

Parent Newsletter



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Increased Communication for inclement weather

Stay in touch with us!

Here at Wishing Well we value home – school communication. We know from experience that different methods work better for individual families. As a result, we are continuing to seek ways to improve our communication with our families.

Currently teachers use a variety of daily communication methods depending on the classroom. The office utilizes email, notes in cubbies, phone calls, and flyers on entrances. And we all enjoy one-on-one conversations at drop off and pick up times.

We have recently signed up for a text messaging service through a website called *Rained*

Out. This service will allow us to send mass text messages regarding valuable information going on at the center quickly and efficiently.

This will be used mostly to convey weather related information to families regarding the safety of your child such as during a tornado warning. This messaging system will allow us to communicate that we are aware of the weather conditions and your child has been moved to a safe space in our building. This will free up our phones system while we keep everyone safe.

At *Rained Out* protecting the privacy and security of your



information is of utmost importance. Therefore, they contract in writing to never sell, lease, share, rent, or barter ANY of your personally identifiable information to anyone outside of our organization.

To join our group text:
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Water Bottle

Keep hydrated this summer

Many children have already brought in water bottles for use while we are outside. We do go outside every day during the summer if the temperature is below 90° F.

It is important on warm days that the children have water available to them throughout the day,

especially while outside. As a result, we are asking for your help. Please make sure your child has a water bottle at school for their use. It can be any style, just make sure their name is on it.

Water bottles are washed daily here at the center, but you are welcome to take your child's water bottle home and

bring it back the next day if you prefer.

If your child does not have a water bottle at school, we will allow them trips to the water fountain for periodic drinks as needed, but the best option is a water bottle here for their individual use.

Dates to Remember

Summer Reading program at the DeForest Public Library now thru July 31st

Concerts in the Park
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at Fireman's Park DeForest
First concert – June 6th

Movies in the Park –
Friday night at dusk at various parks in DeForest starting June 16th

Tuesday, July 4th –
Center closed in observance of Independence Day

Playground Updates

We are continuing to make changes to the playground this summer. We are currently focusing on creating more green space for the children.

Please watch your e-mail for requests for help. The next area to get renovated will be the sand box area and the addition of a mud kitchen along the back fence.

Counting Doesn't Add Up to Math

Sometimes we tend to think too simplistically about mathematics and young children. You hear someone say, "My daughter knows all her numbers. She can count to 20." While counting is an accomplishment, it is only one very small portion of knowing numbers.

Counting to 10 or 20, or even 100, is called rote counting and requires only the memorization of number order. The child may or may not have any real understanding of amount or quantity.

Number vocabulary and concepts that young learners can begin to use in meaningful ways include *some, more, less, bigger, smaller, pairs, groups,*

parts, and whole. Talking and thinking about numbers is a natural way for children to develop mathematical concepts.

Parents can point out math-related aspects of everyday situations. Use number words in conversation: "Let's put these two shirts here" or "I need three more glasses on the table." Estimate how long it will take to get to Grandma's house. Measure how far the ball rolls. Divide a dozen cookies among four family members

A simple math vocabulary grows from experiencing cooking and measuring, understanding that numbers have names and written symbols, guessing and estimating, and talking about

days and weeks. These experiences lay the ground-work for beginning math.

Parents play an important part in building children's initial math understandings. Look for ways to help kids see the fun and usefulness of knowing more than how to count to 100.

Check out these terrific books that reinforce math concepts:

[1, 2, 3 to the Zoo](#) by Eric Carle

[Animal Babies 1-2-3](#) by Eve Spencer

[Each Orange Had 8 Slices](#) by Paul Giganti Jr.

[Over in the Meadow](#) by Olive A. Wadsworth

"Math moments" happen all the time in the classroom ~ take a moment to watch the kids in action. You will see math all around them.

Summer is Almost Here! Reminders

Thank you to all the families for a successful school year. We just wrapped up spring conferences. Summer time is almost here and that means lots of time outside.

Just a reminder that Wishing Well provides sunscreen for the summer months. It is an SPF 50. Please double check to make sure that you have signed the permission slip for sunscreen application as we can only apply sunscreen to children

who have a signed form on file. Sunscreen is applied before going outside both in the morning and in the afternoon.

As the weather gets warmer, we will have announced water play. Label all towels and swimsuits brought to school with your child's name. Also, please make sure you have spare clothes at the center that are suitable for summer.

Summer is usually means vacations. Please be sure to

turn in your vacation vouchers for credit on your account. Plus, a verbal reminder to your child's teacher of any vacation time you'll be taking the week before is greatly appreciated.

Also, summer has brought back our summer college help! Please be sure to say hello to Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Jenny, and Ms. Cassidy. Joining us in early June is also Ms. Shelby and Ms. Macey.



Be a Healthy Role Model for Children

Tips for Setting Good Examples

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Get Creative in the Kitchen

Cut food into fun and easy shapes with cookie cutters. Name the food your child helps make. Serve "Janie's Salad" or "Jackie's Sweet Potatoes" for dinner.

Encourage your child to invent new snacks. Make your own trail mixes from dry whole-grain, low-sugar cereal and dried fruit.