These proved to be a valuable asset to our hands-on learning philosophy. May was culminated with a Memorial Day flag project and lessons on our country and the origins of the flag.



June will be the final chapter in the journal of the '09 dolphins class. Our goal will be to reflect upon and expand on all that we have learned. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and magnify their strength. The dolphins have been working very hard each day to learn their alphabet and make connections to each letter. We have been working with numbers and introducing our kids to the disciplines of addition and subtraction.

As the days move closer to June, we are very pleased with the progress that has been made. When the dolphins end the year, they will be leaving with the knowledge and understandings that will be necessary for success on the next level.

~Mr. Bryan and Miss Amy

Our Precocious Pre-K

Wolves

As we buzz and slowly flutter into summer, the wolves will be sure to observe all the wonder of this exciting season. Our class is in full swing with our graduation preparations. The song choices are top secret, so if you hear us singing at home, please close your ears!

The month's concepts also include theatre and entertainers, which we certainly will be by the graduation date, June 17th! Along with celebrating Flag Day and Father's Day this month, we will be learning about butterflies, bees and other insects. The wolves will have a butterfly garden along with other insect observations and experiments. Far, near, light and dark and arches are concepts that will round out our month before we step "over the rainbow" of our pre-k learning and go on to our summer fun!



We want to thank our little pack of wolves for the howling great time we have shared with them. It has been a very memorable time for all of us. We truly do appreciate every special moment spent learning and laughing with your child.

~Miss Carol Lynn, Miss Christina and Miss Jen

Little People Parents

- We are sad to say good bye to some of our graduates of the Wolves who will be

going to kindergarten in the fall. We wish them the best of luck in their new schools. We said goodbye to Angelina, Ethan, Samantha, Michael, Brianna M., Braden, Kaylee and James.

- We said good bye to Pete from the Honey bees, Emily from the Chipmunks and Sidnee and Cassidy from the Bunnies. We will miss our friends.
- We said good bye for the summer to our friends Landon and Joseph from the Cubs; Davina, Ava and Jason from the Chipmunks; Monia from the Bunnies; and Samantha K. from the Dolphins. We look forward to seeing you in September.